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# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 17 Friday 14th January

Dear parents and carers,

This term, our Reception children are learning about people who help us and we are delighted to have started welcoming visitors in to talk about how they help others.

This week we have had a dentist visit us and in the coming weeks we will welcome a doctor and a vet too. The children loved hearing about how a dentist helps people and how children can look after their own teeth. It was a real success and the children remembered so much about the visit. It is a privilege to have our visitors in school and we are very grateful for their time.

Our STEM week is coming up, week beginning 31/1/22. Our theme this year is "Transport", and if you have an expertise in this area and would like to come into school to talk to the children about your role, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [info@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:info@elmleaschoolstrust.com) to get in touch with us.

### **The school field**

Our school field is very muddy at the moment, so the children are not allowed to walk across it even if they are late for school. It is so muddy and muddy shoes create a real mess in our classrooms, we would rather they were a couple of minutes late rather than having super muddy shoes in school.

**Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher**

### **Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19**

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. More information [here](#).

Further information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19 is available. Latest government updates can be found [here](#). Please also see the home page of our website for info.

- Families are advised to carry out daily LFD testing of any identified close contacts.
- Please do not send your children in if they are displaying any COVID 19 symptoms (high temperature, new and persistent cough or any change or loss of sense of smell or taste)
- Parents & carers are asked to wear masks whilst onsite at drop off and pick up, unless they are exempt.
- Please be aware that if teachers become ill and their child is self isolating in that class, there may be a lag in the preparation and feedback of remote learning.
- A positive LFD test result no longer necessitates a confirmatory PCR, please follow the above guidelines with regards to isolation.
- Please only inform us of any POSITIVE tests using the absence line, then email [info@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:info@elmleaschoolstrust.com) with full details including the date of the positive test, likely return to school date and any siblings.
- If your child is unwell with something other than COVID please do not send them in to school as we will call you and ask you to collect them.

We are doing everything we can to keep your children safe and to minimise the risk of infection whilst keeping our school open so please support us by following the above guidelines.

**Revised COVID 19 Risk assessments can be found here: [Infant RA](#), [Junior RA](#) and on the school website.**



## Online Safety Training for Parents and Carers - protect and support your child online Thurs 17th Feb 6-7:30pm

Many parents use technology widely today but, despite understanding its uses and risks, still worry about what their children do online. Most children will manage their online lives well and build their own coping mechanisms just as they do with real life threats. Despite this, they do often use technology and services in different ways to adults - which is where insecurity and worries can form

Run by a South West Grid for Learning expert, this session provides parents with an insight into popular technologies and how young people utilise them. Demonstrating the massive benefits and potential pitfalls, the interactive presentation provides parents with advice, strategies and resources to help them understand and engage with their child's online lives in a healthy, positive, and productive way. Our pupils will be undertaking a survey beforehand so that their understanding of technology can be focussed on during the session.

**When:** Thursday 17th February 6-7:30pm | **Where:** Infant School hall | **Cost:** £5\*

**To book your place, log into your SCOPAY account** (\*discounted rate available, for more information, email us at [info@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:info@elmleaschoolstrust.com))



## World Book Week

We will be celebrating World Book Week this year and are looking for any authors or people whose line of work is within Literature that would be willing to come in and talk to our children. If you know of anyone that would be interested and willing to help us inspire a love of reading during World Book Week then please email

[bryony.brooks@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:bryony.brooks@elmleaschoolstrust.com)



Many thanks, **The English Team at Elmlea**

## Year 1 and 2 Fire Awareness workshops with the Fire Service.



Over the next 2 weeks Yr1 and Y2 will be taking part in some Fire Awareness workshops with the Fire Service.

They will be looking at fire safety and staying safe.

## Book donations

If you would like to donate books to the school please can you email the office with some details and we will confirm whether we can take them, as space is currently limited.

[info@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:info@elmleaschoolstrust.com)



Thanks, The School Office

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Term 3 - Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan to Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Yr 6 SATS & Camp Info Evening 6pm - Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Parents Evenings - w/c 7th Feb**

**Parents Online Safety Evening 6pm\*** - Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

*\*Remember to book your spot via SCOPAY*

**Last day of term - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Term 4 - Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**Yr 2 SATS Evening 6pm - Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**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**

**Term 6 - Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June to Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**INSET DAY - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June**

## Elmlea's Kickstart to Health

A reminder that throughout January, we will be helping raise awareness of what it means to be healthy through a range of optional well-being activities.

Look out for the video on your class Seesaw page explaining a task for each week.

More information can be found [here](#).

**Hannah Patterson (Junior PE Lead) & Hannah McKenzie (Infant PE Lead)**

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### Teacher led after school Clubs

The following teacher-led clubs will be running in the Junior school next week. **All teacher-led clubs run until 4:15pm.**

Please ensure you let the School Office know if your child is ever unable to make a club they are signed up for as if they do not show up, we are required to initiate our Missing

| Monday               | Tuesday     | Wednesday        | Thursday            | Friday |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Mixed Netball Yr4    | Choir Yr3-6 | Mixed Hockey Yr3 | Boxercise Yr3-6     |        |
| Mixed Basketball Yr6 |             |                  | Instrumental Yr 3-6 |        |
| Homework Club Yr3-6  |             |                  |                     |        |



Child Procedure, which could ultimately result in a call to the Police if we are unable to contact you.

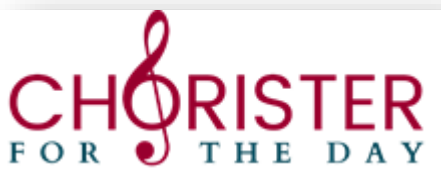
Clubs this term will run up to and including the last week of term (except in the case of staff absence, when you will be informed as soon as possible). Please be advised that if your child has been allocated a space, they are expected to attend every week unless they are unwell. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any more requests to join.

**Thanks, the School Office**

### Year 6 Netball Team remain undefeated!

Once again, the Year 6 netball squad did themselves proud as they competed in the last 2 games of the league. It started with a relatively easy win over Bentry 10-3 and then we faced the tougher opposition of W-O-T. After the first half, we were down 2-3 but after a quick pep talk and some positional changes, the team went back on court, determined to do their best. They showed amazing grit and resilience as they fought hard for every ball. The whole team contributed to a brilliant turn-around as we won 10-4. Stand out performances this week go to Emily and Harriet.

We remain undefeated and eagerly await the final placings.



### Year 4 Chorister for the Day at Bristol Cathedral Saturday 12 Feb

On Saturday 12 February from 11.00am to 4.30pm, Bristol Cathedral is hosting its annual Chorister for the Day event for Year 4 pupils and parents.

The event is an opportunity for musically-inclined children in Year 4 to get a taste of what being a Cathedral Chorister is like, while also giving the parents information on the immense and measurable benefits of chorister education and life. As a probationary chorister they would remain at your primary school until the end of Year 6, joining Bristol Cathedral Choir School in Year 7 and becoming full choristers.

The day includes a singing workshop; a tour of the Cathedral; Q&A sessions with music staff, BCCS, and the choristers themselves; and a fantastic opportunity to join in singing Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir. It is free to attend and lunch is included. The booking deadline is Friday 4 February. [More info. Sign up form.](#)

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



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# Year Group News

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

## Reception

This week Reception have kick-started their new topic with a week all about dental health and were very lucky to have a visit from a Dentist who told them all about how to look after their teeth! A very big thank you to Samuel (Iris' Dad) who offered this fantastic opportunity!

We have been learning the new digraphs (two letters that make one sound) th, zz and qu. In Maths we have been explaining and questioning, learning how to subitise 5 and also to be able to state what is 1 more or 1 fewer than a given number to 10.

Thank you to those who have taken part in our kick-start to health on Tapestry, it has been great for the children to share their achievements and get talking more about making healthy choices.

Many thanks, The Reception Team



## Year 1

This week Year 1 have become dinosaur experts! We have been learning facts about T-Rex's and creating our own fact files. We are so proud of the work they have done this week and can't wait to put these up on display! In Maths we have been practicing our 2, 5 and 10 times tables, there will be an optional activity on Seesaw to support this learning. We have also been exploring BeeBots (floor robots), beginning to think about how the buttons tell the robots what to do!



Year 1 Team

## Year 2

Another fantastic week in year 2! We have loved learning about the history behind Myths and Legends this week. We hunted for clues around the classroom with partners to answer questions about the Ancient Greeks. Next week, we will begin to learn about our first mythical creature! We have also combined science and English this week by writing and creating our very own explanation of the Monarch butterfly life cycle! We produced detailed diagrams to go along with our life cycle writing!

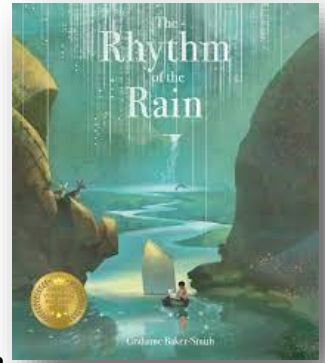


Year 2 Team

**Save the date: Year 2 Sats Information Evening - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March @ 6pm in the Infant Hall.**

### Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been writing their own poems about the journey of a jar of water based on the book, *The Rhythm of the Rain*. This will make us experts for studying the water cycle later this term! The children also enjoyed colour mixing in art, learning about primary, secondary, tertiary and complementary colours. We will be continuing to learn about telling the time next week so any practice that you can do at home this weekend will help with that!



Year 3 Team

**Year 4** Year 4 have had an enjoyable week, with the highlight being the creation of our own poems based on Michael Rosen's *Lone Survivor*. We followed this up by learning some water-based poems that were then performed to our classmates. Everybody did well with many of us stepping out of our comfort zones to do this. In maths we finished statistics and have just begun to explore fractions and will continue into equivalent fractions next week. In art we did some colour mixing and used more of our creativity to produce our own versions of colour wheels. Also, in computing we are beginning to work towards producing our own soundtracks for a short piece of video footage.

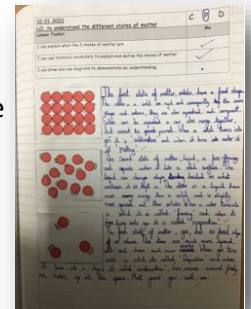


Year 4 Team

### Year 5

This week, Year 5 have started their new English unit by researching the Extremely Large Telescope, dubbed 'The World's Biggest Eye On the Sky', in the Atacama desert in Chile. We have been astonished by the scale of the project and will be working towards writing a newspaper report over the next couple of weeks. In Computing, there has been much excitement as the children start to code their own interactive games to educate their peers about South America. In Science, we are exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases and have conducted research into plasma, the fourth state.

Year 5 Team



### Year 6



This week, Year 6 have had a fantastic time getting stuck into their first geography lesson in our *On The Latin Side* topic. In this lesson, children learnt how to locate precise locations using lines of latitude and longitude to create a 4-figure grid reference which they then checked using I pads. In art, we have begun our new unit based on art in religion. We have used our sketchbooks to explore the different features of art in different faiths. In English, our persuasive arguments on deforestation came to ahead as we held our class

Elmlea climate summits. Children worked in groups to plan their arguments from the perspectives of different stakeholders. They had great fun presenting their views and debating the topic of deforestation!

Year 6 Team

### Year 6 Information Evening - SATS and Camp

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.