



Elmlea Schools' Trust

Newsletter Issue 1

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the start of our new academic year. We have been delighted to welcome all your wonderful children into school this week. For those children returning, we have been so impressed with how well they have settled back into school life after a long summer break and know that the planning and thoughtfulness of our teaching teams has really supported that return.

We have also been so thrilled to welcome our new Reception children into our school community. They have all come in so confidently and have really responded well to our phased approach and are enjoying all that our early years team have provided for them.

We have also had a number of children join us from other schools in this country and also from abroad. We really hope both the children and their families quickly make friends, feel part of school life and soon feel part of the community.

School Uniform - The children all look so smart coming into school and thank you to you all for ensuring that the children are wearing the correct school uniform. Our uniform is an important part of our school identity and we want the children to feel proud of belonging to Elmlea. Please ensure all uniform is labelled as then lost property can be returned, we always have huge amounts of unnamed uniform in lost property which is often unclaimed. Once again we have a lot of second hand uniform, so if you need anything please visit the shed on the top Yr3 terrace and help yourself. A QR code is up there to make a donation (if you can afford it), we usually ask for a £1 a piece.

Punctuality - Please ensure you all have as your new academic year resolution that your children will arrive on time for the start of the school day. The school day begins at 8.50am, so aim to be coming through the school gates at 8.45am at the latest. That way your child will be ready to go straight into class when the doors open. All children get upset coming in late and it can really disrupt your child's start to the school day. Your routines the night before make for a great start the next day. So if you don't already; get the children to help you get organised the night before; uniform laid out, shoes ready, bags packed and always in the same place so no hunting for shoes and book bags at the last minute!

Jane Simmons - Many parents and carers may have known Miss Simmons, an Elmlea Infant teacher and SENDCo for 33 years. Jane sadly died during the summer holidays following an illness. She will be missed terribly by all that knew her and shall be remembered for her kindness and creativity, as well as her amazing millionaire shortbread. We shall be collating a book of memories to share with Jane's family. If you wish to contribute, then please email either Mr Daubney or Mrs Sloper.

Death of Queen Elizabeth II - We are all saddened to hear of the news of the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II. Some children may have discussed and shared their happy memories of their celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee in school today. If you need advice on how to talk to your child about the death of the Queen, then please follow this [link](#).

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

DIARY DATES 2022/23 Academic year

Term 1:

Thurs 1 Sept - Fri 21 Oct '22

INSET DAYS Thurs 1 & Fri 2 Sept '22

Term 3:

Tues 3 Jan - Fri 10 Feb '23

INSET DAY Tues 3 Jan '23

Term 5:

Mon 17 April - Fri 26 May '23

Term 2:

Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec '22

INSET DAY Mon 31 Oct '22

Term 4:

Mon 20 Feb - Fri 31 March '23

INSET DAY Mon 20 March '23

Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23

INSET DAY Fri 23 June '23

Aspens Job Opportunities

Aspens (our school lunch providers) currently have two vacancies here at Elmlea Schools' Trust for a Unit Manager and a Catering Assistant.

Please follow the links below for full details and to apply for either of the roles.

[Unit Manager](#)

[Catering Assistant](#)

Aspens



Alzheimer's Society assemblies and workshops



This week was our 'Induction Week' where the children have been taking part in a number of activities aimed at getting to know their new teachers and classmates and what to expect from the year ahead.

At Elmlea we support a culture of tolerance and understanding and in support of this we had Sally Townsend from the [Alzheimer's Society](#) come to deliver two assemblies to the Infants and Juniors to help raise awareness about dementia within our school communities.

Sally also conducted workshops with Year 6 classes in order to help them understand how to further create inclusive communities, where people affected by dementia are understood, respected and supported.

Little Wandle– how reading is changing in the Infant School

We would like to introduce you to our new reading scheme: **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised** a systematic and synthetic phonics programme.

Please follow this [link](#) to read an important letter about how reading is changing in the Infant School.



Preloved uniform and book donations



If you have **preloved uniform** to be passed on, please contact the PTA via email elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com in the first instance as they manage all donations. Please send them the details of the items such as age, suitable for, condition etc.

Please also email the office info@elmleaschoolstrust.com with details (title, condition etc) **of any preloved books** and we will let you know if we would like them for the library.

We kindly ask that these items are not brought to the office as we currently do not have any space for storing them.

Thanks, The School Office



Haris in Year 2 is having a Charity Cake Sale for Ovarian Cancer Action



On Friday 23rd September I will be selling cakes to raise money for the charity Ovarian Cancer Action <https://ovarian.org.uk/> which is very close to my heart. The stall will be in the Key Stage 1 playground and will open from 3:10-3:30pm. Please bring some cash with you on the day and have one of the delicious, sweet treats.

Haris (Year 2)

Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Sports & Music Clubs

The following Teacher-led After School Sports & Music Clubs start back next week (W/c Mon 12th Sept)

Mondays Yr 5 & Yr 6 Netball: Miss Smith, Playground AND Y4 Basketball: Mrs Paterson, Quad

Tuesdays Yrs 3-6 Choir: Miss Sadler, Main Hall (Terms 1-6)

Wednesdays Yr 5 & Yr 6 Gymnastics: Mrs Paterson, Main Hall

Thursdays Yrs 3-6 -6 Boxercise: Mrs Paterson, Studio AND Infant (Yr 1 & 2) Choir: Miss Sadler, Infant School (Terms 1-6)

Fridays Y6 Football: Mr Salisbury & Mr Weller, Field



Please make sure that your children knows that they are going to the club as well as where it is taking place. 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

In-school music lessons with Bristol Beacon will also re-start next week. You will already have been contacted by Bristol Beacon with timetable information. Don't forget your instruments!

Little Dragons are back. Teaching kids positive life skills



After another great year last year, we are back once again, teaching Little Dragons kung fu at Elmlea Infants' School.

Every Tuesday, 3.15 – 4.15pm in the school hall.

We have 45 spaces available and it is open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

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

French Teacher needed!

Could you inspire children's love of languages and build their confidence through story-telling, games, songs, craft and fun activities? We are looking for a club teacher 3.15-4pm on Wednesdays at Elmlea Infants' School.

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



COMMUNITY NEWS

Secondary school open events

Bristol Free School—School Admissions Tours for parents and current Year 6 students considering applications for Sept 2023 are bookable via Eventbrite. Please click on the link [here](#) to book your tour for Sept 2022. We look forward to welcoming you.

Redland Green School are holding their annual [Open Evening](#) at Redland Green School for prospective Year 7 students and parents for the September 2023 intake on Tuesday 20 Sept. They will also be holding a number of [Open Mornings](#) in Sept. A link to the open mornings, bookable via Eventbrite, can be found [here](#)



All secondary schools will be offering open mornings for the Sept 2023 Year 7 intake, please visit each school's website for more information and to book on a tour.



Year Group News

Reception

WOW! What a fantastic first week at school the children have had. From now on you will be receiving Tapestry updates every Friday with pictures and observations of what the children have been learning that week. We hope that this helps you to support your child at home and that they provide a stimulus for you to discuss school with your child.

Reminder: Please can we remind you to ensure your child's fruit snack is cut up when it poses a choking hazard e.g. grapes.



Many thanks, The Reception Team

Year 1

We are so proud of how the children have started Year One - they are all amazing superstars!



They have been busy learning lots of new routines and getting to know their new teachers and classrooms, as well as learning all about Purple Learning and the skills and attitudes they need to be a brilliant learner. It has been a fantastic start to the term and we are so excited about all the fun and learning that we will be doing together.

Lots of love, Year One Team

Year 2

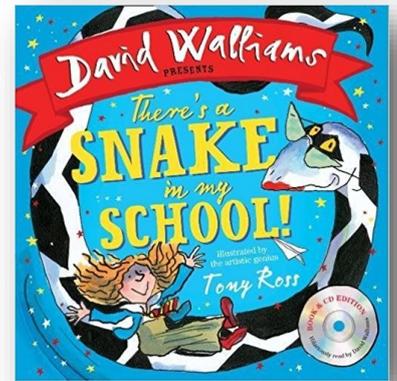
Year 2 have had a superb start to the new year. We have been enjoying getting to know our new classrooms, routines and teachers. The children have been discussing how to be a good purple learner and what a good talk partner looks like. In our jigsaw lesson, we reflected on how to manage our worries. Children should have received their doodle maths and Seesaw log ins this week.



Year 2 Team

Year 3

Welcome back Year Three! This week we have been busy getting to know our new teacher and classmates. We have been able to familiarise ourselves with the Elmlea Vision and linked this to our Golden Rules, we have thought carefully about how we will challenge ourselves in our first year at the Junior School and have set ourselves goals that we would like to achieve this year. Perhaps these can be shared with you at home! We have kickstarted our Place Value topic in Maths and our new writing unit in English that is centred around the book: There's a Snake in My School!, we loved reading this and have created class story maps ready to continue our learning next week. Next week we look forward to our Tudor topic launch day on Monday!



Year 3 Team

Year 4



We have been very impressed with how the children are settling into our new school routines. They are approaching the school day with a positive attitude and are developing their growth mindsets. All classes showed brilliant teamwork skills during the orienteering session in PE this week. Well done to everyone who remembered their PE kit on Wednesday and Thursday. A reminder that homework will be posted on Seesaw on Friday. Your child has been given a letter with their updated Seesaw login details. Please keep this safely at home. We are looking forward to launching our new topic next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

We have had a great week in Year 5. We have set ourselves targets for the year ahead, spent time getting to know each other and wrote 'Magic box' poems. We also had the Launch of our new topic 'The Blitz'. Our launch day included analysing artefacts, creating skyline art and ordering key historic dates/ inventions.



Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have made a wonderful start to the academic year and have been very busy reminding themselves of the very important school rules this week. They then became exemplary role models, as they 'buddied up' with the children in year 3 to give them a guided tour of the junior school.



To round off the week, the children took part in a workshop, where they learnt how to support people with dementia. Following this, the children thoroughly enjoyed their topic launch, where they travelled back in time to receive a special delivery. They then studied a range of artefacts from World War II, using them to find out further information about their new history topic on 'The Blitz'. What a wonderful start year 6!

Year 6 Team