

# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 7 Friday 4th November 2022



Elmlea  
Schools' Trust

## DIARY DATES

### 2022/23 Academic year

#### Term 2:

Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec '22

**KS2 Maths info. evening**

Thurs 17 Nov 6pm

**KS1 Curriculum evening**

Wed 23 Nov 6pm

**PTA Christmas Market**

Thurs 24 Nov 6-8pm

**Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

In school Tues 29 Nov

**Infant Christmas Performances**

Reception - Weds 7 Dec pm &

Thurs 8 Dec am

Year 1 - Tues 6 Dec pm &

Weds 7 Dec am

Year 2 - Tues 6 Dec am &

Thurs 8 Dec pm

#### 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,

I hope you were able to have an opportunity for a break from your usual routines over the half-term holiday. Your children have returned refreshed so thank you for whatever plans you had in place, it has made a difference.

#### **INSET day**

It is always useful for you to know how we use our INSET days in school. During our INSET day on Monday, our training for all Elmlea teaching and support staff was led by BCC educational psychologists. The focus was to further develop our understanding of the executive functions of the brain and how this impacts learning for children and how to adapt our planning to ensure all children can learn effectively. We all agreed it was incredibly important training, whilst also really practical.

#### **Safe parking**

A car parked on the zig-zags at the bottom of the Junior drive this week to drop off their child, which was incredibly dangerous as well as illegal. Please do not endanger anyone's lives in your rush to drop your child off at school. We would rather your child was a few minutes late into school to avoid an accident.

**Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher**

#### **Diwali**

This week, the children in both schools learnt in assembly about how Hindus around the world celebrate the festival of Diwali (also known as Deepawali). They learned that the festival takes place over 5 days, with a different focus on each day. The main celebrations take place on the third and fourth days -



Diwali and New Year. Diwali is also celebrated by the Sikh and Jain communities. We hope that everyone in the Elmlea community who celebrated over the half term had a lovely time with their families.

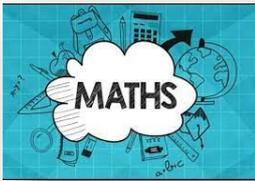
#### **Job Opportunities**

We have a vacancy for a 1:1 SEN Support LSA, full job description and details on how to apply can be found [here](#).

Also our cleaning company, Expedite, are looking for a Permanent Part Time School Cleaner in Elmlea Ave, Bristol BS9 3UU. £10.90 per hour (living wage) 12.5 Hours per week. Term Time only. 3-5.30 pm Mon to Fri. The successful candidate will be responsible for duties to include vacuuming, mopping, dusting emptying bins, cleaning surfaces and toilets. You will be hard working, reliable and have an eye for detail. An enhanced DBS is required although we can process this for you if necessary.



## KS2 maths information evening Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov



We are running a KS2 maths information evening from 6-7:30pm on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov in the Junior studio. If you are interested in finding out more about the maths we cover and the methods we teach, please come along. Please express your interest [here](#).

## Please keep off the field

We have come to that time of year when we need to ask parents and carers to avoid cutting across the school field at drop off and collection. The field is very muddy now and we don't want the mud inside classrooms especially as your children do sit on the floors.



Thanks, the site team



## Odd Socks Day 2022

On Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November we are inviting children to come to school wearing odd socks in order to symbolise that we are all different, but we are all equal. The theme for this year's Anti-bullying week is 'Reach Out'. During the week each class will be learning more about this during their PSHE lessons. We hope to see lots of children wearing odd socks and reaching out to others throughout the week and term. Please check out this section of the Anti Bullying Alliance [website](#) for more information for parents and carers.

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

The following teacher-led after school clubs will be running in Term 2 (please note they are now all full):

**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, 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.

Thanks, The School Office

## PTA Notes

### Christmas Cards

You will be receiving your child's excellent Christmassy card creation this week and sales are now live! We have tried to keep costs low this year and thank you for supporting the school in this way. Visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa) to buy yours! Sales end 11<sup>th</sup> November and it will not be possible to buy any after this date.



### Christmas Market

We're looking forward to welcoming you for a festive evening full of Christmas cheer, with a number of local artisans and businesses attending on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**, 6-8pm in the Infants' Hall. We have two stalls left – do get in touch if you'd like to secure one [elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com).

For anyone looking to clear some space pre-Christmas, we'll be accepting pre-loved toys and books (in good condition please!) 14<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November; look out for collection points near Junior and Infant entrances at drop off and pick up. More information can be found [here](#).

### Christmas Trees

It might feel a little early to be thinking about your luscious Christmas tree, but these are also for sale now! You'll find a range of sizes at [www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa). Pre-orders end 30<sup>th</sup> November, with trees ready for collection on 7<sup>th</sup> December. How to choose between the Nordman Fir and the Norwegian Spruce...?



### STEM Week 2023

This year our theme will be 'speed'! This will encompass many areas, including vehicles, speed in sport and comparing animals and how they move. We are looking for anybody who can support us with our learning or help us to make links with local companies or people who can give talks or run workshops. If you can help us, please contact the school office, Mrs Wilson, Mr Friesner or Miss Cooke.



### Children in Need bedtime story form Infant school - Weds 16 Nov 6pm



Infant children, your teachers would like to invite you to come to school to listen to a bedtime story in your own classroom on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm-6.30pm.

If you would like to come and listen to a story and have a drink and a biscuit, you will need to wear your pyjamas and a warm dressing gown. You may like to bring a teddy or a cuddly toy and also a pillow or small cushion if you want to.

Children will need to be dropped off and picked up at their usual classroom entry points. If your child will be attending the Shine afterschool snack and chill session then please notify them if your child is attending so you can attend for pick up at 6:30pm.

As the Friday of this week is Children in Need Day, if you would like to donate, a link will be available next week.

Best wishes, Mr D

### Henleaze lawn tennis Club Christmas Holiday Junior Tennis Camps (ages 4-13)

Henleaze lawn tennis Club' Christmas Junior Tennis Camps cater for children from 4-13years of age and are designed to be fun for all levels of juniors. At the start of each day players will be put into age and standard relevant groups to ensure that they get the maximum out of their experience and grow their love for the sport. All our tennis camps are run by our highly experienced and fully qualified coaching team providing the children with a fun, social and active environment. More information can be found [here](#).



HELEN O'GRADY  
DRAMA ACADEMY

### Helen O'Grady Drama in Bristol Development through Drama. Confidence Communication Creativity

We run two classes at Elmlea on a Wednesday evening Lower Primary from 5.15 – 6.15pm and Upper Primary from 6.15 – 7.15 pm. Full details can be found [here](#).

Email [bristol@helenogrady.co.uk](mailto:bristol@helenogrady.co.uk) or Call Sky Young 07821 855853



### French club

Would your child like to try our Fun French club on Wednesdays afterschool (from 9 November) learning the language through games, songs, stories and role-play? We have a few places left for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. Please email [admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com) if your child would be interested in trying this out.



À bientôt! Anna-Kate Fuller



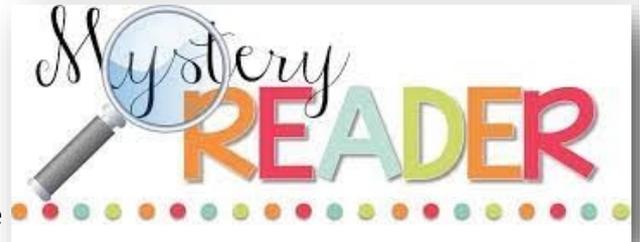
# Year Group News

## Reception

Reception have had a great first week back and have really enjoyed starting to get to know their new topic areas.

We are excited to announce that we will be starting to invite mystery readers into the reception classes this term! A mystery reader is a parent who will come in as a one off and read a story to the children in their child's class but it needs to be kept a secret until you arrive so that it is a mystery each week for the children!

Please see Tapestry for more information.



Many thanks, The Reception Team

## Year 1

Year 1 have been getting ready for bonfire night by learning about the Gunpowder Plot, writing firework acrostic poems and doing some beautiful firework art! In maths we have started learning about addition, can your child write the symbol?

Well done for a fantastic week 1!



Year 1 Team

## Year 2

We have had a great start to Term 2 in Year 2! Our exciting school trip to the Wild Place Project was a great success and the teachers would like to say well done to all of the children for representing Elmlea so brilliantly. Thank you also to our amazing parent helpers. We saw animals including bears, giraffes and meerkats—all of which came incredibly close to us! After our trip, we wrote recounts using our knowledge of past tense and today, we looked at our new Rainforest topic book: The Great Kapok Tree. This week, we have also been great mathematicians working on our reasoning skills when adding across 10 and finding one more and one less. Well done for a great first week back!



Year 2 Team

### Year 3

This week Year three have enjoyed starting the text 'King Henry VIII's Shoes' in English. We will be looking at the structure of diary writing in the next few weeks and using this book to inform our writing. In Maths we have been looking at multiplication and different strategies for tackling these questions. We have completed our auditions for our Christmas play so look out for more information about parts and scripts to be sent home soon. We have also enjoyed the start of our new Science topic about rocks and soil.

Reminder for next week:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November is our Tudor day so come to school prepared in your Tudor outfit. Finally, this term's Tudor enrichment tasks will be live on Seesaw as of this afternoon.

On Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov from 6-7:30pm on in the Junior studio we will be running a **KS2 maths information evening**. If you are interested in finding out more about the maths we cover and the methods we teach, please come along. Follow this [link](#) to express interest in attending.

**Year 3 Team**



### Year 4

On Tuesday, Year 4 had a fantastic start to Term 2 on our topic-linked trip to The Matthew. All children enjoyed a boat trip in the harbour and they were a real credit to the school. In maths, pupils have worked hard to extend their knowledge and understanding about rounding and negative numbers. In

English, we have started our biography unit of work and have been particularly inspired by Marcus Rashford.

Children now know about the importance of the NSPCC's 'Speak Up and Shout Out' campaign and about the Childline telephone number and website.



Reminder for next week:

Please remember Tudor Day is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - thank you, in advance, for providing a costume for your child to wear that day.

**Year 4 Team**

### Year 5



Year 5 have enjoyed a great start back at school this term. In literacy we have kicked off our new unit looking at scientific explanation texts, which allows the children to apply lots of accumulated science learning this year into some writing! Our science experiment this week involved exploring different methods of separating mixtures. We used sieves and filter paper to remove solids from sea water, and we hope to use evaporation and condensation to further separate the clean water from this solution. In maths, we have started exploring the world of fractions, and we have started to share our family stories that

we created as part of our history homework. Finally, the Year 5s are very lucky this year to be involved in the Linking Schools project, and we had the first introduction to our paired classes this week!

**Year 5 Team**

### Year 6

Year 6 have started the term with lots of new units of work. In English, we have begun looking at performance poetry and as part of this, we will be performing some Remembrance poems in assembly next week. In computing, we have learnt how HTML is used to build websites, while in history, we have enjoyed sharing our WWII family scrapbooks with our classmates which we have been researching and creating over several weeks.



**Year 6 Team**