# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 34 Friday 16th June 2023







# 2022/2023 Academic year

Term 6: Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23 INSET DAY Fri 23 June PTA Discos: 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 2pm & Tues 11 July 6pm Yr 6 Performances: Mon 17 2pm & Tues 18 July 6pm Doors open 1:45pm/5:45pm for a prompt start at 2pm/6pm

# 2023/24 Academic year

<u>Term 1:</u> Fri 1 Sept - Fri 20 Oct'23 INSET DAYS Fri 1 &Mon 4 Sept <u>First day of Term Tues 5 Sept</u>

See <u>website</u> for full 2023/2024 Academic year dates Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very hot and sunny week in school and please keep remembering to send your child in with a hat and a water bottle.

**Moving Up** - Yesterday we completed the first of two whole school moving up sessions and meet our new children. It was especially lovely to welcome our new Reception 2023 children who came for a teddy bear's picnic. The children had the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and their new classmates. We also know how significant the friendship parents make with other parents in Reception can be and lovely to see new friendships beginning too.

All the children from current Reception to Yr5 also got the opportunity to move up to their new classroom and be with their new class teacher which went well.

We also have new children joining us having recently moved into the area or transferring from other schools, and a big thank you to all our Elmlea children who helped our new children were made to feel so welcome especially those who have only just arrived from India and America!

Our second moving up session for the whole school is on Wednesday 5th July.

**Disco fever** - tonight is the night for the Junior discos and excitement for this event is running high as outfits and dance moves are discussed! Thank you to our fabulous PTA for organising this event and we can look forward to the Infant discos next week too.



**Parking** - please park thoughtfully and safely- I have been sent a photo of a car parked on the bend of Elmlea Avenue this morning ,which meant every car had to swerve in to the path of the other cars to get around it. Please leave yourself time to park thoughtfully at drop off and pick up.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

**JOB VACANCY** 

# Job Vacancy - Kitchen Assistant at Elmlea

An opportunity has come up in our lovely kitchen. Monday-Friday term time only 22.5 hours per week. Working 38 weeks per year. £10.42 per hour.

More information can be found <u>here</u>.



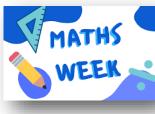
# **Elmlea Schools Trust Sports Day information**

We are very much looking forward to our trust Sports Days this term! The children have been getting ready and practising the different events in their PE lessons. We are pleased to be able to invite parents to come along and spectate. It will be so lovely to have some extra support cheering our children on! You will be able to join us on the field and watch the different events as they take place. Both Junior and Infant parents will need to enter via the INFANT school entrance as this will provide easier access to where you can watch. Children will need to wear a top of their house colour (Junior school only), as well as wear a sun hat and bring plenty of water.

Please find the timings below for your child's sports day: Lower KS2 (Yrs 3&4) - Monday  $3^{rd}$  July 9:30 – 12:00 Upper KS2 (Yrs 5&6) - Tuesday  $4^{th}$  July 9:30 – 12:00 Infant School - Wednesday  $5^{th}$  July 9:30 – 11:00



Important: Pictures/videos will not be permitted. We have organised for professional photographs to be taken of the Sports Days and we shall provide you with a download link to enable you to download, print and save as many photographs as you like. Hannah Patterson and Hannah McKenzie (Trust PE Leads)



# **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) <u>millie.crook@elmleaschoolstrust.com</u> or

Mr Weller (Jrs) tom.weller@elmleaschoolstrust.com

# **PTA Notes**

It's Disco Time! We're looking forward to seeing Junior children tonight!

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	
Year 3	16.30-17.15
Year 4	17.30-18.15
Years 5&6	18.30-19.15



Please enter the Junior Hall via the School Office. Children's names will be ticked off on entry and we will be noting down who is accompanying them as their responsible adult. Children will leave with their responsible adult from the door via the Food Tech room – please collect them from the playgound. It's hot! Please remember for your child to bring a bottle of water. Adult-only drinks availabe at the bar. No tickets will be sold on the door.



The wonderful Debbie has been making sense of the mounds of second-hand uniform in the shed this week. To keep the clothing orderly and accessible we need hangers, especially **short/trouser hangers**. If you have any to spare please pop them in the shed. Please be considerate when donating your items and hang them up yourselves – it is all clearly labelled. If there are no spare hangers then please take your donations away again. Thank you for helping us keep this valuable system working.

Thanks - Jen, Tina, Lucy, Joy, Tripta, Debbie <u>elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com</u>

PS Support us every time you shop online! <u>easyfundraising</u>



#### Reminders

**Suncream** Just a reminder that we are <u>not</u> able to apply suncream in school, please make sure you apply it before school (and remember to send your child in with a named hat!)



Junior gates the Junior gates open at 3:10pm. PLEASE DO NOT PUSH THEM! Thanks.

#### **Music News**



Next Tuesday we have our trip to Trinity Academy for the final Orchestra Workshop of the year. Please make sure the children come with their instruments, their music and a packed lunch in the morning.

We are also really looking forward to our trip to the Summer Sing event at The Beacon on Tuesday 27th. The children are allowed to bring a small 'summery prop' for this event - e.g. sunglasses or a sun hat.

And finally - our instrumental concert on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm involves the guitar and ukelele groups as well as our two orchestras. A letter has been sent home about this event

#### Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

#### Helen O'Grady Summer Shows at the Redgrave

Please come and join us at our Summer Productions at the Redgrave Theatre on Saturday 8 July and Sunday 9 July. We have performances from Lower Primary, Upper Primary, Youth Theatre. In addition, our Adult group is doing their first public performance – an abridged version of Shakespeare's Hamlet.





More information can be fond <u>here</u>.



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 ultimate-

ly result in a call to the Police if we are unable to contact you.

#### Monkhouse

Please find below a message from Monkhouse, our school uniform providers. To make sure you receive future important updates, please action the below.



Whitelist our email address - Our marketing email address is up-

<u>dates@news.monkhouse.com</u>. Please add us as a contact in your work email so that they land in your inbox. Check your spam folder as they may have landed there!

**School newsletters and social media posts including video GIFS**—We have a school resources page on our website with flyers, letters and social media posts for you to download and send directly to your parents. Plus, from recent school feedback, you can now share our messaging on social media with brand-new colourful GIFs.

The new starter flyer can be found <u>here</u>.

Many thanks,

Lisa Liddell Customer Account Manager E: lisa.liddell@monkhouse.com | T: 01928 752628



#### 20% off all Shine Summer Holiday Clubs!

Shine are offering 20% off all of their Summer Holiday Clubs with the code "**Early Booker**" Running across venues in Horfield BS6, Southville BS3, Portishead BS20, and Westbury/Henleaze BS9 there are loads of activities and workshops on offer for children. Choose from Cricket, dance, performing arts, gymnastics, fun mash ups, lacrosse, netball and now even half days on Fridays, we have something to suit almost everyone. Please enter the code: **Early Booker** on your basket to receive 20% off. For a limited time only.

Go to <u>MyShine.co.uk</u> to see what is on offer...see you there! More information can be fond <u>here</u>.

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This week Reception have really enjoyed their first 'shuffle up' session where they visited their new classroom and spent time with their new teacher.

We have also had live caterpillars arrive in each classroom which we will watch turn into butterflies over the term!

Please send your child to school next Tuesday for our trip to the farm with suncream already applied, a named sunhat and a backpack to carry their school provided lunch in.

**The Reception Team** 

**Butterfly Life Cycle** 

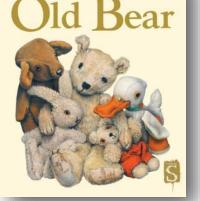
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What a great week in Year One. We had fun writing our own stories, based on a classic Old Bear story. The children loved changing and adapting it to make it their

own.

In maths, we have been learning about units of measure, so please find opportunities to use centimetres, metres and kilometres. Which unit would you choose to measure your garden, or a favourite toy? We also had a lovely time meeting our new teachers in Shuffle Up.



Jane Hisse



This week Year 2 have been working hard in maths using new when working out multiplications. Can your child tell you what

We have been drafting Chapter 2 of the Tiny Crusader in English and have been trying to include all of the skills we have learnt over the year to be the best authors possible. In our topic lesson, we thought about what rules we would have if we were King or Queen for the day.





Our sports day practice has continued with javelin practise and dribbling with a hockey stick. It was exciting for the children to meet their new classes and teachers on Thursday and we look forward to our next shuffle up. Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you in Week 3.



Year 2 Team

#### Year 3

# WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

This Week Year 3 have been developing their 'naughty side' by writing persuasive speeches based on the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. The children will be applying to take on the role of the new King and Queen of the Wild things and need to convince their teachers and peers that they can be truly mischievous and create a wild rumpus! In Maths we have been reviewing equivalent fractions and making comparisons. In Science we set up our runner bean experiment and look forward to watching them grow in the next few weeks. As warm weather is set to continue please make sure children have water bottles, hats and suncream. Have a great sunny weekend.

Year 3 Team

#### Year 4

Y4 have had a great week at school, the highlight of which was shuffle up on Thursday afternoon. We discussed first impressions and the children happily returned to their Year 4 classes excited to have met their new teacher and classmates. In English, pupils have successfully written paragraphs using simple, compound and complex sentences for the different sections of their nonchronological reports. In maths, pupils have consolidated their knowledge and



understanding about multiplication and are to be congratulated for completing their



Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC). In DT, pupils successfully completed their focused task by designing and sewing bookmarks. Children enjoyed sprinting, jumping and relaying in their PE lesson on Wednesday. All pupils are to be commended for the way in which they have coped with the recent hot weather.

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5 This week, Year 5 have had a hot but great week! Besides enjoying the sunshine, we finished our English unit by editing and publishing our biographies about Banksy and loved sharing it with the Year 6 classes. In Geography, we explored what fieldwork means ready for our trip to Bristol in a few weeks and looked at ordinance survey maps. We worked in groups to find out the grid reference of our school and explored the whereabouts of different physical and human features of Bristol. On Thursday, we enjoyed meeting our new teachers and classes as we start to think about our move to Year 6. We are also spending lots of time practising ready for our production in just over three weeks. We can't wait to show you!

#### Reminder of times for our Year 5 production:

- \* Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 1:45pm
- \* Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00pm

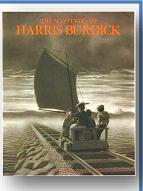
Please can all costumes be into school in a labelled carrier bag by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Year 6

This week, following a few lingering yawns and tired eyes from school camp, year 6 have dived into their initial rehearsals for our production 'Horrible Elmlea Histories'. In addition, the children have shown great focus and hard work as they have started their final piece of assessed writing based on the mysteries of Harris Burdick. In maths, they have been creating a maths themed board game for their year 3 buddies to play during next week's Maths Week.

**Year 6 Leavers Party** in case you missed it yesterday, the Year 6 Leavers Party letter can be found here <u>here</u>.





Year 5 Team

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