



# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 36 Thursday 23rd June

## DIARY DATES

### 2021/22 Academic year

#### Term 6:

27- 29 June Year 6 Camp  
28 June Rec Court Farm Park  
1 July Yr 2 Caldicot Castle  
4 July Upper School Sports Day  
5 July Lower School Sports Day  
6 July Infant School Sports Day  
*Approx Sports Day timings*  
9:30am-12pm  
11 July Yr 5 Show 2-3pm  
12 July Yr 5 Show 6:30-7:30pm  
14 July Yr 6 Mendip Trip  
18 July Yr 6 Show 2-3pm  
19 July Yr 6 Show 6:30-7:30pm  
**INSET DAY Fri 24 June**  
**Last day of term Thurs 21 July**

### 2022/23 Academic year

#### Term 1:

Thurs 1 Sept - Fri 21 Oct '22  
**INSET DAYS Thurs 1 & Fri 2**  
**Sept '22**  
(first day back Mon 5 Sept)

#### Term 2:

Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec '22  
**INSET DAY Mon 31 Oct '22**

#### Term 3:

Tues 3 Jan - Fri 10 Feb '23  
**INSET DAY Tues 3 Jan '23**

#### Term 4:

Mon 20 Feb - Fri 31 March '23  
**INSET DAY Mon 20 March '23**

#### Term 5:

Mon 17 April - Fri 26 May '23

#### Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23  
**INSET DAY Fri 23 June '23**



Dear parents and carers,

It has been a short but eventful week as every child found out who their new teacher in September would be and then spent time in their new classroom with their teacher for September. Your children embraced all this with their usual high levels of enthusiasm and showed great resilience as they spent time in unfamiliar surroundings and for our junior children with new classmates too.

**Reception 2022** - Hurray, we were able to welcome into school all our new Reception children and their parents too this week. Fortunately, the sun shone and our teddy bear's picnic went really well. It was lovely to meet all our new families and welcome them to our school community.

**Yr3 parent information evening** - We had over 70 parents of children moving into Yr3 join us this week for an information evening led by the Yr3 team. It is a significant step for the children to move from the Infant School to the Junior School but now we are one Trust and with all our transition experiences in place we hope it is a much easier process for all the children and their parents. We hope the evening was informative and for those who couldn't make it here are the links to the presentations.

**Maths week** - Thank you to our maths curriculum team of Miss Crooke, Mr Weller and Miss Sheffield for a great maths week filled with mathematical activities and experiences. A big thank you too to our visitors, who talked so enthusiastically about how they use maths in their own work. The children were very inspired and it certainly deepened their understanding of why maths is so important in our everyday lives.



**INSET day** - As it is an INSET day tomorrow school will be closed to enable essential training for our staff teams to take place. With over 80 staff at Elmlea as you can imagine we make the most of these training days. The morning will be spent for all teaching teams receiving phonics training as we adopt a new scheme directed by the DfE. Phonics training will then continue for another 3 hours for some, whilst others meet to plan the curriculum provision for September. A very busy day but one we will make the most of and thank you for supporting this.

**Yr6 Camp** - All our Yr6 children will be going on a residential trip next week to Okehampton. It is a very exciting chapter for this year group and the adventurous activities will no doubt be a highlight such as gorge scrambling, night hikes and mountain biking! We look forward to sharing the highlights with you when they return. Thank you to our 6 staff team members who will be accompanying the children and for giving up their time to ensure the children have this experience.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

### Music News



A massive well done to all who took part in Tuesday's orchestra workshop at Trinity Academy.

The children were so focused for the rehearsal and the performance was INCREDIBLE!

What an experience: playing in an orchestra of over 150 children.



We are really looking forward to our own concert on Wednesday 20th July at 6.30, where we will hear both the junior and string orchestras play some of their pieces.

Miss Sadler

### Elmlea Schools' Trust Sports Day information

We are very much looking forward to our Sports Days this term! The children have been getting ready and practising the different events in their PE lessons. We are so pleased to be able to invite parents to come along and spectate this year. It will be so lovely to have some extra support cheering our children on! More information regarding sports day will follow via your child's class Seesaw page, but the dates and (approximate) timings are as follows:



**Upper KS2** - Mon 4 July \* **Lower KS2** - Tues 5 July \* **Infant School** - Weds 6 July \* Timings (approx.) 9:30am-12pm  
**Hannah Patterson and Hannah McKenzie (Trust PE Leads)**

### Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Clubs



#### After school Sports & Music Clubs running in Term 6

Tuesday: Yrs 3-6 Choir, Ms Sadler (room change in the Library)

Thursday: Yrs 1&2 Choir, Ms Sadler, Infant School

Friday: Yrs 5&6 Cricket Mr Salisbury & Mr Weller, Field

\* Please note there will be no Rounders this week due to Year 6 Camp.

If you could make sure that your children knows that they are going to the club as well as where it is taking place, that would be very much appreciated.

Please always ensure you let the School Office know if your child is unable to attend as if they do not show up, we are required to initiate our Missing Child Procedure, which could ultimately result in a call to the Police if we are unable to contact you. All teacher-led clubs finish at 4:15pm Please be advised that if your child has been allocated a space, they are expected to attend every week unless they are unwell.

Thanks, The School Office

### Junior School House Sales Competition



Elmlea houses are competing against each other to see who can raise the most money for the Ukraine Disaster Fund. Money from all the cake sales will be put together and donated to the Fund to help families in Ukraine. House sales, to raise money for Ukraine, continued today with the **Green** house. Sales will include cakes, guess the number of sweets in a jar and other small things to purchase. Parents, please help by baking cakes for your child's house cake sale. Leave all cakes by the staffroom on the day of the sale. **Final sale: - Blue - Friday 8th July**

### School Uniform Suppliers - Monkhouse

Links and free resources to help you navigate uniform shopping this summer!

[Resources](#) – Downloadable mailings regarding our summer operational plans.

[Top Tips](#) – A parent page with our top tips for their uniform shopping experience.

[New Starter Hub](#) – Including the appointment booking page.





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# Year Group News

## Top Doodling class this week is...1C!!

### Reception

This week Reception have been busy talking lots about Year 1. We have put a plan together to support them with their transition and will be sharing all the details with you via Tapestry so keep a look out!

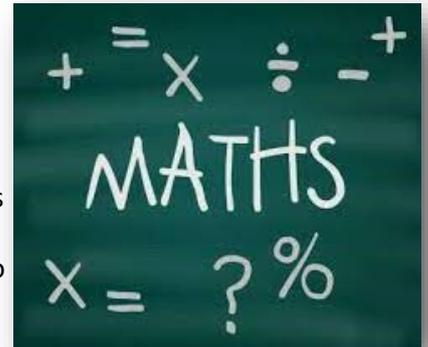


Please ensure your child has a sun hat in school - we do not have enough spare hats for those not bringing one.

Many thanks, The Reception Team

### Year 1

Another great week in Year One! It was so exciting to find out about our new teachers and to visit our Year Two classrooms. It was a chance to ask lots of questions! This week we've been enjoying Maths Week. Thank you to Joni's mum for coming into school to talk to us all about the maths that she uses as part of her job (we had a great time dressing up and learning about measuring) and to Lydia's dad for wowing us with some amazing facts about super big numbers. It's amazing how often the children think that maths is just something that you do in school, so please do find opportunities to point out the maths that you use as a family in your daily lives. In our maths themed assembly this week, we imagined a school day with no maths: no one arrived in time, we didn't have enough white board pens to go round, we didn't have enough plates at lunchtime and playtime only lasted a few seconds!



Year 1 Team

### Year 2

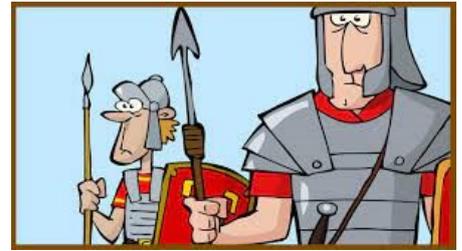
This week has been Maths Week! We have had a great time thinking about money and its purpose in the world. We have thought about the benefits of saving, how we can earn some extra money and places we can keep our money safe. We designed and made our own money boxes using 3D nets! We loved meeting up with our Year 5 buddies who planned some great maths activities for us, they really thought about how they could teach us a new game or skill that we have not tried before! Year 2 also had the chance to meet up with their new class and teacher in their first Shuffle Up session of the year.



Year 2 Team

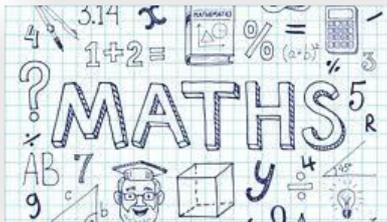
### Year 3

This week Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Hindu Temple in Bristol. We were lucky enough to be shown around the beautiful building by a priest, who gave us a talk and answered questions about the building and Hindu religion. The children behaved very respectfully throughout. In the classroom we have had money week in maths, in which we carried out a series of tasks, puzzles and talks all about money. In English we have been planning to write our own quest story, whilst in topic we look at the legacy the Romans left in Britain



Year 3 Team

### Year 4



Year 4 have had a very lovely week in school. Our maths day was filled with some great activities where we explored and developed our mathematical thinking through games and challenges. We also got to spend time with our Year 1 buddy class creating and then playing some simple number track games. The children have also been discussing where money comes from, how they earn their pocket money and they also planned a party.

Year 4 Team

**Final Reminder: Chamber Choir auditions for Year 4** Chamber choir is an auditioned choir and a paid after school activity on a Thursday until 4.15. Auditions for Y4 for places in September will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June during school. The audition song is 'Count on me' by Bruno Mars. More information can be found [here](#).

### Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been enjoying a whole series of activities all about maths and money! After a day of workshops and inter-House competitions on Monday, we spent Tuesday teaching our Year 2 buddies how to play a series of maths games.

Wednesday and Thursday saw us taking part in workshops about spending and saving, with a little help from Natwest bank. Rehearsals are also continuing apace, as we discover our inner Agatha Christie, ready for our end-of-year production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'!

Year 5 Team



### Year 6



Money week has been fantastic. We loved the variety of activities we have explored including codebreaking, calcograms, maths orienteering, solving countdowns and sharing board games with our buddies. We also discussed the value of money, how to pay for things and what being in debt is. In science, we have set up an experiment to see which factors might speed up or slow down microbe growth. Watch this (mouldy) space!

Our outdoor adventures have begun with a trip to MOJO Active where we climbed trees, traversed rope courses and paddle boarded. Bring on more at Okehampton next week!

Year 6 Team