



Elmlea Schools' Trust

Newsletter Issue 34

Friday 11th June

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely half-term holiday and were able to enjoy the glorious weather. Thank you for ensuring your children have returned refreshed and ready for the new term, enthusiastic as ever to embrace their learning. We do appreciate that to ensure your children arrive in school every day on time, having had enough sleep, breakfast and with all they need for the day ahead is a challenge, but it makes a huge difference to your child's ability to learn in school. Thank you for working with us in this way.

Inset day staff training - On Monday our schools were closed for staff training. This time is invaluable as INSET days enable our whole staff team to meet to train together. During the morning we considered how we are fulfilling our duties under the Equality Act 2010 and meeting our public sector equality duties. We also ensured a focus on considering Equality and Diversity within Elmlea, seeking to ensure that this is embedded across all we are doing in our schools. Further training on Monday considered a review of how we manage behavior in school and ensuring we can provide a relational approach if needed within our policy. If you have an interest or background in either of these areas, please let the school office junior@elmleaschoolstrust.com know so we can make contact with you.

Reception September 2021 - On Wednesday we held our virtual new Reception parents evening. It was lovely to welcome all our families who have siblings already or who will be joining the Elmlea School family in September. Our Reception Team provided a really informative evening and we can't wait to welcome all the children for a teddy bear's picnic on the 25th June. If you weren't able to attend, a copy of the ppt can be found [here](#) and on the school website.

School website - We now have one website for both schools within the Elmlea Schools' Trust website. This means all information is in one place for both schools and should be more helpful for families. The website currently has drawings of the schools, kindly donated by Suzy Furse (Junior parent) and once we have had a visit by our school photographer there will be lots of pictures of children on there too. The website should go live at the end of today. www.elmleaschoolstrust.com

Parking on the roads around Elmlea - Unfortunately our neighbours have become really upset about the thoughtless parking of some Elmlea parents and carers. Parking across driveways is incredibly thoughtless and unnecessary. Our neighbours need to go to work too and some have missed appointments because they can't get out of their driveway. Please leave yourself extra time to find a suitable parking space or walk instead. We don't want to start putting car registration or photos in the newsletter. Please support our neighbours and "Show you care, park elsewhere!" If someone else is picking up your child please also remind them about where to park.

KEY DATES

2020-21

Term 6

Mon 7 June
to
Tues 20 July

INSET DAYS

Mon 7 June
Fri 2 July
Weds 21 July

INSET DAYS

2021-22

Thur 2 Sept
Fri 3 Sept
Mon 1 Nov
Tues 4 Jan
Fri 8 April
Fri 24 June

New Classes for September 2021 - All current Elmlea parents from Reception to Yr5 will be notified next Thursday as to which class their child will be in and who their class teacher is. The classes have already been set and teachers allocated.

We have extended transition arrangements this term and hope (working within Covid restrictions) to be able to offer at least two meet your new teacher sessions. Children in current Yr2 – Yr5 will be mixed up. Prior to allocating the classes, the children gave 3 friends they would like to be with, we always promise there will be at least one of their choices in their new class. Also for current Yr2 we have planned for them to come and have lunch, assembly and playtimes on the Junior site. Teachers have also planned where possible for mix up PE activities outside to spend time with their new classmates.

Staffing update - Mrs Ceri Knott will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs Knott has taught for many years at Elmlea and we are grateful for all she has given to the many children who have passed through Elmlea. We wish Mrs Knott a very happy retirement and all the very best as a new chapter in her life opens up. Miss Emma Long will begin her maternity leave at the end of next week. We send Miss Long our very best wishes for the coming months and look forward to meeting baby Long. Teaching arrangements for 5L have been sent to 5L parents this week.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher



Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club Link with Elmlea

Elmlea are very excited to announce we have joined forces with Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club as a club link to the school. As part of this new link, Lawn Tennis Association accredited coach, Will Hardman will be delivering tennis coaching to the Y4 tennis after school club this term. Will and his team of coaches will also be working with staff and other children moving forward next academic year. There are lots of opportunities at Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club with courses for Tots, Juniors, Teens and Adults. Whatever the age or ability there is something for everyone. Holiday Camps are already booking up for the summer holidays and will run from Monday 26 July to Thursday 26 Aug. Further information [here](#).

You can book courses and holiday clubs direct through the website or email will.hardiman@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Non-members are welcome to sign up, Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club has increased its community focus over the last year and now offers opportunities for non-members as well as members. The September Coaching Programme will be available for booking from August.

ASPENS School Lunches

Aspens have recently made changes to the term 6 menu following feedback from pupils, parents and schools. They have replaced a few unpopular dishes with more classic favourites from the previous menu (ensuring they are still nutritionally balanced). Please note all existing lunch orders were cancelled during the half term break in order to implement these changes on their booking system, and unfortunately due to a miscommunication parents had not been notified. Therefore, all school lunches for term 6 will need to be reordered on the Aspens "Select" system on their website - please could you re-input your orders for your children as soon as possible over the weekend. We apologise for the inconvenience caused. Please contact Aspens on 01905 759613 or info@aspens-services.co.uk with any further questions/issues. Additionally, a reminder that if your child is absent from school due to illness etc. you can cancel their lunch order for that day on your Aspens account – however, this needs to be done BEFORE 8.30am in order for the lunch to be cancelled, otherwise your account will be debited.

Aspens



STEM Week



Elmlea Juniors will be celebrating our STEM Week w/c 21st June and are on the lookout for any parents who are interested in supporting it. Unfortunately, we cannot have visitors but would happily welcome any recordings to share with our classes. It would be great to provide children with ideas and stories about the field of STEM and projects that may have been undertaken. Please contact Mr Weller for more details or with any questions. tom.weller@elmleaschoolstrust.com

Helmets for Scooters

In the Infant school we are fortunate enough to have a selection of scooters that the children use at school. In order to use them safely we would welcome any donations of protective helmets, elbow and knee protectors. If you can help please hand them to Mr Daubney at the Infant entrance during drop off or pick up. Best wishes, Lee Daubney, Deputy Head Elmlea Infants' School



Wellbeing webinars for all Bristol parents & carers



Bristol Educational Psychology Service would like to invite all Bristol parents and carers to attend a series of wellbeing webinars. These free, online, bitesize sessions are delivered live by an experienced psychologist and will feature a mix of useful content, engaging activities and practical tips and techniques to take away. The sessions are standalone and will be recorded for those who are unable to attend. More information can be found [here](#)

Shine 2nd July (Inset day) Funday

Shine are running a Funday again for the last Inset Day of the year, 2nd July. For more information, click [here](#) or book at www.myshine.co.uk



Reception

Hello and welcome back to Term 6!

This term we are learning all about minibeasts and the children have spent the week observing the caterpillars we have in class, ready to watch as they turn into butterflies and also finding bugs in our outdoor area to look at in our minibeast investigation role-play areas.



The weather is getting warmer which is fantastic but please can we remind you to send your child to school with a named summer hat and with sun cream applied before they arrive.

Many thanks The Reception Team

Year 1

This week Year 1 have started our new topic of Changes! We looked at toys that children would have played with 100 years ago and even learnt some of their playground games like hoop and stick. We have also begun to learn about halving, maybe they can show you how to halve something!

We enjoyed hearing a story from a real life author and hearing him talk about how he became an author.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

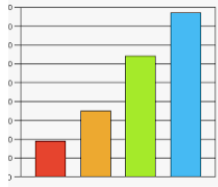
Year 2 have come back brilliantly since the holiday, and it sounds like they all had lots of fun going on trips away and days out to the beach & countryside. This week the children have started to learn about their new topic of 'Castles' and so far, they've been understanding what the features of a castle are and why they're important in helping to defend and protect it. In Maths, the children have been recapping shape and have had a fun opportunity to do a 3D shape investigation. The children worked in groups and got to play different shape games on both the iPads and laptops. Groups used Polydron to construct their own 3D shapes and everyone got to go and explore the school grounds trying to find 3D shapes in real life and record the properties of them on a sheet.



Year 2 Team

Year 3

What a super start to the last term year 3. It has been lovely to see so many of you following our Golden Rules.



This week, we have been presenting our findings from our fieldwork ready for our presentation on what we think makes Westbury Wonderful. In English, we have been gathering ideas for a poem on plants as our new science topic is plants. We have been putting our cardboard joining skills to good use recreating a famous landmark from Westbury-on-Trym and begun learning about Sikhism. We have also begun our singing lessons again with Mrs Parkes, carried on with coding and played rounders in PE. What a jam-packed first week!



Year 3 Team

Year 4

What a glorious week to return to school for Year 4. On the first day back, we loved getting out for games as 4H and 4B did tennis, whilst 4W developed their fielding skills. We have enjoyed the start to our new topic looking at plants and heard nice stories from our very own home gardeners. In English we have been looking at the grammar needed for non-chronological reports. This will help us complete our report on Westbury-on-Trym. Year 4 also started a class guided reading session this week and explored the 'Wolves of Yellowstone'.



[Parents, please place orders for your Year 4 class tea towel via SCOPAY and help us raise funds for WWF.](#)

Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week Year 5 have had a very exciting time constructing and coding robots through a workshop day with Lego Mindstorm Robotics. We worked in teams to follow detailed instructions to construct a programmable robot. After this, we programmed our robots to complete missions around the city shaper board. Finally there was a competition to see how many missions could be completed in 2



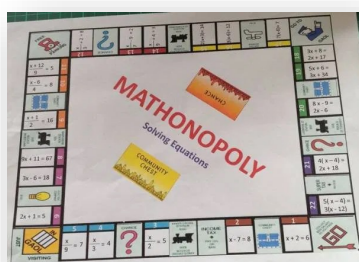
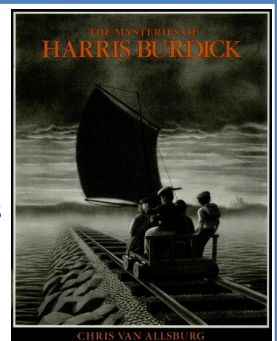
minutes. It was a brilliant day where we used maths, computing and team building skills to be successful.



Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have begun their last term at Elmlea with an excellent attitude. We have emersed ourselves in maths puzzles and problems are currently designing and making mathematical board games. We are intrigued and confused by the mysterious photos of Harris Burdick and can't wait to write our own short stories inspired by them. In science, we



experimented with how we view colour through using filters and even wrote secret messages. We had powerful discussions in PSHE about self-image and how pictures we see in the media are not always authentic. We are determined to not compare ourselves to anyone else as we are all wonderfully unique.

Year 6 Team