

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 38 Friday 9th July

Dear parents and carers,

As you are probably aware it has been a very challenging week on many levels for lots of our children, their families, as well as for our school staff teams due to Covid. I am however, pleased to report that most of the children who tested positive have now fully recovered or were asymptomatic and we wish those who do have Covid symptoms a speedy recovery.

With 4 classes and other children self-isolating we really appreciate how hard this is for our families. We are guided by DfE and PHE guidance as to which staff and pupils should self-isolate based on the government guidance around contact and our class bubbles up to the 19th July. We do share your frustrations and sadness, recognising how hard it is for our children and families to self-isolate. Our teaching teams are working so hard to support all children at home and keep their morale up, but please let us know if there is anything further that we can do to support your children at home.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We are all looking forward to September with hope that our children can be in school and learn without disruption or the stress of self-isolation.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

School reports

Your child's school report will be sent home via your child on Monday. If your child's class is self isolating arrangements to ensure you receive your child's report will be communicated directly with you via email on Monday.



Teams log ins

Please make sure you have your child's Teams log in somewhere safe in case their class isolate and if not to let their teacher know.



Near miss on The Dell

We have received another report of children running past driveways and narrowly avoiding being hit by a car reversing out of a drive. Please keep your children near you to prevent a serious accident. Please always be aware of road and pedestrian safety and encourage your children be aware of the dangers. too

2020/2021 Academic Year	2021/2022 Academic Year		
Term 6 Mon 7 th June to Weds 21 July '21 INSET DAYS: Mon 7 th June Frid 2 nd July Weds 21 st July Last day of term Tues 20 July '21	Term 1 Thurs 2 nd Sept to Fri 22 nd Oct '21 INSET DAYS: Thurs 2 nd Sept Fri 3 rd Sept First day of term Mon 6th Sept '21 Term 2 Mon 1 st Nov to Fri 17 th Dec '21 INSET DAY Mon 1 st Nov First day of term Tues 2nd Nov '21	Term 3 Tues 4 th Jan to Fri 18 th Feb INSET DAY Tues 4 th Jan '22 First day of term Weds 5th Jan '22 Term 4 Mon 28 th Feb to Fri 8 th April '22 INSET DAY Mon 21 st March '22	Term 5 Mon 25 th April to Fri 27 th May '22 May Day Holiday Mon 2 nd May '22 Term 6 Mon 6 th June to Fri 22 nd July '22 INSET DAY Fri 24 th June '22 Last day of term Fri 22nd July '22

Junior School Sports Day 2021

Two fantastic days of sport saw all the children take part in track and field events across upper and lower schools and thankfully the weather was on our side too! It was great to see all the children enjoying themselves taking part in all the different events and supporting each other in their houses, there was a real team community spirit everywhere you looked.



The scores have been counted and verified and the results are in...

Lower School

Green 4th place

Blue 3rd place

Red 2nd place

Yellow 1st place

Upper School

Blue 4th place

Red 3rd place

Yellow 2nd place

Green 1st place

Combined and Overall Results

Green 4th place

Blue 3rd place

Red 2nd place

Yellow 1st place

Well done to all the children for taking part and representing their house and a big thank you to all the staff who helped run the events, we're so please we managed to complete a sports day this year.

Team Rubicon Skateboarding and Scooting

Next Monday and Tuesday the children will be taking part in a 45 minute skateboarding and scooting activity session with Team Rubicon. As skateboarding is new to the Olympics and with Team GB having the youngest Olympic athletic competing in skateboarding, what better way to introduce the children to this sport. Y3 and Y4 children to wear their PE kit to school on Monday 12th July and Y5 and Y6 children to wear their PE kit on Tuesday 13th July. All equipment will be provided including elbow and knee guards and a helmet.

Hannah Paterson, Head of PE and School Sport

*****Junior School Library re-opening - HELP NEEDED URGENTLY PLEASE!*****



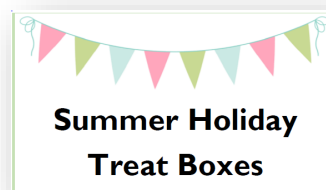
We are excited to announce that the Junior school library will be re-opening in September! We have loads of new books to share with you. To get us started, we need some help from Parent Volunteers to help us re-sort the books and tidy things up in the first week of the new term. We also need volunteers to assist with the ongoing management of the library on a rota system. Please email

junior@elmleaschoolstrust.com as soon as possible to let us know if you are able to

help out and to give us an idea of your availability. This will allow us to get your DBS sorted prior to the holidays.

Summer Treat Boxes from Bristol Foodbank

We are delighted to offer low income families 'Summer Treat Boxes' that they can arrange to come and collect from our Hub over the summer holidays. The boxes will be available while stocks last and will be one per family in the first instance. More information can be found [here](#). Families can call us themselves and book a box, please email office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk or call on 0117 235343.



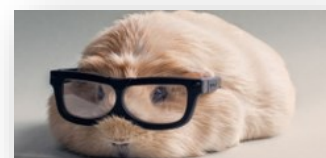
Playing Out

Please find attached some information from Playing Out which supports residents in Bristol who wish to apply to the council to become a Play Street.

Please visit our [website](#) or click [here](#) if you would like any further information.

Free specialist eye tests for under 12s

Our colleagues in Optometry offering free specialist eye tests for under 12s in their state of the art facility at UWE; this provision is being run throughout the summer and is open to children in partnership schools in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. Please see the [attached](#) leaflet for further information.



Year Group News

Reception

This week, Reception have been learning all about worms! We have been continuing to prepare for Year 1 by spending time in the KS1 playground, talking about worries or excitement for September and completing our writing tasks as a whole class.

On Monday, we are going to be sending home lots of important things including your child's end of year written report, their learning diary full of their work from this year and their writing book. Therefore, please send your child in with a large bag to help them carry all of their belongings.

Hopefully, Wednesday will see us take part in our Fun on the Field morning. Please could you ensure your child has a hat, a full water bottle and has sun cream applied before school.



Many thanks The Reception Team

Year 1

Year 1 have been hard at work this week making spinners! We made one to help us learn about turns and clockwise and anticlockwise. We also made one to learn the names of all the adults who are here to help us next year! These have come home so please look through these with your child.



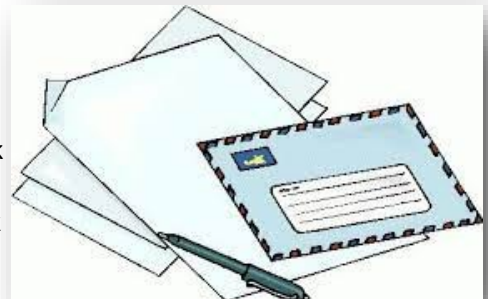
Your child's class assembly will be on Seesaw after school today, we hope you enjoy watching! The children worked really hard on them. Have a wonderful weekend and we are expecting some sleepy children on Monday!

Year 1 Team

Year 2

This rain this week has not dampened our mood in year two! This week we have had the chance to explore outside with some outdoor maths challenges, we worked in teams to focus on specific tasks that link back to all of the tricky objectives we have learnt this year.

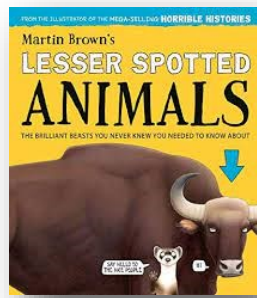
Our main focus of this week was to plan, write and publish a letter to our new year three teachers. We wanted to include lots of information about our family, interests and things we are looking forward to as we move into our new schools. We really hope our new teachers love our informative letters!



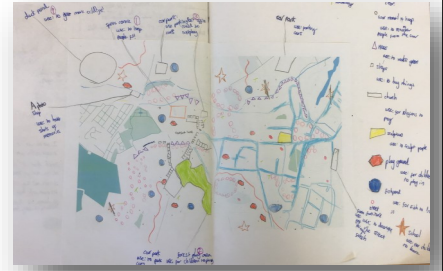
Year 2 Team

Year 3

In English this week we have really enjoyed writing a letter to our new teacher to tell them all about us! We have also loved reading about Lesser Spotted Animals. In maths, we have been testing our knowledge of Roman



numerals. I wonder if you can write your birthday as a Roman numeral? We can help you! We have been monitoring our cress experiments which sadly suffered a little over the weekend but that gave us plenty to think about in our conclusions. In geography, we have used all of the knowledge we built up in our Wonderful Westbury? topic and have planned a new and improved WoT. We had some wonderful ideas and can't wait to share them with you.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

This week Year 4 have been working hard on publishing their non-chronological reports on their own plant species - they were so creative! In maths we have been problem solving looking at multiplication and ratios. In Science we have begun our next plant experiment which involves looking the movement of water through celery using food colouring. We have also, as part of our topic 'Wonderful Westbury', thoroughly enjoyed using our knowledge of human and physical features to suggest improvements to Westbury on Trym. Next week in English we are looking at playscripts and in Maths we are looking at statistics. Well done for a great week!



Year 4 Team

Year 5

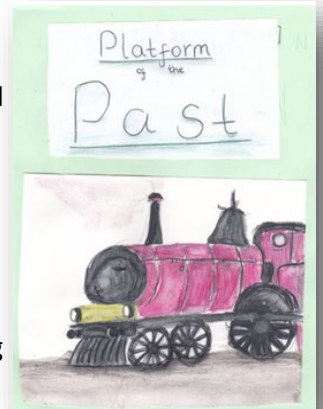
In Year 5 we have had an exciting yet busy week again! We have been focused on writing our information texts around animals with unusual life cycles and we are publishing them for writing progress. We are starting to apply some of maths learning with a zoo project which involves us designing, costing and running a zoo! We are hoping we will make enough profit to make sure that we can look after and feed all the animals. We enjoying concluding our irreversible changes topic for science by investigating reactions between effervescent tablets and water!



Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week has been a little unusual in Year 6 but the children have done incredibly well to maintain positive attitudes, adapt to home learning and be enthusiastic about their various projects. They have been busy writing creepy stories and poems about camp and solving 'Who done it?' mysteries in maths. They have even mathematically planned a dinner party and conducted science experiments investigating shadows. Well done year 6 - you are continually making us proud!



Year 6 Team