



Elmlea Schools' Trust

Newsletter Issue 2

Friday 16th September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an unusual week against the backdrop of the 10 day period of public mourning for the Queen. In school we have remembered the Queen and provided opportunities to reflect on her amazing life. For some children this has brought back memories and feelings of grief and our staff teams have been especially aware of this and supported children who have really wanted to share their feelings. Our school will obviously be closed on Monday to enable all those who wish to observe the Queen's funeral to be able to do so. Useful advice on helping your child deal with grief see can be found using this [link](#).

Reception 2022

Our wonderful children in Reception complete their phased transition into school today and from Tuesday will be with us full time. They have all settled so well and responded so positively to every new experience and learning opportunity. They have all made such a great start and seem very excited about next week already. We are very proud of them and a big thank you to our families for supporting the shorter days over the last 2 weeks which help ensure a positive start.

Parking near school

Already this term we have received several complaints from neighbours and worried parents regarding cars parking across driveways or dangerously parked on corners of roads. Please park considerately and safely. Our school values of kindness, respect, community should be reflected to our neighbours and each other.

Bikes and scooters

Our school site is very busy at pick up and drop off, please ensure all children push their bikes and scooters across the site as we don't want anyone knocked over. There are scooter and bike racks available at both entrances although more of them at the Junior entrance.

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
Queen's Funeral Bank Holiday
Mon 19 Sept
Mojo Active Trips Yr3-6 Sept '22
(Full details [here](#))
EYFS Curriculum evening Wed 29th
Sept 6pm

Term 2:

Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec '22
INSET DAY Mon 31 Oct '22
KS1 Curriculum evening Wed 23rd
Nov 6pm

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

A Message from the Elmlea PTA



The Elmlea PTA would like to say a huge Welcome and Welcome Back to all our families. We just wanted to take this opportunity to say hello and explain what we do.

The PTA organises various events throughout the year (including Christmas hampers, school discos, ice cream sales and Circuses to name a few). The events not only provide fun activities for the children, but they raise much needed funds for the school... last year we raised almost £10,000 and this allowed us to purchase state of the art Clevertouch Screens for a number of classrooms.

We have lots of exciting events planned for the year ahead, but we need your support to turn these into a reality. So, if you feel like making a difference to the kids at school (as well as having a chance to get to know a fun group of parents) then please reach out! We welcome both committee members as well as people who might just be willing to help out for an hour or two a term (like making sweets bags at Christmas or organising a specific event). Please email elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com or speak to your class rep to find out more!

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

The following teacher-led After School Sports & Music Clubs are running next week:

Mondays Yr 5 & Yr 6 Netball: Miss Sheffield, Playground AND Yr4 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

If a club needs to be cancelled due to teacher absence, we will email you.

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



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](#) 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)

Bristol Autism Support (BAS) events for parent support

Weekly Support meetings: we have moved our weekly support group for parents and carers of autistic children to the Imperial Sports Ground on Thursday mornings at 10am - book [here](#) via Eventbrite.

Once a month we have a [sensory play support group](#) at Super Sense at the Imperial Sports Ground for parents to come to with their children. Also once a month we also have an introductory All About Autism [Session](#).

We have a number of coffee mornings planned in where people can just show up and the coffee is on us. Details can be found [here](#).

We have support group / courses running each term, the next round will include a sensory group, new to autism and masking and anxiety. Details [here](#).

Information sessions this month include: In person [DLA workshop](#) 26th Sept and [SEND Law and EHCPS](#) 27th Sept Don't forget you can refer parents anytime to our [helpline](#) - and Bristol parents [Facebook](#) group (now over 3,000 members)

As and when details are finalised more sessions will be added to the BAS [calendar](#).



Reception

Thank you to parents for supporting us with the final part of the children's staggered start at school. We are really looking forward to having the children for the full day next week. Please can we encourage you to remind your child each morning what they are having for lunch as this prepares them for their lunch choice. There is also always an option for pudding where the children have 3 choices, 1 being fruit, 1 being yoghurt and the third changes daily. It would be helpful for you to continue practising cutlery use at home so that children become confident with them for use at school.



Many thanks, The Reception Team

Year 1

Year one have got stuck in to our a new topic all about stories. They have learnt the story of the Hare and the Tortoise, can they remember any of the actions from our drama session?



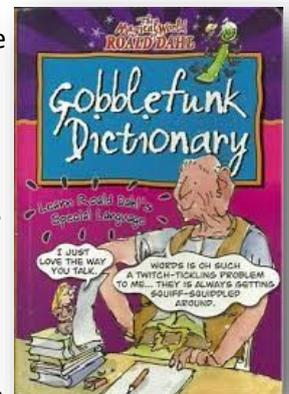
We have also been using a tens frame to make our numbers to 20 and writing them.

We are so proud of how they have settled!

Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have begun to really get used to the new routines and have had a very positive and exciting week starting their new topic: Explorers! On Monday, we found a rucksack filled with all sorts of things including some hot chocolate, a pair of walking boots, a map and more. We have been exploring our new book for English lessons called 'The Great Explorer', which has led us to write lists of equipment needed for explorers and create an explorer guide; the children practised using commas in a list and writing sentences with conjunctions to explain what they would pack in their explorer bag. Roald Dahl day was on Tuesday, inspired by Dahl's language 'gobblefunk' we invented our own words and gave them funny meanings. In maths we have been consolidating and developing our place value knowledge and practising presenting our work neatly in our new books. In topic we have been carefully making self portraits that will be up on display in our corridors soon! Next week, we will be starting some letter writing and continuing place value in maths.



The children have done really well at settling into a new routine and doing lots of new learning, well done!

Year 2 Team

Year 3

This week in Year 3 we launched our Tudor Topic with a series of activities including watching Horrible Histories, learning about the War of the Roses and a re-enactment of the Battle of Bosworth! In English we have been exploring sentence structure with our text 'There's a Snake in our School' by David Walliams and in Maths we have been studying place value. We will continue with place value in Maths next week and in English we will have a week of free verse poetry based on 'Leon and the Place Between'. Please keep an eye on Seesaw and the newsletter for details about our upcoming trips to MOJO active which will take place the week of September 26th.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

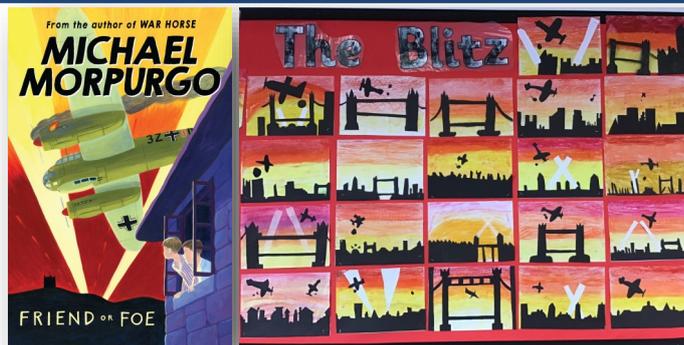


Year 4 enjoyed a super topic launch on Monday and had great fun re-enacting the Battle of Bosworth Field on our Elmlea field. All classes have now made their fantastic clay Tudor Roses which they will paint in the coming weeks. In maths, we have started our unit on number and place value and the children have been enthusiastic in their lessons. In English, we have been working on some basic skills inspired by the picture book 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed reading Friend or Foe which is part of their writing unit this term. We used 'show not tell' to describe David's and Tucky's emotion as they were about to evacuate London. We enjoyed a visit from Mark Williams who shared his life experiences and answered our questions. In PE, we started orienteering and have shown our knowledge of map symbols. In Maths, we have been working on place value and positive/ negative numbers. We also have continued learning our World War 2 and have started our coding topic! What a great week of learning Year 5!



Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have been very busy this week. They have been reading a historical narrative called 'Rose Blanche' by Ian McEwan, about a young girl living in Germany during the outbreak of the Second World War. Year 6 then used their amazing creative writing skills to describe scenes from the book, using powerful noun phrases and a range of sentence types. In maths, the children have been revising their understanding of place value and have worked exceptionally hard to represent larger numbers in different ways, using counters, place value charts and the part-whole model.



6LS thoroughly enjoyed 'diving in' to their first swimming lesson on Wednesday at Henbury Leisure Centre, while the rest of the year group visited the library with their newly-made bookmarks.

To round off the week, in science, the children learnt all about how the heart is a vital organ and how we need to look after it carefully. What a wonderful week year 6!

Year 6 Team