



# Elmlea Schools' Trust

## Newsletter Issue 35

### Friday 18th June

Dear parents and carers,

This week, there has been a focus on transition in school as our teachers help prepare the children for moving to a new class. Our teachers are really skilled at supporting children to manage change and the opportunities for meeting their new teacher and spending time with their new classes will further support their move ready for September.

#### Shuffle up events

We call our meetings with the new teachers a shuffle up and the dates planned for this are on the 25<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July. These will be weather dependent as we do not want children mixing inside the buildings. If this is the case we will reschedule.

#### Notifying school of a positive case if the school office is closed.

If your child has a PCR test and the result is positive PLEASE let the school know as soon as possible. Please email [elmleacovidupdates@elmleaschooltrust.com](mailto:elmleacovidupdates@elmleaschooltrust.com) if the school office is closed. This email account is monitored over the weekend and we can then alert families if they need to self-isolate.

You will have been notified over the weekend that we currently have a Yr2 class self-isolating due to a positive case and we look forward to their return on Tuesday.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

#### Diary Dates

2020/2021 Academic Year	2021/2022 Academic Year		
<b>Term 6</b> Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June to Weds 21 July 2021 <b>INSET DAYS:</b> Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June Frid 2 <sup>nd</sup> July Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> July Last day of term Tues 20 July 2021	<b>Term 1</b> Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> September to Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021 <b>INSET DAYS:</b> Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> September Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> September (First day of term Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021)  <b>Term 2</b> Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> November to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 <b>INSET DAY</b> Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> November (First day of term Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021)	<b>Term 3</b> Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> January to Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> February <b>INSET DAY</b> Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 (First day of term Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022)  <b>Term 4</b> Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 <b>INSET DAY</b> Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 (Last day of term Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022)	<b>Term 5</b> Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> April to Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 <b>May Day Holiday</b> Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022  <b>Term 6</b> Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June to Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022 <b>INSET DAY</b> Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 (Last day of term Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022)

## Sports Days

Thankfully Elmlea will be holding the annual sports days this year!

Lower school sports day (Y3 & Y4) will be held on Tuesday 22nd June and their reserve date of Thursday 24th June should the weather force us to cancel.

Upper school sports day (Y5 & Y6) will be held on Wednesday 23rd June and their reserve date of Friday 25th June.

Children will need to wear sports kit of their house colour to school on their sports day and be prepared for what the weather may bring come rain or shine!

The Infant 'Fun on the Field' is on Wednesday 7th July or if that date is rainy, Wednesday 14th July.  
Please see details here of all the [events](#)!

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we are unable to invite parents to spectate sports day this year.

## Ex-pupil to star on Dragons' Den

Ex Elmlea pupil, Kate Ball (formerly Cooper) who attended from 1983-1990 is going to be appearing on Dragons' Den on Thursday 24th June to promote her business, Mini First Aid. Alongside husband Matt, and 4 of their 6 children, Kate will attempt to gain an investment from the Dragons!

Mini First Aid provides first aid classes for all the family, so Kate says, it seemed only fitting that we took some of the family along to the Den (though bringing our youngest set of twins was just one step too far!) She found the whole process of appearing on Dragons' Den absolutely incredible and says "one thing's for sure – our kids will be more famous than us!"

Please find attached the full [press release](#), [first aid](#) and [child first aid](#). Interested parents can make a booking using the following [link](#) for our Bristol franchise.



## Could you foster?

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Gloucestershire, who are urgently seeking full-time & respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Bristol and surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email [foster@nexusfostering.co.uk](mailto:foster@nexusfostering.co.uk) or [click here](#)

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## Music Get singing and playing this summer!

Over the summer Bristol Plays Music are opening their doors for two weeks of activities for young people to play, sing and explore their creativity.

These fun-packed weeks are for young people aged 9 to 13 who will be going into Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 in September 2021.

Brass Band week is taking place over 26 – 30 July and for young brass musicians playing at Grade 1-5 to play, socialise and make music together. Find out more and book [here](#).

Sing the Musicals is taking place on the 2 - 6 August where young vocalists will be able to get back to singing and performing the songs they love, from modern musicals to Disney songs they will be singing and dancing their way through this fun-packed week. The only requirement for this week is enthusiasm! Find out more and book [here](#).

Held at Bristol Plays Music's centre in Southmead there will be informal performances at the end of both weeks for parents and carers.

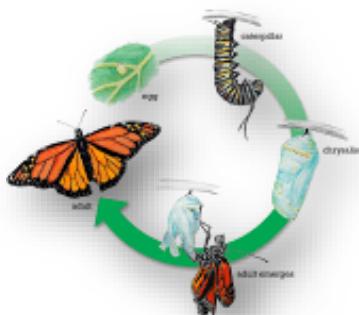
Running daily from 8.45am until 3.15pm each course costs £50 for the week, we also offer bursaries for low income families.





# Year Group News

## Reception



This week Reception have been watching their classroom caterpillars make a chrysalis. We have learnt all about the life cycle and spent some time writing about it.

We have also started talking about the transition to Year 1 and how we change as we get older. This week we talked about what we would like to be when we grow up!

How you can help at home: Talk with your child about their transition to Year 1. Do they have any questions?

Many thanks The Reception Team

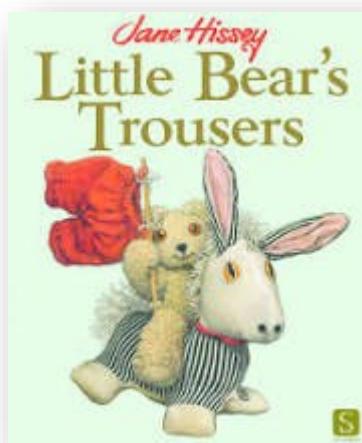
## Year 1

This week Year 1 have been reading 'Little Bears Trousers.'

We have focused on our sentence writing and using the correct punctuation.

In maths we have been busy finding half of different shapes and quantities!

We have also just started a very exciting science experiment! We are investigating what a bean needs to grow. We have planted beans and put them in different environments, and we will be observing and measuring them once a week. We will keep you posted with our finding.



Year 1 Team

## Year 2

Year 2 have been fascinated learning about the life of a medieval page and used all of their facts to write brilliant diary entries. They have also been using laptops, iPads and library books to do some more castle research. Using their note taking skills, they needed to collect as many amazing facts about castles as possible. They're then going to use this information to create their own castle fact file leaflets. In Maths this week we've been recapping time as well as doing a right-angle hunt.



Using their angle eaters (which look like Pac Man) they explored the school grounds searching for as many 90-degree right angles as possible. They did so well!

Year 2 Team

### Year 3

This week, year 3 have been helping Wallace and Gromit write explanations for their Cracking Contraptions in English. If you have ever struggled with changing the TV channel, we can explain the perfect machine that will help you do just that. We have revisited multiplication and division in maths. We have planted seeds in Science and we are really looking forward to seeing how they grow. In RE, we have carried on learning about Sikhism. In computing, we have now sequenced movements and sounds, changed our sprites' backgrounds and positions, and created different controls to start our programs.



Year 3 Team

### Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard on their non-chronological reports about Westbury-on-Trym and are looking forward to showing them off next week on Seesaw. Thank you to those who were able to support the collection of data for the report. In maths we have been exploring perimeter and area and had a good time with the practice times table check. In science we are excitedly awaiting any changes to our broad beans as part of our science investigation. We may also need a few more plastic bottles for next week's STEM project. It is great to hear so many children excited for the STEM competition too.

**Year 4 Tear Chamber Choir auditions for Year 4** Chamber choir is an auditioned choir and a paid after school activity. Auditions for Y4 will be held on Weds 30th June and Thurs 1st July during school. The audition song is 'Count on me' by Bruno Mars. The children need to know the song but I will provide lyrics. I try to make sure the audition process is not intimidating so begin with everyone singing together, then I get the children to sing small chunks on their own once they've warmed up. If your child would like to audition please email me direct n me@theresaroberts.co.uk so I can add their name to the list.

#### Tea Towels!

Remember to place your orders for the Year 4 class tea towels via SCOPAY and help us raise funds for WWF.

### Year 5

This week Year 5 have really enjoyed exploring OS Maps and familiarising themselves with the area of Bristol. They were set several challenges: from finding key buildings or landmarks; interpreting keys and OS map symbols and reading 4-digit grid references. They all rose to these challenges and definitely showed resilient purple learning!



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We also thoroughly enjoyed our workshop with The George Müller Museum on Wednesday. We found out all about his life and were inspired by his kindness. Well done Year 5 for all your enthusiasm this week!



Year 5 Team

### Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been enjoying the first of their 'end of Elmlea adventures' at Mojo Active where we played archery tag, transported water round the assault course in teams.... AND... went paddle-boarding where much fun and many laughs were had by all. What a glorious day! We have begun a maths project designing and costing a lunar theme park and we are enjoying writing our short stories based on those mysterious photos by Harris Burdick.



Year 6 Team

**IMPORTANT: Year 6 Leavers Party - Tuesday 20th July, 3.15pm-5pm !** Please view this [letter and form](#) for more information and to give your permission for your child to attend. Forms to be returned to your class teacher by NEXT Friday, 25th June.