

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 15 Friday 6th January 2023



DIARY DATES

2022/23 Academic year

Term 3:

Tues 3 Jan - Fri 10 Feb '23

INSET DAY Tues 3 Jan '23

Yr 6 SATS & Camp Info Evening

17 Jan '23 6-7pm

Term 4:

Mon 20 Feb - Fri 31 March '23

INSET DAY Mon 20 March '23

Year 4 Production

Tues 27 March - Matinee

Weds 28 March - Evening show

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,

Happy New Year 2023 everyone. Welcome back to the start of a new year, I hope you were able to enjoy special time together as a family and catch up with extended family and friends. For many of you it was the first Christmas for several years when you could gather together with older relatives too.

The children have definitely returned refreshed and ready for all the new year ahead holds for them. They have especially enjoyed finding out about their new topic for the term too, I really hope they are able to tell you what it is!

Very sadly there have been several bereavements for families within our school community over the holiday period and we send our condolences to those families affected. We have been supporting the children who have experienced this loss and thank you to our staff teams who always show such care and compassion for the children at Elmlea.

If there has been any significant trauma such as a bereavement or separation please always let us know so we can support your child. We are always led by the children and allow the children to express and share whatever they want to, in their own way, if or when they want to.

Parking

Hooray, I know we have only been back 3 days with the children but so far I haven't received any complaints. Thank you for being thoughtful in your parking. Perhaps many of you have a new year resolution to be more organised in the mornings, so you have enough time to park with consideration for safety and our neighbours!

**Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher**

Job Opportunity - Governance Professional

An exciting opportunity has come up to join Elmlea Schools' Trust as a Governance Professional. This is a flexible role and whilst the meeting dates are set in the calendar, the wrap around admin support can be done at times to suit the successful candidate. Meetings are normally held during the evenings.

The hours will be 324 hours per year to be worked flexibly to fit in with the cycle of Trust business during the year. Full job details can be found [here](#).



Book Week 2023!

It is nearly our favourite time of the year, Book Week! The theme this year is 'Stories from around the World'. We are looking for any writers, illustrators or anyone who has a favourite story (traditional tale or a book set/ about somewhere else in the world) and would be happy to share it in a school assembly. We are also interested in anyone able to run any workshops/ talks during the week.



Please email adele.paisey-bruce@elmleaschoolstrust.com (for KS2)
or abie.neal@elmleaschoolstrust.com (for KS1)

If you are able to contribute. We would be most grateful!

Music News

Next week is the Year 4 trip to Young Voices in Birmingham. I'm really excited, I hope you are too and that you're all practising the songs and actions!

A letter has been sent out to all parents/carers to remind you of the details of Tuesday's big event.

On Wednesday our brass teacher, Georgia Evans will be demonstrating the trombone to the pupils. If your child is interested in learning to play the trombone or another instrument you can book lessons by following this [link](#).

All of year 3 are lucky enough to have ten lessons on the ukulele starting next Wednesday afternoon. We are welcoming in a specialist teacher from Bristol Beacon for these and a whole class set of ukuleles will be arriving later this week. If your child has a ukulele they are welcome to bring it in for these sessions, but this is not essential and they don't need to have one of their own. All music clubs and instrumental lessons will start again next week; Mr McCleod will be leading both Junior Choir club on Tuesday and the School orchestra on Wednesday morning.

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music



Celebrating Epiphany

On Thursday we welcomed Anni Davy to lead our Infant and Junior assemblies. Anni has previously worked with St Mary's Stoke Bishop and is currently an Elmlea grandparent. Anni spoke about the arrival of the wise men after the birth of Jesus - known as Epiphany. This date is celebrated by Christians on 6th January each year.

Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Sports & Music Clubs in Term 3

This term we have the following clubs running:

- **Yr 4 Netball** - Mondays (starts Mon 9th Jan)
- **Yr 3-6 Junior Choir** - Tuesdays (restarts Tues 10th Jan) *1st session with Mr MacLeod*
- **Yr 1&2 Infants Choir** - Thursdays (restarts Thursday 12th Jan)

Please note, there are no other teacher-led 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.

Should I keep my child off school? Guidelines for parents



Should I keep my child off school?

As you are probably aware, there are a number of infections circulating in the community at the moment including scarlet fever and other Group A Strep (GAS) infections, flu and chicken pox.

This [flyer](#) has been developed to provide you with information about whether or not to keep your child off school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

School Health Nurse Webinar Flyer

Please find [here](#) a School Health Nurse Webinar Flyer detailing The Free webinars available for parents and carers.

These are practical and informative online sessions from an expert team of local School Health Nurses. Webinars last between 30 and 45 minutes, with the opportunity to ask questions throughout. They're suitable for parents and carers of children and young people of all ages.



Support in Bristol schools for children with SEND from Black and Minoritised Communities



Bristol City Council are writing guidance for schools to help them think about the things they need to consider when supporting special educational needs and disability (SEND) in children and young people from Black and Minoritised Communities.

This work is important as we know that there are significant national differences in how children from black and minoritised communities are identified as having SEND. Research from the University of Oxford in 2018 and feedback from parent carers has confirmed this is also the case in Bristol.



We want to make sure that the guidance we give schools is based on the views and experiences of our local families. To do this, we would like to hear from as many parents as possible about their experiences. To take part, please complete the questions via this [link](#) and submit your answers by Tuesday 31st January 2023. If you would like to complete this form and would like it translated into another language please email gabrielle.stacey@bristol.gov.uk.

Any information that you share will be completely confidential and no names will be shared with anyone in the council or with schools. Thank you.





Year Group News

Reception

Our Topic this term is all about **People who help us**. Do you work in a profession that you could come and talk to the children about linked to our topic? If you do then please get in touch with Miss Neal: abie.neal@elmleaschoolstrust.com



Many thanks, The Reception Team

Reception measurement programme and vision screening Earlier today (Friday 6th Jan) we emailed you Opt-out letters from Sirona (the School Nursing team) for the Reception [measurement programme](#) and [vision screening](#) which will be taking place at school in the near future. If you are happy for your child to be screened you do not need to do anything. If you do not want your child's vision to be screened or their height and weight to be measured, or your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight, please let us know by completing the attached opt out form and returning it to the school office. Please come to the school office if you would like a paper copy of the opt out letters. **We will send you another email once we have a date for the measurement programme and vision screening.**

Year 1

Welcome to Term 3! This week the children have 'dived in' to their new topic of Aquatic Adventures. This week we learnt about some of the problems in our seas. We read a story about a beach clean up and learnt about Greta Thurnburg! They have been thinking about ways they can help stop plastic getting in to our oceans.

In maths we have reminded ourselves about addition and thought about crossing the 10 by finding the number bond to 10!

We also learnt about wood, metal and plastic in science. Can they spot these materials in your house?

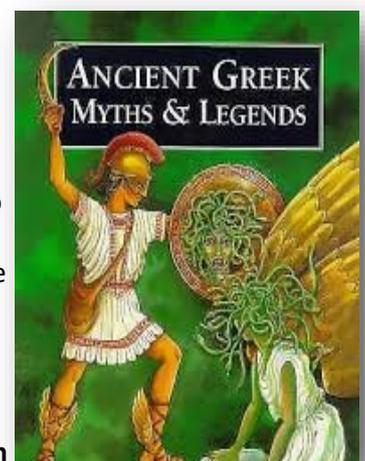
Reminder: 1F PE day will be on Tuesdays going forward.



Year 1 Team

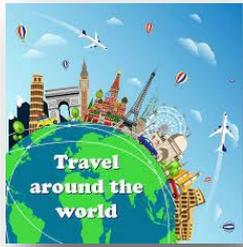
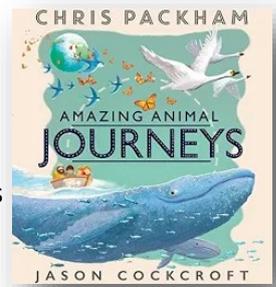
Year 2

Welcome back and well done for a great start to Term 3 and our new topic, Ancient Greek Myths and Legends! Our first week back began with a visit from the Explorer Dome where we learnt about the stars and constellations and the stories they inspired. In the night sky, we spotted Orion, his dog Sirius and the scorpion which Artemis and Leto sent to sting him. The children were fantastic at noticing pictures in the stars and asked some really inquisitive questions. Following our visit, we used chalks to create some beautiful planet artwork and we also designed our own mythical creatures. In science, we compared different materials including metal, wood, shells and playdough. To continue our exciting start to the year, next week is STEM week and we have workshops, visitors and more to look forward to!



Year 2 Team

Year 3 Happy New Year! We have had a lovely first few days back. It has been nice to hear all about your holiday highlights! We started our week off with our new Topic launch. Over the next two terms, we will be learning all about different regions of the world! We created our own passport for our 'travels', recapped the 7 continents and 5 oceans and used atlases to locate some of the key cities in the UK. In English, we have started a new

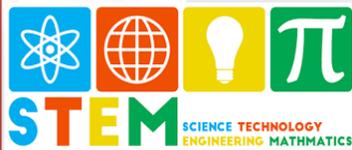


text that we will be using to create our own non-chronological reports over the next few weeks and have been revisiting time in maths, encouragement at home to help tell the time would be great! Next week, we look forward to our trust wide STEM week!

Reminder: For part of our STEM week, we will be making our own marble runs. For this, please can you collect a cardboard box or two from your recycling and ensure your child brings them into school for **Thursday 12th January**. Thank you.

Year 3 Team

Year 4 We have had a brilliant launch to our new topic 'Around the World' this week. We have looked carefully at the world map and have identified the continents and oceans and have thought carefully about the position of the equator and how that relates to the Northern and Southern hemispheres. We are now starting our journey around the world and have investigated the United Kingdom. In maths, the children have completed some excellent work on statistics and have successfully interpreted pictograms, bar charts and line graphs. We have started our new unit of work inspired by the book 'The Boy Who Biked the World' by Alistair Humphreys and pupils will be working towards a newspaper article about the character's travels.



Reminders

STEM Week - Monday 9th January - Friday 13th January.

Young Voices - Tuesday 10th January 2023 - please refer to the information provided by the school office.

Year 4 Team

Year 5 It's been a 'short' week but a very enjoyable one for Year 5, who have returned full of enthusiasm after the festive break. Launching our new topic, Human Planet, has seen the children making their own model planets using papier-mâché and then adding a coat of paint. We also explored the difference between physical geography and human geography. This term the children will be attempting to make digital art using the app Sketches School, something the classes were introduced to this week. In the meantime we have made a start exploring the genre of science fiction in English and have explored using descriptive phrases in our setting descriptions this week. Well done everyone!



Year 5 Team



Year 5 and 6 Author Visit

Year 5 and 6 are lucky to be welcoming Eve Wersocki Morris into school on Thursday 19th January. Eve is the author of The Wildstorm Curse which is a bewitching and spooky story about unlikely heroes and the power of storytelling, for readers ages 9-11.

If you would like to purchase a book to be signed by Eve, please use the [link](#) below (it has a discount offer live at the moment). Thanks!

Year 6 The year six children have had a brilliant start to the new year and have shared some inspiring new year resolutions. In PSHE, we reminded ourselves about what it was like to be a 'purple learner' and have come back into school with a fantastically positive attitude to learning.



There has been a great deal of enthusiasm generated around our new English writing unit 'A Transmission of Hope', where the children had a chance to send one message back to Earth after becoming stranded on Mars. In science, the children have been working hard to classify animals into logical groups. A wonderful start to 2023 year 6!

Year 6 Team