



Dear parents and carers,

Wow! There has been such a variety of activities taking place at Elmlea this week, it has been fabulous.

We have had six Infant Christmas nativity performances performed with such confidence and enthusiasm, making us all feel so very joyful and uplifted. There have been Egyptian themed escape rooms in the studio, which took hieroglyphics to another level.

Our Greek WOW dress up day included a warhorse arriving at the school gates to much excitement. Our Junior choir of 36 children had a fantastic trip to St George's to perform a range of songs they have learnt. There have been very successful, netball and hockey fixtures, and not forgetting our Party Peeps Infant discos!

These were just some of the highlights of the week. The children of Elmlea are really fortunate to have such a rich school provision and thank you to our staff teams who work so hard to ensure this all happens, as well as our PTA for their commitment and enthusiasm for discos as well as further fundraising ideas at this very busy time.

### Board of Trustees

Behind the scenes our governance structure of Trustees and Governors meetings continue. We are very grateful for their service and time given to the school by our volunteers to ensure our Senior Leadership Team are fully accountable and our schools are run as they should be.

This week we said goodbye to Clare Sanders, our Co-Chair, who has been linked in a variety of roles to Elmlea for over 28 years! We are very grateful for all Mrs Sanders has given to Elmlea over many years, most recently in a voluntary role, this has been very, very much appreciated.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Term 2

Christmas Lunch & Jumper Days  
Tues 14th Dec - Years 3 & 4  
Weds 15th Dec - Rec, Year 1, 2, 5 & 6  
Last day of term Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Term 3

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan to Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb  
INSET DAY: Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan  
First day of term Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Jan

### Term 4

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April  
INSET DAY: Mon 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Last day of term Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April

### Term 5

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May  
May Day Holiday: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Last day of term Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
INSET DAY: Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Day Off in lieu of Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 3 June 2022: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Last day of term Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July



### Y4 Hockey Festival

Monday saw 7 Y4 girls take part in a hockey festival at Coombe Dingle against 5 other local private schools. None of the girls had ever played in a hockey match before and we only had one training session together before the tournament but all of that didn't matter as the girls got better and better as they progressed through their matches.

A hard first game, the girls took their first loss Vs The Downs, they learned those lessons and came away with a 0-0 draw Vs Clifton High in their 2nd match. Their determination kept on growing which saw them win Vs Redmaids' in their next game. A quick drink ,break and then they were off again Vs a second Redmaids' team ,where we got battered by the wind and rain and saw us get a second loss. In true Elmlea spirit they carried on in their last game Vs Badminton where we held all of the possession in their half for the majority of the game but unfortunately despite several attempts couldn't get a shot on target and we came away with another 0-0 draw.

A special well done to Flora who was awarded our most valued player, her defensive skills and instinct prevented a lot of goals and Mia and Darcey who were awarded our most improved players, they grew and grew as the tournament progressed and did not give up at any point. The girls played incredibly well and I'm so proud of their team effort and determination throughout the tournament. Well done everyone!

Mrs Paterson, **Head of PE and School Sport Elmlea Junior School**

### Rockleaze Rangers Football Club

'Inclusive' football group at Rockleaze. We run this group on a Wed evening for children aged 8-18 years with a physical, sensory or learning disability.



We've currently got around 15 regular players who attend most weeks and we now have the space and resources to grow the size of the group and provide more boys and girls with the chance to play and have fun. Our sessions are free and open to any children who would struggle to cope in a 'mainstream' football group. The sessions take place between 18.30 and 19.30 on a Wednesday evening at UWE Hillside Sports Ground in Frenchay. Please find more information [here](#).



### The King Trail

Have you spotted the King at the bottom of the school drive? Children from Year 4 have decorated four of the Kings which make up this year's advent trail organised by Holy Trinity, Westbury. For more information, including a trail map, click [here](#).



### Bristol North West Foodbank and North Bristol Families in Focus

Please find full details of the Bristol North West Foodbank Christmas Opening times [here](#).

North Bristol Families in Focus information - please find the final bulletin of the year [here](#) with all the information we have collated on activities over the festive break.

Everybody at Families in Focus wishes you a very joyful holiday, and we thank you for all the work you do with children, young people and families.



### Children's Hospice South West collections

Thank you for your kind donations to the Children's Hospice South West collection at the end of the Christmas performances. **We have raised £491.28!** This will put a smile on the faces of many children and families during this special time of year, thank you. Please send any further donations in an envelope by next Wednesday.

### Consultation on major roads changes

The Council has launched a consultation this week on a huge list of changes to the no. 2 bus route citywide, which includes Henleaze and Westbury. All of the proposals can be found [here](#).





### Music News

A big well done to members of the school choir who performed at St George's concert hall this Wednesday, we are extremely proud of them. They learnt several songs and lots of lyrics in a very short space of time. We were excited perform in such a prestigious place with children from other schools as part of a massed choir. Here's hoping for many more events in the future; we are already planning to join in with the Bristol Schools Summer Sing held at Bristol Beacon (formally Colston Hall). Please note, there **will** be a choir rehearsal next Tuesday as we are performing two of the songs in a Christmas assembly on Wednesday morning.

Miss Sadler, **Music Teacher Elmlea Junior School**

### Elmlea Junior School Teacher Run After School Clubs

**TERM 2 CLUBS**—A reminder that all clubs finish this week - **there are no clubs running next week, the last week of term.**



**TERM 3 CLUBS** The deadline to express interest in a club for term 3 was this morning (Friday 10th December). We will confirm (via email) whether your child has a place early next week.

### ESTA News (Elmlea Schools Trust Association; the combined Junior and Infants PTA's)



A huge thank you on behalf of the PTA, parents and carers to Mel Hacker for organising the Christmas tree sales again this year (and for the past 6 years) – you have gone above and beyond!

Many thanks to all those that helped out with the Infants disco on Thursday and a big thanks to Cheryl for organising it.

**Christmas Jumper Day** Please don't forget to pay the £1 for your child to wear their festive jumper when they have their Christmas dinners next week.

**Christmas Hampers**—The hampers are in and they are looking fab! If you would like to win one, then the deadline to purchase raffle tickets is Saturday 11th December - tickets cost £2.50 each or 5 for £10.

All the above items are available from the [pta-events.co.uk/eisa](http://pta-events.co.uk/eisa)

**Christmas Eve box items**—Thanks to those who helped out this week selling these at the Infants nativity performances. They will also be sold on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th December at 9.30 and 14.30 by the junior entrance unless we sell out before then. Please remember to bring cash to pay for these items. Many thanks  
Our e-mail address is: [elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com)

### Title 'ABOUT US' STEM Competition



This is a new poetry and coding competition for young people aged 4-18 years. It is part of a project called About Us, one of ten projects commissioned for Unboxed, a celebration of creativity in the UK. About Us is a collaboration between design studio and production company 59 Productions, social enterprise Stemettes, and arts organisation The Poetry Society. Your task is to write a poem or create a scratch animation which reflects how we are connected to the universe, the natural world and one another. The deadline for entries is 23:59 GMT on Sunday 19 December 2021. You can enter a poem or a Scratch project, or both. More details and how to submit your entry can be found [here](#)

Miss Cooke welcomes copies of any entries but please also submit your entry via the website.

### Year 6 Information Evening - SATS and Camp

Early in the new year, we will be writing to you with details for our year 6 summer camp. In addition, on **Tuesday 18th January from 6-7pm**, we will be running an information evening to provide you with further details and give you the opportunity to ask any questions. We will also be using this event to share details of the upcoming year 6 SATS (in May) and how you can support your child in the build-up to these statutory assessments. Please complete this brief [form](#) to confirm your attendance at the event. We hope as many of you as possible can attend.



**The top doodling class in the Infant School this week is... Willow Class!!**

## Reception

We hope that you have all enjoyed the Nativity performances this week - the children have been working so hard on learning the songs and their lines and we are very proud of them! Thank you for all your help with costume sourcing and learning lines at home because we couldn't have made it possible without your help.

As we go into the last week of term we have lots more festive activities that will take place including Christmas lunch and our class party! The children have been busy creating festive art and will be bringing lots home next week.

We have checked how the children are doing with learning their sounds and tricky words and today in their bookbag you should find new letters with their new targets on them. These targets are the next set of sounds/ words that your child needs to learn - some of these have already been taught in school and some will be new to them. On the letter you will find how to pronounce these sounds however if you are unsure, please approach a member of our team. We would encourage you to support your child with these at home as much as possible.

Many thanks, The Reception Team



## Year 1

Wow! What can we say about Year 1 this week? They have performed amazingly in front of Year 4 and their families. They sang beautifully and spoke with confidence. We are so proud of every single one of you! Thank you to all who came and saw our show. We have also been busy making Christmas cards and we will be finishing off the week with some writing about the Snowman. The children have also continued to practice their addition and subtraction skills. We predict some very tired children this weekend!

In Religion and World Views this term we have explored three festivals of light - Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. We learnt the story of Rama and Sita that is remembered during Diwali, Hanukkah is a Jewish festival and we had a parent visitor to tell us all about how her family celebrate. Last week we looked at why Christians give presents at Christmas and thought about what they might have given Jesus if he was born today.

Year 1 Team



## Year 2

What a fabulous performance Year 2's! All the staff have been so impressed with your attitude, confidence and energy you've all put into your Christmas performances. All three performances at the Juniors went brilliantly and you all delivered your lines with great expression. You excelled yourselves with your actions and singing voices and all looked brilliant in your costumes. Well done everyone! Next week should be a fun final Christmas filled week with Class Xmas Party, Teachers' Pantomime and School Christmas Lunch. Make sure you all have a restful weekend before the Christmas craziness continues.



Year 2 Team



### Year 3

Year 3 had a hugely exciting day on Thursday as we concluded our long-awaited Egyptian activities. These were originally scheduled for the first week of term but was cancelled due to covid restrictions. The children carried out an archaeological dig outside, painstakingly removing buried artifacts and then drawing them in class; we learned how to saw and glue wood as part of our DT project of making a maze and the children got to try and solve puzzles to free themselves from an Egyptian escape room which was brought into school. Rounding off our Egyptian theme, the children have been embracing their inner Howard Carter and writing their own discovery stories in English.



**Year 3 Team**

### Year 4

Year 4 have had a lovely week which finished with the wonderful treat of our puzzle tomb. The children have been raving about it and we are glad they had such an enjoyable experience. It was really good to see them focusing on their team work skills and developing how they communicate with others. Alongside this we published our own instructions for mummification which we had been working on in English. Next week we are baking as part of our DT project and are thankful to those parents who have volunteered to help with this.



**Year 4 Team**

### Year 5

On Thursday we had our Ancient Greece day! During this day we had fun making temples, playing Ancient Greek games and finding out what it was like to go to school during these times. It was fantastic to see the children dressed up and immersing themselves in our topic celebration. Well done for all your creative costumes! This week we have also been learning about shape in maths; we have been exploring nets of 3D shapes as well as naming, sorting and classifying 2d shapes based on their properties. In English, we have been continuing to explore and write poetry based on the different seasons and are looking forward to sharing and performing our poetry next week.



**Year 5 Team**

### Year 6

The week started on a high with a fantastic Christmas performance from our Reception buddies on Monday. Greek Day was of course a highlight of this week. Year 6 dressed up in fantastic costumes and enjoyed a range of themed activities from making an Ancient Greek temple and playing Ancient Greek games to experiencing Ancient Greek education. This topic was then rounded off with an end of the day finale quiz on all things Ancient Greece. In maths this week we consolidated our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and have worked hard to calculate fractions and percentages of amounts.



#### PG Films

Year 6 are planning to use PG films/ tv programmes in lessons and for class treats this year. If you do not want your child to watch PG films in school then please let your child's class teacher know ASAP and by Wednesday 15th December, otherwise we will assume that you do give your permission. Please be aware that if you do withdraw your permission then this will have a knock-on effect for the whole class/ year group.

**Year 6 Team**