

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 33 Friday 9th June 2023



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2022/2023 Academic year

Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23

INSET DAY Fri 23 June

PTA Discos:

Juniors' discos 16th June

Infants' discos 30th June

Sports Days (Corrected dates!)

Mon 3 July Years 3&4

Tues 4 July Years 5&6

Weds 5 July Infant School

Yr 5 Performances:

Mon 10 July 2pm

Tues 11 July 6pm

Yr 6 Performances:

Mon 17 July 2pm

Tues 18 July 6pm

*Doors will open 1:45pm/5:45pm
for a prompt start at 2pm/6pm*

2023/24 Academic year

Term 1:

Fri 1 Sept - Fri 20 Oct'23

INSET DAYS Fri 1 & Mon 4 Sept

First day of Term Tues 5 Sept

See [website](#) for full 2023/2024
Academic year dates

Dear parent and carers,

I hope you were able to enjoy the half-term break and enjoy time together as a family. The weather was also a real bonus and many of the children have talked about the outdoor activities they have enjoyed.

Yr 6 Camp

Yr6 have travelled to Dorset on Wednesday for their residential trip and have sent back reports of the fun they are having. We are very grateful to the staff team who have travelled with them to give them this opportunity, the memories of which will stay with them for a lifetime.

Changes to our transition arrangements

As a Trust we regularly review our transition arrangements between all year groups and have been aware that the transition between Yr2 and yr3 is the biggest jump the children make. We also listen to parent and staff feedback about transition and a recurring theme has been that if the children could stay in the same class grouping from Yr2 to Yr 3 this would reduce the impact of the move too. Consequently, we have made the decision to restructure classes from Year 1 to Year 2 starting from this year and ongoing.

Our current Yr2 children will still be changing class groupings, as this has been planned but from September 2023 Yr2 won't be changing classes when they move into Yr3.

We believe this is a really positive step forward for supporting our children to move to the Junior School and aid the transition process.

New classes

All parents and children will be informed on Monday about their child's new class teacher. Year groups have then planned shared activities when children will spend time in their new groupings to get to know each other and start to make new friends .

On Thursday the children will have their first of two shuffle up sessions when they will meet and spend time with their new teachers as well as spend time in their new classroom.

Further activities will be planned and we know from experience the children are ready for their new September class by the end of term.

At Elmlea we are used to the process of changing class groupings to ensure the move for your child will be positive. A lot of time and thought has gone into the decisions as to which class your child should go into with many factors, including friendships, gender balance, needs of the child etc considered for 90 children. Please note the classes have been set and your child cannot change classes.

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Staffing Update

We are sadly saying goodbye to 3 teachers at the end of this academic year.

Miss Paisey – Bruce has only been with us for 3 years since starting her teaching career but is leaving to go and teach in South Korea! This is a very exciting opportunity and we are delighted for her and can't wait to hear about school life in Korea – Miss Paisey – Bruce has been instrumental in running our link schools project as well as leading on reading in the Junior School ensuring we're all enthused about reading. We wish Miss Paisey-Bruce every success in your new post and thank her for all she has given to Elmlea - 잘보세요

Miss Crook has joined us as a newly qualified teacher and has worked in the infant school for 8 years. Miss Crook will be leaving us for new adventures with her puppy and planning travelling abroad. Miss Crook has not only taught in Yrs 1 and 2 but has also been a really effective maths subject leader in the infant school which has contributed to ensuring our Maths curriculum offer remains outstanding. We wish Miss Crook happy travels and thank her for all she has given to Elmlea.

Mrs Bareau has been with us for 21 years (with 2 years in the middle teaching in Brazil!), and also joined us at the start of her career. Mrs Bareau is leaving us for a career change still with a link to education as she will be working for Jigsaw Education as they develop their RE curriculum provision. Mrs Bareau has given so much to Elmlea which we are very grateful for especially in her role as religion and world views (RWV) leader. Under Mrs Bareau's leadership our RWV has developed to become an outstanding curriculum offer enriched by our visits to places of worship, speakers in assemblies from many different faiths and beliefs, has been developed under Mrs Bareau's leadership and we are very grateful. We know that Jigsaw are very lucky to have her and we wish her all the very best in her new role.

Miss Long – Lovely news as Miss Long is expecting a baby in September. We are delighted for Miss Long and her family and will keep you all posted.

We have newly appointed Mr Wilkinson who is an experienced teacher moving from London with his young family and will be joining the Junior School.

Teaching structure for classes for September 2023

Year Group	Class teacher	Classteacher	Classteacher
Reception	Miss Neal - Willow Class	Miss Stephens - Oak Class	Miss Carver - Maple Class
Year 1	Miss Mckenzie 1M	Mr Friesner 1F	Mrs Windaybank/Mrs Andrews 1AW
Year 2	Mr Weller 2W	Miss Riley 2R	Miss Emery-Symmonds/Mrs Cosgrove 2SC
Year 3	Mr Valle 3V	Miss Wilson 3H	Mrs Wilson/Mrs Cosgrove 3CW
Year 4	Miss Brooks 4B	Miss Moore 4M	Mrs Bjelica/ recruitment underway 4BL
Year 5	Mr Salisbury 5S	Miss O'Toole 5OT	Miss Cooke/Mrs Smith 5CS
Year 6	Miss Leach 6L	Mr Wilkinson 6W	Miss Sheffield/ Mrs Sloper 6LS

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher



Project Zulu

If you would love to visit one of their events / donate to this amazing cause see the links below. They will also be selling their album at the end of the 2023 tour on their website. I have seen the positive impact this tour makes from new clubs set up with sport resources and classroom built during my visit.

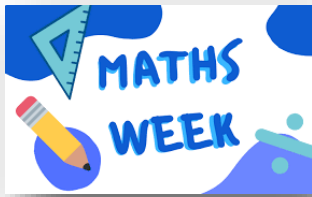


To donate please click [here](#) and select Project Zulu from the options

More information about events can be found [here](#).

Elmlea Maths Week

On w/c 19 June we have our Elmlea Maths Week where we celebrate all things maths across the trust. We will be having a whole day dedicated to maths on the Monday. As part of the week we are looking for any parents who have experience or use mathematics in their jobs to come and do a short talk or workshop with our children. This could be to single classes or whole year groups.



Please contact Miss Crook (Inf) millie.crook@elmleaschoolstrust.com or Mr Weller (Jrs) tom.weller@elmleaschoolstrust.com

PTA Notes

It's nearly **Disco Time!** Get your tickets [here](#)! Please note this is not a drop-off – come and enjoy the bar with a friend! If you can't attend with your child they may attend with another adult who will be responsible for them (max three children per adult for Infant children, six children per adult for Juniors). As always, we can only run these events with your help. Please sign up [here](#). Children should please bring a water bottle.

Friday 16 th June Junior Hall	
Year 3	16.30-17.15
Year 4	17.30-18.15
Years 5&6	18.30-19.15
Friday 30 th June Infant Hall	
Reception	16.30-17.15
Year 1	17.30-18.15
Year 2	18.30-19.15



Cooling **Friday ice creams** available from the Lodge (by the Year 3 classrooms) every Friday. Cash and card accepted. Do please volunteer if you can spare time to set-up / sell.

The **Second-hand uniform** shed has moved! It is now opposite the Year 5 classrooms. We have a surfeit of grey items so for now we're asking that you only donate logo uniform please; any non-logo/grey items please consider charity shops/ clothes banks/Aid Box. You can purchase second-hand uniform for bargain prices using the QR code in the shed

We were paid £75 last week by [easyfundraising](#) – money raised simply by signing up to support Elmlea when you shop online. If you activate a 'donation reminder' you won't miss an opportunity to support the Trust in this way. Every penny counts!

Happy half term!

Jen, Tina, Lucy, Joy, Tripta, Debbie, Verity elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com





Music News

We are delighted to announce that we have now found a singing teacher who will also be leading the chamber choir from next week. Our instrumentalists are working hard towards the summer concert on Wednesday 5th July, 6.30pm. This concert is for both of our orchestras and the guitar groups. A letter will be sent home soon with further details. We are really looking forward to our two trips: the orchestra workshop on Tuesday 20th June and the KS2 Summer Sing on Tuesday 27th June. The children of Junior Choir were sounding fantastic in rehearsal yesterday!

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

Henleaze Tennis Club Summer Holiday and Term 1 (Sept 2023) Tennis Clubs

Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club's Junior Tennis Club and holiday camps cater for children from 4-13 years of age and are designed to be fun for all levels of juniors. They are run by our highly experienced and fully qualified coaching team providing the children with a fun, social and active environment.



More information about holiday camps can be found [here](#) and Term 1 after school tennis club information can be found [here](#).

Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Clubs in term 6



Clubs running this term: Tuesdays - **Junior Choir** and Thursdays - **Infant Choir**

Children are expected to attend every week, so 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.

Inclusion Information and Support

Do you know about SEND and You?

SEND and You was originally set up as a charity in Avon in 1989 by local parents and professionals. Their website has lots of useful information so do have a look at what they can support with! [Home - SEND and You](#)

 <p>Join Bristol Educational Psychology Service for a session on -</p> <p>Attunement: Building Connections with your Child</p> <p>Wednesday 7th June 2023 4pm - 5pm</p> <p>An online Event</p>	 <p>Join Bristol Educational Psychology Service for a session on -</p> <p>The Teenage Brain</p> <p>Friday 16th June 2023 12.30 - 1.30 pm</p> <p>@ Royal Oak House, Queens Square (BS1 4GB)</p> 
 <p>Join Bristol Educational Psychology Service for a session on -</p> <p>How to support your child with their Maths and Literacy at home</p> <p>Monday 3rd July 2023 12.30 - 1.30 pm</p> <p>@ KPMG, Queens Square (BS1 4BE)</p>	 <p>Join Bristol Educational Psychology Service for a session on -</p> <p>Emotion Coaching</p> <p>Wednesday 12th July 2023 1pm - 2pm</p> <p>@ Royal Oak House, Queens Square (BS1 4GB)</p>



Year Group News

Reception

This term has a focus on transition for Reception. We are starting to talk to the children about moving to Year 1, the fun that it brings and the new experiences and feelings they might start to feel.

We will be posting our transition activities to Tapestry so keep a look out so that you can continue the positive discussions at home.

The Reception Team



Year 1

Year One have had a fantastic week. We have had so much fun learning about Victorians, and especially about Victorian schools. It's amazing how fascinated the children have been in how things have changed since then, but also that some things have stayed the same. We played some familiar games that Victorian children would have played, such as marbles and hopscotch, and with toys such as hoops and sticks and spinning tops. We even rearranged the tables in our classrooms into rows. But no computer games or iPads! Shocking!

Thank you everyone who dressed up. The teachers had fun dressing up too!

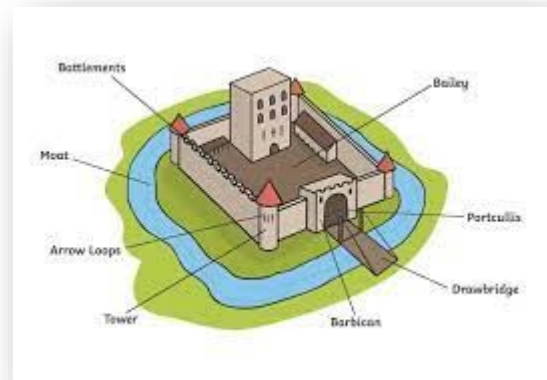
Year 1 Team



Year 2

Welcome back Year 2! We are excited for a busy and exciting Term 6 with you all. This week we launched our new topic of Castles. The children showed us what they already knew before doing a great job of learning the different parts of a castle. We watched a video called the Tiny Crusader and have been using it during English as our stimulus. We wrote character descriptions and setting descriptions and are looking forward to writing the next chapter soon!

We have also been looking at position and direction in maths which has been a good challenge. The children have visited the Junior school for some assemblies and playtimes and have done brilliantly well! Have a good weekend Year 2.



Year 2 Team



Year 3

This week Year 3 have been enjoying the sunshine and spent the first day of term 6 analysing and writing up reports from their Westbury village trip last term. The children created bar charts and commented on history of the local area and analysed local opinions. In Maths we have been doing practical activities for measure. We have been weighing sand for weight, water for capacity and had the trundle wheels out to measure distances outside. In English we have begun a new unit on persuasive writing based on the book 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We added movements to sprites on Scratch in computing and began learning about how humans change as we grow in Jigsaw.

Year 3 Team



Year 3 & 4 Author visit

On Friday 16th June, Carrie Sellon will be visiting Elmlea to introduce her newest side-splitting tale, *Pizza Pete and the Perilous Potions*. If you would like a signed copy of the book, please ensure you place your [order](#) by midnight on Wednesday 14th June. Thanks!

Year 4 Y4 have had a great first week back to school after half term. In English, pupils have been learning about non-chronological report writing, identifying successfully the different text structures and layout and the language features of this genre. In maths, we have been focusing on mental calculations and strategies of addition and subtraction and learning about the advantages of estimation when completing calculations. In PE this week, children have enjoyed starting

I am unique.
I am special.
I am me.



our athletics unit of work in preparation for our forthcoming Lower School Sports Day. PSHE lessons have

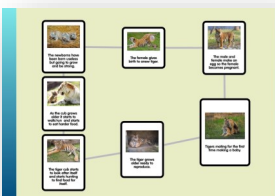


involved focusing on everyone's unique qualities and characteristics. Well done, Year 4!

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant first week back! In English, we have been writing an informative biography about Banksy. We look forward to sharing these with the year 6 classes. In our science lesson, we explored birds and mammals' life cycles.



We used an app called Popplet to create the lifecycle of our chosen mammal. We were also super impressed with how much the children could remember from our George Muller workshop last term and reflected on his impact in Bristol. In PE, we started our new topic athletics, and we are looking forward to sports day. Well done year 5!

Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 are loving CAMP!
Check out the photos on [twitter](#)...



Year 6 Leavers hoodies are available to buy using this [link](#).

Order before 15th June for free bulk delivery to school. (Orders can be made after this and delivered to your home at an extra cost).

Year 6 Team