

# Elmlea Schools' Trust

## Newsletter Issue 9

### Friday 11th November 2022



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Schools' Trust

## DIARY DATES

### 2022/23 Academic year

#### Term 2:

Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec '22

**Infant School Bedtime Story**

**(CIN) Weds 16 Nov 6pm**

**KS2 Maths info. evening**

Thurs 17 Nov 6pm

**Children in Need**

**Fri 18 Nov (see p2)**

**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

**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

#### Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23

**INSET DAY Fri 23 June '23**

Dear parents and carers,

This week our assembly theme has been peace linked to remembrance. We have held assemblies in both school and explained why people wear poppies at this time. In the Junior School today our remembrance assembly was led by our school house captains, with poems written and read by Yr6, which were very moving and thought provoking for all our children. The 2 minute silence was completed with a rendition of the Last Post.

#### **Anti-bullying week**

Next week is national anti-bullying week with a theme of reach out. The theme of Reach Out came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England and Wales. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. An excellent [resource](#) has been prepared for parents and carers around this theme.

#### **If you drive to school – please read this**

We have had so many complaints this week from neighbours and worried parents about cars parked on the school zigzags and double yellow lines and across driveways. Very worryingly, cars are parking on the double yellow lines on the bend between the The Dell and Elmlea Avenue. 5 years ago a child was involved in a serious accident at drop off time. We need you to be mindful of the risks to our children when driving and parking near school.

We have asked our local PCSO to visit us as soon as possible to see what is happening and advise us accordingly. We are also using valuable senior leadership time to go out at drop off and speak to parents. We would rather your child was late into school than you parked dangerously or thoughtlessly in your rush to get your child into school.

We really need everyone who drives to school to remember our school values of Kindness, Respect and Community and apply these when parking too!

**Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher**

#### **Guru Nanak**

On Tuesday this week, Sikhs around the world marked the birthday of the founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak.

Although Guru Nanak was born on 15<sup>th</sup> April, his birthday is marked in the autumn each year following the lunar calendar.

Did you know that there are four Sikh Gurdwaras in Bristol? Did you know that Guru Nanak lived in India at the same time as the Tudors ruled in England? He was born in 1469 and died in 1539, meaning he was 16 years old when Henry VII won the Battle of Bosworth.



## Children in Need - Be SPOTacular!

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> we are inviting children and adults across the Trust to wear their own clothes to school in return for a donation to Children in Need because we want to help all children in the UK have a bright future. They may choose to wear fancy dress, something yellow or dress in spots to match the national theme.

Please do NOT bring cash into school but make your donation [here](#).

Last year we raised a staggering £1,815 across the Trust!



The Infant school team are also running bedtime story sessions on Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, more information can be found below.

## 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 next week is Children in Need Day, you can make your donation [here](#).

## 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.

**Collection after clubs:** If you are collecting children from a Junior school sports club or from choir please can you line up behind the railings in front of the playground door. This will help the club leaders to dismiss the children safely. Thank you for your help with this matter.

### 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](#).

## Parent Information

### (Yr 1 & 2) KS1 curriculum evening Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

We would like to invite you to the KS1 curriculum evening from 6pm on Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov in the Infant hall. We will be going over the coverage in Y1 and Y2 and be explaining how Maths and English are taught across both year groups.

We will be also including ways to support your child at home. The PowerPoints will be available on the website in due course and we will include a link in a future Newsletter.

### Year 6 French Translation Bee 2022-23

This year Year 6 are taking part in a national competition for pupils to practise and improve their vocabulary in French. It is sponsored by the website Vocab Express. All year 6 pupils will be given an individual login to access their online learning platform so they can practise the vocabulary at home. There will be class competitions this term, followed by a regional competition and the national finals are in the summer term.



Good luck everyone! Bon chance!

### 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.

### Medical and dental appointments

We know that getting appointments at the doctor and dentist is tricky at the moment, however we would like to remind parents and cares that they should always try to make appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.

Where appointments during school time are unavoidable, the pupil should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment.

It is not acceptable for a child to miss a whole day's schooling for an appointment, unless absolutely necessary, in which case the school will need an explanation as to why this is.



## PTA Notes

### Christmas Market



We can't wait to welcome you for festive drinks and market browsing on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**, 6-8pm, Infants' Hall. We have a fantastic line up of local artisans and traders, including Max Minerva's Book Shop, Preserve, and Knots and Stalks and her wonderful macrame creations, amongst others. The perfect way to start Christmas shopping and catch up with friends, all while supporting the school. To help us be as green as possible, do bring your own cup if you can.

To make the market a success we need a number of **volunteers**. Please have a look [here](#) to sign up for a slot – why not grab a friend and do it together? We promise to leave you time for shopping!

The big **pre-loved toy and book drop** starts on Monday! There will be tables under the Infant canopy and by the Junior entrance. Please donate toys and books that are in a decent condition. Please make sure they are bagged or boxed so as not to invite too much attention from the kids! You can drop donations before and after school until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Christmas Cards

Order your cards by today! Anyone who's emailed in with corrections to cards will be processed. [www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa) NO cards can be purchased after today. You can also pre-order your Christmas trees via that link.



### Easyfundraising

If you haven't signed up to support the School in this way then now's the time! You can win bonus donations up to £50 for Elmlea Schools Trust PTA every day until 13th November in @easyuk's new Spin to Win giveaway. It's completely free to enter [here](#).



### Recruiting

We're looking for someone to join us in a Communications role. This would involve drafting and sending messages to class links, keeping our website up to date, leading on posters, and maintaining our presence on Facebook. We are all busy parents, doing what we can, and would welcome anyone who fancies joining us in this role. We promise it won't be too onerous! Do get in touch [elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com).



### Mojo Muddy Madness Fun Run - Sat 3rd December 2022

Grab those trainers and join us for some family-friendly, festive fun at the Mojo Muddy Madness run. Christmas themed fancy dress is optional, there will be prizes for the best costumes in each wave. Great fun for all the family ..... With a choice of our two courses, each has a few muddy surprises and obstacles along the way. AND this year, for each ticket sold we will donate £1.50 to your nominated school.

There will be two distances on the day:

- **5K course** (for adults and children 7 years+) which features mud pits, tunnels, ditches mud slides, leopard crawls, water pits, tyre obstacles and straw bale climbs.
- **2K course** (for adults and children 5 years +) which includes a short section through an optional shallow stream and some muddy ditches.

(All children under 13 years will need to be accompanied on the course by an adult with a maximum of 2 children per adult). There will be marshals along each course cheering and encouraging you on. Spectators are very welcome and there will be additional activities on site.

Once you've crawled, run and puffed your way over the finish line, you can have a go at two extra mojo activities.

Visit the Mojo [website](#) or more find more information [here](#).





# Year Group News

## Reception

We need your help...

Every morning our team set-up our EYFS playground with lots of resources for the children to use during their outside playtime. We normally do this once the children are in school however this does impact on the provision offered. Therefore, we are going to start setting up the playground before school starts. This does mean that there will be resources out when you and your child arrive and we need your help in order to keep the equipment ready for use.

-Please do not allow your child to play with the equipment/move the toys around the playground whilst waiting in the playground.

-Please encourage your child to wait next to you rather than running around the playground as this will also stop falls and bumps before school starts.

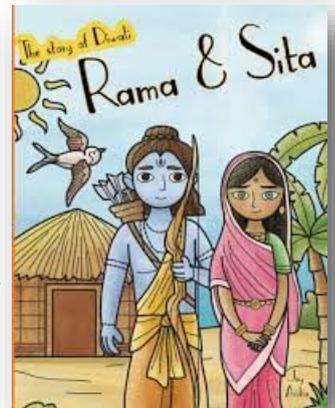
We will be talking to the children about not using the equipment before school starts as a rule of school. Thank you for your support with this.

**Many thanks, The Reception Team**

## Year 1

What a week!

We had a wonderful time dancing in our special Divali workshop, learning lots of Bhangra style dance moves along with the story of Rama and Sita. So much fun! We have also started our new topic: Night and Day. We have been learning all about different animals and that some are nocturnal. Ask your child if they can remember the word we use to describe animals that prefer to be active during the day. We learnt and wrote about some fantastic owl facts, so perhaps they could share some of those as well. In maths we have been working on addition, focusing on using the equals sign and writing number sentences.



**Year 1 Team**

## Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been reading and listening to lots of poems and have tried writing their own rhyming poems. Our poems had a rainforest theme and all of the children tried really hard and came up with fantastic rhyming words. In maths lessons, we have been adding numbers to bridge 10s using tens frames, partitioning and number lines to help us. In geography we labelled world maps



with the different tropics and looked at where all of the rainforests are in the world. We were very excited to start practising our Christmas production this week and have started learning all of the songs! Well done Year 2.

**Year 2 Team**

### Year 3

It has been a very exciting week this week in Year Three. We started the week with our amazing Tudor day! We learnt about medicine and entertainment in the Tudor times and also designed our own Tudor houses. We have also been busy with our science learning this week. After learning the three different types of rocks, we investigated the hardness and permeability of different rocks using various equipment. In Maths, we have continued looking at division and the different methods that we can use to help find an answer. These children have really persevered with this and are feeling much more confident! Next week, we will be learning about fractions.

Next week:

Monday - Odd Socks Day ; Bring in a Box for DT (larger than a shoe box if possible)

Friday - Dress up for Children in Need

Keep practising your song words at home! Song words and music on Seesaw.

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

Year 4 have had a very exciting week, the highlight being Tudor Day on Tuesday when children created posters about Tudor entertainment, made Tudor concoctions to remedy smallpox symptoms and designed Tudor buildings collaboratively. Thank you to parents and carers for providing the brilliant costumes which made the day even more special. In maths, we have learnt more about measure and have improved our understanding about length. Linked to our topic, children have written sections about the lives of one of King Henry VIII's wives in our biography unit of work.



This week's reminders:-

Odd Socks' Day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November - children wear their school uniform and any odd socks.

Children in Need on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November - please refer to the details on page 2 of this newsletter.

**Year 4 Team**

### Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed applying their scientific knowledge to their writing in English through writing explanations titled, 'What are the three states of matter?'. In maths, they have been exploring improper fractions and mixed numbers and have learnt to convert between them. Year 5 have also been enjoying tag rugby in our PE lessons and in Religion and World Views we have been learning about the Islamic practice of Ramadan. In history, we have explored the role of women during World War 2 and in art we have been studying how Henry Moore uses line in his work.



**Year 5 Team**

**Year 6** We have been curious learners in science: exploring the way light behaves. We proved it travels in straight lines and is faster than sound (300,000,000 m/s) which is why you see fireworks explode before you hear the bang. In History we dramatized the changing role of women before, during and after WW2 (check out seesaw) and in art we have been free to explore mark making using sketch pencils and ink. We have further developed our HTML understanding by manipulating tags to change the style and content of a website. In maths, we have begun our unit on fractions and in English we have been busy writing and practicing our remembrance poems ready to perform in Friday's service. Congratulations to the newly appointed Language Ambassadors: Evelyn, Emily Alice and Izzy. Madame Turvey is looking forward to working with you as you represent our school at various competitions and events.

**Year 6 Team**