

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 12 Friday 2nd December 2022



DIARY DATES

2022/23 Academic year

Term 2:

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

Christmas Lunches

Yr 5&6 - Tues 13 Dec

Rec, Yr 1, 2 3 & 5 - Weds 14 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,

The sound of singing across the schools, as 12 classes prepare their Christmas performances, has been a constant theme throughout the week. The children are so looking forward to presenting their shows to you and thank you for your support with costumes and practising lines. We look forward to welcoming you in to the Junior School for all performances. Please check you have signed up to attend.

School uniform

Before you buy any new uniform, please check our second hand uniform shed on the yr3 patios. We have also had a huge volume of unnamed lost property this term. Please name all uniform with your child's name so we can return it to you. Please also change any names of second hand uniform to your child's own name, otherwise we can't return it to them.

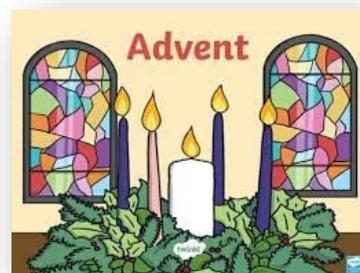
Choirs perform

Our boy's choir and chamber choir will be performing at 12.30pm this Sunday at Treefest, which is held at St Mary's Redcliffe Church. Everyone is welcome to drop in and the range of decorated trees are always a treat to look at.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Advent assembly

James Watson and Matthew Caple from Westbury Baptist church visited the children in their assemblies yesterday to talk about Advent and why it is important to Christians. Matthew was dressed as a star and was very impressed with the children's scientific knowledge about stars!



Appropriate clothing for the colder weather

A reminder that we are outside as much as possible, so please make sure your child has adequate and appropriate clothing for outdoors. If sending in hats, scarves and gloves please make sure they are named so we can easily return them to their owners.

Thanks.





Flu vaccination catch-up clinics

Flu vaccination catch-up clinics are available for any children who did not receive their vaccination at school this week. Please book a nasal or injectable flu appointment [here](#). If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or send an email to sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

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

The following teacher-led after school clubs are running next week:

Mondays Yr 5 Netball: Miss Sheffield, Playground (*final week*)

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 (*final week*)

* *Final week for Netball & Football, not running the last week of term*

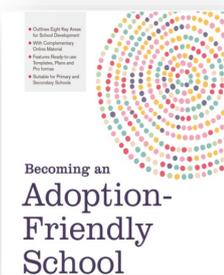


Elmlea teacher-led club in Term 3 The deadline to express interest for your child to join Year 4 Netball on Mondays is Sunday 4th December. Confirmation of a place will be emailed next week.

Please note there are no other sports clubs running in Term 3.

These 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 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.

Elmlea Schools Trust is an adoption friendly trust



Elmlea Schools Trust is an adoption friendly trust, taking a trauma-informed approach to working with children in care and those who have been adopted. Part of this journey involves ensuring that our wider community understand some of the needs and challenges that often go hand-in-hand with children who are adopted. Throughout the year you will see this new item in the newsletter with information taken from the book 'Becoming an Adoption Friendly School' by Dr Emma Gore Langton and Katherine Boy, as well as links to useful sites. Why do we need to have a focus on children who have been in care and/or adopted? This group of children are a vulnerable group in society and very few are voluntarily relinquished by their families or are orphaned as, more often than not, they have needed to be taken into care at the decision of a court because of their poor early experiences. As many as 75% have been exposed to drugs and/or alcohol and 74% experience trauma, neglect and abuse with their birth families - some of their experiences are extreme. These children learn that adults are unsafe, unpredictable and cannot be trusted to meet their basic needs. These experiences can shape a child's development and associated difficulties can persist even after they have been placed with a loving 'forever family'.

Here is a [link](#) to support understanding ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) which many children in care and/or adopted will have experienced. It is a free online short course and is very user friendly

Lacey Flook, Elmlea Trust Inclusion Lead

Parenting support courses, advice and telephone support for parents of children aged 3 to 17 years old.



Please click [here](#) for a range of Bristol based Parenting On-line and Face to Face City-wide Courses and other helpful resources. Courses are run by Families in Focus Parenting Team Specialists.



Home-Start Bristol is recruiting volunteers - can you help?

In our last training course 1/3 of new volunteers found out about us through their child's school newsletter or parentmail.

We are a local charity that offers a lifeline to families in need. Our volunteers are trained and supervised, and for many it can be a step into a new career. More information can be found [here](#). Thank you for your time and support!



PTA Notes



Last few Frenchay Forestry **Christmas trees** for pre-order [here](#)! Collection is 5pm-6.30pm, Wednesday 7th December from the Junior playground. Thank you for supporting the Trust in this way.

Christmas cards are arriving imminently and will be coming home soon. You've helped raise over £800 for the Trust! Thank you to Cheryl for organising the cards, it's much appreciated.

Your brilliant class reps will have been in touch about creating two **Christmas hampers** for your class. These will be brimful with Christmas goodies. This year there will be two family hampers, one alcoholic, one non-alcoholic. Please note we cannot guarantee products will be nut free. To be in with a chance of winning, purchase your raffle ticket [here](#)! Tickets are £2.50 each, or 5 for £10. Last year this raised over £3,000; thank you in advance for your generosity and good luck!

We can now announce that our inaugural **Elmlea Christmas Market** raised just over £700 for the Trust. We were thrilled to have a number of local independent traders and grateful to you for your donations of preloved items, as well as for purchasing goods both at the market and the extra sale the following day. Thank you too to our wonderful volunteers – we couldn't have done it without you. We're pleased to say that from the unsold donated items [Aid box](#) (an organisation supporting Refugees and People Seeking Asylum in Bristol) took small toys and books to put into rucksacks for children arriving here from abroad with very little; Horfield Primary School took some little toys for their Christmas fair; the Trust took some games for wet play; and the rest went to [St Peter's Hospice](#) in Henleaze. It was lovely to be able to support these causes in this way, thank you to Joy for organising this.



Tiri from Preserve



Sam from Max Minerva's bookshop



An amazing array of pre-loved toys and books!



Aggy from Knots and Stalks macrame



Lucy from Trymwood Studios

Shopping online? Gifts / travel / insurance / pretty much anything... **easyfundraising** partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to Elmlea. It won't cost you anything extra. The cost is covered by the brand. It's easy to sign up! You can find our cause [here](#).



Finally, we look forward to seeing Reception-Year 3 parents over the next two weeks for their kids' **Christmas performances**. We'll be selling hot drinks and mince pies to warm you up while you wait! Do bring your thermos and help us reduce our waste.

Thanks – PTA team: Jen, Tina, Lucy, Joy and Tripta



Year Group News

Infant School Class Christmas Parties - Thursday 15th December



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having a **Christmas Party** in their classrooms during the afternoon on Thurs 15 Dec with music, dancing and fun! Please send your child to school in their party clothes and with a small party snack (this **does not** replace lunch) in a named container. **No nuts please and please also note that cannot accept ANY forgotten party food after drop off.**

Reception

Reception have been busy practising for their Christmas Nativity Play this week. Thank you for your help with the costumes, the children looked amazing in our dress rehearsal today!

Reminder: We are outside as much as possible so please make sure your child has adequate clothing for outdoors, if sending in hats, scarves, gloves please make sure they are named so we can easily return them to their owner.



Many thanks, The Reception Team

Year 1

We are so proud of how hard the children have worked on their Christmas performance these past few weeks. They did amazingly well in their dress rehearsal today and enjoyed performing to Year 3. We are looking forward to our performances next week! This week we have looked at the book 'The Fox and the Star.' We discussed the main characters feelings and also thought of some brilliant adjectives to describe the setting.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week we have been busy having lots of fun rehearsing our Christmas play, we can't wait to show you! Thank you for bringing in costumes and practising lines, songs and dances at home, we really appreciate it. Between rehearsals we have learnt to subtract a 2-digit number from a 2-digit number, how to write a formal letter and we painted and sketched some beautiful winter trees in art. See if your child can show you the strategy we have been using for subtraction! In science we have continued to learn about life cycles and in Jigsaw we have been celebrating differences and discussing stereotypes.



Year 2 Team

