

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 11 Friday 25th November 2022



DIARY DATES

2022/23 Academic year

Term 2:

Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec '22

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

In school Tues 29 Nov

Christmas Performances

Reception - Weds 7 Dec 2pm &

Thurs 8 Dec 9:30am

Year 1 - Tues 6 Dec 2pm &

Weds 7 Dec 9:30am

Year 2 - Tues 6 Dec 9:30am &

Thurs 8 Dec 2pm

Year 3 Mon 12 Dec 1:45pm &

Tues 13 Dec 6pm

Christmas jumper day (Trust)

Fri 9 Dec

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

Early May Bank Holiday

Mon 1 May '23

King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Mon 8 May '23

Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23

INSET DAY Fri 23 June '23

Dear parents and carers,

A huge thank you to our PTA and their volunteers on the night for a fabulous first Christmas market. Thank you to everyone who donated toys and books and supported the event. PTA events always raise much needed funds for school and make a real difference to what we have been able to offer children, particularly with regards to technology and in the playground.



Curriculum evening – Thank you to everyone who attended our Yr1 and 2 curriculum evening. Feedback has been that it was really useful. Numbers of parents attending was low and we will move this meeting to earlier in the academic year in response to your feedback.

Huge thank you to generous parents who have donated for the children to use in school an electronic drum kit, stool, sticks and amplifier. Consequently we can now offer drum lessons in school. These lessons can be booked and paid for through Bristol Plays Music.

I have been sent number plates and photos of cars still parking on the double yellow lines on the bend and the zigzags. Please stop as you are endangering the safety of other drivers and pedestrians.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Humanist visitor

On Thursday, Matt Evans from Bristol Humanists came to speak to the Infant and Junior children during their assembly times. Matt has visited the Junior school several times before but this was his first session with Years 1 & 2. Linking to our theme 'Stories of Friendship', he explained some of the key beliefs that Humanists have and why it is important to be kind and look after others.



Thank You!

Thank you to Junior school parents for your support this week with sending your child to school with a packed lunch yesterday and today whilst the kitchen pipe works were repaired – it is much appreciated. All meals ordered on these days will be credited back to your Aspens account ASAP.



Music News



We had a fantastic assembly from the inspirational speaker, Carl Morgan in this week's singing assembly. Carl is a musician who has a sight disability. He was showing us how to guide a blind person, how he reads his post, how he navigates stairs and even how to pour a glass of water if you can't see! We really enjoyed his singing, guitar and piano playing.

Here are Carl's answers to your questions:

- * How do you learn a new song? *I sometimes learn songs by listening on YouTube, or I just listen to the track and pick the chords up from the music.*
- * Can you get music in Braille? *Yes, you can get music in Braille.*
- * How did you learn to play an instrument without being able to see? *I learned by the guitar teacher placing my hand on the chords and the relevant strings. Also, the music teacher sometimes described music in a recording.*
How do you read music? I read Braille music.
- * How old were you when you learnt to read Braille? *6 years old*
- * How do you know which dot means which in Braille? *I use my memory and I practiced.*

Instrumental lessons: from next term it will be possible to book drum kit lessons and also lessons on trombone here at Elmlea. To register for these contact Bristol Beacon by following this link: [Registration - Bristol Music Trust \(speedadmin.dk\)](http://Registration - Bristol Music Trust (speedadmin.dk))

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

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

The following teacher-led after school clubs will be running this term:

Mondays Yr 5 Netball: Miss Sheffield, Playground

Tuesdays Yr 3-6 Choir: Miss Sadler, Main Hall

Thursdays Yr 1 & 2 Choir: Miss Sadler, Infant School

Fridays Yrs 5 & 6 Football: Mr Salisbury & Mr Weller, Field



Please note that the above after school clubs are led by Elmlea teachers and we do not charge for them. They are subject to cancellations due to staff availability and also weather and pitch conditions, which can be particularly affected at this time of year. Please bear this in mind when booking your child on to one of these clubs. Shine or Elizabeth's After School Club are also available as paid clubs that are guaranteed to run, rain or shine!

Please note, the above clubs are the **only ones running this term**. With the exception of Junior and Infant Choir, which runs all year, places in all other clubs are allocated on a termly basis (ie/ 5 to 7 weeks maximum)

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.

French Club

A reminder that French Club is no longer running. Anna-Kate will shortly be contacting parents directly. Thanks

PTA Notes



We're down to the last few Frenchay Forestry **Christmas trees** and opening the sale up to the wider community so do pre-order yours [here](#) if you'd like one! Collection is 5-6.30pm, Wednesday 7th December from the Junior playground. Thank you for supporting the Trust in this way.

Christmas Cards will be delivered next week. Thank you to everyone who bought their children's designs, you've helped raise over £800 for the Trust!

It's nearly **Hamper** time! Your brilliant class links will be in touch soon about creating Christmas hampers and how to purchase raffle tickets to win your glorious creations. Last year this raised over £3,000; thank you in advance for your generosity.

Thank you to everyone who joined us last night both volunteering and shopping at our **Christmas Market!** We had a terrific evening; full report to follow next week!

'Black Friday'...make sure you support us via **Easyfundraising** before purchasing anything online! It won't cost you a penny! You can find our cause here.



Recruiting We will be advertising for specific roles in the Spring, both for the core committee and event leads. We know there's been some disappointment that we could not run a Christmas fair this year; big events need dedicated teams. Do have a ponder about how you might like to get involved; we're here to support any ideas you might have elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

Thanks, PTA team

COMMUNITY NEWS

Santas on the Run 2022



Santas on the Run is a 2k festive fun run where you can walk, jog or run the route, all whilst raising vital funds for Children's Hospice South West. We're very excited that this year Santas on the Run is being held on the grounds of our Charlton Farm Hospice in Wraxall, so it's going to be our most scenic Santas yet! The run starts at 11am, with an event village to enjoy from 10am before the run starts. Santas on the Run is for all ages, so why not sign up the whole family for a festive morning out?!

Adults (16+) are £12, children aged 3 – 15 are £9, and children two and under are free! [Sign up](#) today.

Festive fancy dress is highly encouraged, and there will be music on the morning to get you in the mood, along with entertainment on the route.

Click [here](#) for more information and a sponsorship [form](#).

Can't make it on the date? We're also running a remote Santas on the Run [Schools Challenge](#) that's free to enter.

Translation Function on Local Offer



The Bristol SEND team are pleased to let you know that they now have a translation function on the Local Offer page. There's a button in the footer of every page on the site, linking to this page [Translate the SEND Local Offer site \(bristol.gov.uk\)](#)

Year 3 This week, Year 3 have started rehearsals for their production of Scrooge. We are trying to squeeze in as much acting, singing and dancing as we can during the school day before we perform in less than 3 weeks... We have started to innovate our own stories about King Henry VIII coming to the present day and causing lots of trouble and will continue with them next week. The Year 3 teachers have been so impressed by the children's purple learning attitudes towards fractions: knowing your times tables makes this easier too! Next week in maths, we will be learning about different units of measure.



The children are enjoying their group reading sessions on Thursday mornings. Thank you to the parent helpers who are supporting this. If any other parents will be available in Term 3 for Thursdays 9-9.30am to read with a group of children, this would mean that more children could be involved in this each week. Please contact the office to arrange a DBS check.

For next week:

****Please learn all of your song words and character lines****

Look out on Seesaw for information about costumes. We will ask you to bring these into school on Weds 7th Dec.

Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 have had another exciting week in school. In English, we have started a new unit of work inspired by the heart-warming book, 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackesy, which the children have been really enjoying. In Maths, we have been learning more about multiplication and we have been impressed by the children's enthusiasm to complete Times Tables RockStars challenges at home - everyone is improving day by day, which is great! Pupils were intrigued by our topic lesson this week, as they discovered how maps have changed over time and made excellent comparisons with Tudor and modern-day maps. Children worked incredibly hard during their science lesson this week, improving their understanding about food chains. Well done, Year 4!



Reminder for next week:

Friday 2nd December - Religion & World Views visit to St Mary's Church

Year 4 Team

Year 5

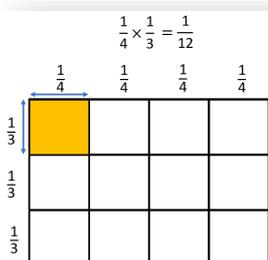
Year 5 have had a very enjoyable week, continuing to develop our tag rugby skills as well as planning aspects of artwork to be inspired by Henry Moore's moody inky style! We have explored different forms of statistics in Maths, from line graphs to timetables. Our scientific experiment this week involved combining vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to produce carbon dioxide - evidenced by an inflating balloon. Carbon dioxide is a very useful gas to collect as it is used in things like fizzy drinks. In History we have worked in groups to design strategic plans for a D-Day assault - it's just a shame General Eisenhower decided to stick with his plan!



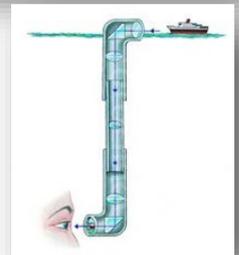
Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been practicing techniques such as cohesion, passive voice and semi-colons ready to write a non-chronological report about WW2. In maths, we have been multiplying fractions by fractions (resulting in smaller fractions) and dividing fractions by whole numbers. In science, we have written excellent scientific explanations all about how periscopes are used to reflect light so we can see round corners and have presented this learning as a scientific diagram. In History, we learnt about D-Day... General Eisenhower gave us the task of planning an operation to cross the



English Channel, invade Mainland Europe and push Nazi Germany back. We thought about where and how to attack, what supplies we would need and how to deceive the enemy. However, when we learnt about the real D-Day invasion, we quickly realised just how much incredible planning went into it and our plans were nowhere near detailed enough. Ask us about some of the surprising details.



Year 6 Team