

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 1 Friday 8th September 2023



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2023/24 Academic year

Term 1

Fri 1 Sept - Fri 20 Oct '23

School Photos (Individual & Sibling) Tues 3 & Weds 4 Oct

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Fri 6 Oct

Term 2

Mon 30 Oct- Fri 15 Dec '23

INSET DAY Mon 30 Oct

First day of Term Tues 31 Oct

Term 3

Tues 2 Jan- Fri 9th Feb '24

INSET DAY Tues 2 Jan

First day of Term Weds 3 Jan '24

Term 4

Mon 19 Feb to Thurs 28

March '24

INSET DAY Mon 18 March

Term 5

Mon 15 April-Fri 24th May

May Bank Holiday Mon 6

May

Term 6

Mon 3 June - Tues 23 July

INSET DAY Fri 28 June

Last Day of Term

Tues 23 July

See [website](#) for more

Dear parents and carers,

A very big welcome back to you all and I hope you have had a good summer. We have had a great start to the new academic year, the children have settled really well and our new children, who joined us in Yrs 1 – 6 have commented that everyone has been really friendly to them.

We know that a great start doesn't just happen it takes forethought and preparation, so thank you to all our parents for all you have done to prepare your children for the start of the year. The children have all arrived looking really smart in their school uniform and with all they need for the school day. Punctuality has been excellent too so thank you, it has all made a real difference. Thank you also to our staff teams, who through careful planning for transitions have ensured a positive start for all.

Elmlea Reception Classes 2023 - We especially welcome our new Reception children who have made a really smooth transition into school and are settling in so well. We hope that the children and their families quickly feel part of the Elmlea School community.

School gate opening times - The school gates open automatically on timers in the morning for all at 8.35am. This provides 15 minutes for everyone to be onsite and ready for classroom doors opening at 8.50am. It is only breakfast club children who are onsite earlier.

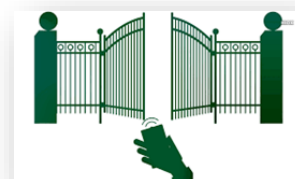
Please do not push the electronic gates open, they are on timers, as the junior gate repair has cost us £1500!

The school gates open again at 3.10pm for end of day pick up at 3.15pm. Children are on the playground in PE lessons up to 3.10pm.

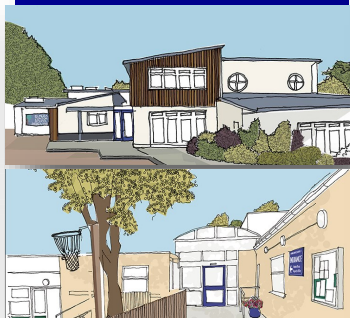
End of school day - Once the school day has finished there are many clubs running and only children attending these should be onsite.

Please leave promptly and not allow your children to play in the school grounds or on school equipment after school, clubs need to start on time. The school is still responsible for your child even if you are in attendance after school. If your child has an accident whilst playing after school even if you are there, we are responsible, so please do not use school as a playpark after school.

The adventure trails are not for use outside of the school day – all risk assessments for this equipment are for use during the school day with school staff supervision.

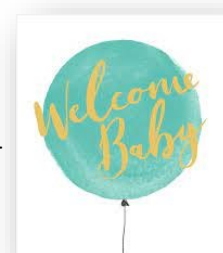


Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher



Congratulations Mr D!

Congratulations to Mr Daubney who welcomed baby Isla this summer. Mr D will be on paternity leave next week and we hope that it is a very special week with baby Isla, full of joyful moments especially introducing her to grandparents.



Music News

We are delighted that so many children have signed up for instrumental lessons this term. There are still spaces for violin, viola and cello. Our two string teachers have been in school today to demonstrate these wonderful instruments to the children. If you would like to sign up for lessons, please do so as soon as possible by following this [link](#). If you don't have an instrument, don't worry, there will be opportunities to hire one either from school or from Bristol Beacon.

All music clubs begin the week of 18th September. Our string group is starting again on Friday mornings at 8.20-9am. If you have played violin, viola or cello for at least a year and would like to join this group please sign up with the following [link](#). Register for music lessons with Bristol Beacon [here](#).

And finally, if you play a brass instrument there will be an opportunity to join a brass group at Beacon Music Centre on Wednesdays after school. Please see below for more details. **Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music**



Bristol Beacon Brass Sparks

Age: 7-12 **Ability:** Beginner **Time:** Wednesdays 5.00pm-5.45pm **Location:** Beacon Music Centre, Southmead
Bristol Beacon Brass Sparks is the perfect first ensemble for young musicians aged 7-12 who have recently started learning any brass instrument.



Our Sparks groups are open to everyone and designed to introduce new players to playing together in an ensemble. Being part of a dedicated brass ensemble will help players develop musicianship skills, discover new music, make friends, and have fun!

Playing music from a wide range of genres, students will be given space to develop their skills, along with regular performance opportunities.

Financial support including discounts and payment plans are available.

[Find out more about Brass Sparks](#) and additional details can be found [here](#).

Chamber Choir Are you in Year 5 or Year 6 and do you love to sing?

If so, you're invited to try out for the school Chamber Choir! Chamber Choir is an after school club for keen singers which runs on Thursdays at 3.15-4.15 in the school hall. It costs £5 per session (payable on a termly basis) and is run by Bristol choir leader Kate Fletcher. With lots of gorgeous harmony singing and plenty of performances, the Chamber Choir is a chance to really expand your abilities and have fun singing in a group. You don't need any singing experience to join but you need to have a little confidence and be able to hold a tune. If you are in years 5 or 6 and would like to try out for Chamber Choir, do come along to the computer room any time during lunch time on Tuesday the 12th September to meet Kate. Be prepared to do a little singing! Previous members of Chamber Choir do not need to try out again. Chamber choir commences after school on Thursday 14th September.



Elmlea teacher-led after school clubs

All teacher-led Junior school sports clubs, Junior and Infant choir and Junior Orchestra club will start week commencing Mon 18th September.

Places will be confirmed via email next week.



Morning Club starts back in W/c Mon 18 Sept

Morning Club (including Nessy, TT Rockstars and Touch Typing) will start back in Week 3 (W/c Mon 18 Sept)

Please note that this is an invite-only club, parents of selected children will be notified individually.



Nasal Flu spray at Elmlea on Fri 6 October - consent required



This autumn all children being offered a flu vaccine as part of the School Vaccination Programme. They will be taking place here at Elmlea on Friday 6 Oct. **Please read this important [letter](#)** which explains how to let us know whether or not you would like your child to be vaccinated. The vaccinations will be given by Sirona care & health and are administered using a nasal spray.

IMPORTANT: Please complete the consent form using the link given below (also included in the letter) indicating whether you wish your child to have the vaccine.

If you don't have access to the internet, you can get a paper copy from school. The **link to the nasal flu consent form can be found [here](#)**.

Please complete the form as soon as possible, as the **consent system will close at 9am on Weds 4th Oct (2 working days before the session)**

Please ensure you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccination.

Shine after school and October Half Term Holiday clubs - 20% off



Shine Holiday Clubs will be running on site at Elmlea Junior School, as well as in Henleaze and Horfield, with 20% off using the code Early Booker ***Valid until 17th September**. Loads of different activities including Football, Creative Workshops, Forest Adventure, Performing Arts, Little Steppers Dance, Mini & Multi Mash-Ups. Running from 09:00-4:00pm More information can be found [here](#) or to book [Holiday Clubs here](#).

Shine After School Clubs Please click for details of the [Infants](#) and [Junior](#) clubs running in term 1 and 2.

Henleaze Tennis Club October half term kids camps - whole day available

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.

We are running both morning camps from 8.30am-12pm and full day camps 8.30am-3pm at Henleaze. Both options are available to book [here](#).



Redland Green School Open events for current year 6 - Thurs 21 Sept

Redland Green School will be holding their annual **Open Evening** for prospective Year 7 students and parents for the September 2024 intake on Thursday 21 September.

They will also be a number of **Open Mornings** in September and October, more information [here](#). These are ticketed events and links to the Eventbrite pages below:

[Redland Green School Open Evening](#) [Redland Green School Open Mornings](#)

Inclusion Information and Support

Bristol Parent Carers - Support Available

At the start of the new academic year, we thought we'd remind you of the support that we have available for the parent carers in your school community. Information about the SEND Coffee Morning can be found [here](#)

Please click [here](#) to join our community and access any support you need. Booking information for each of our support groups and courses can be found on our eventbrite [page](#)



We also run some courses with our neighbouring parent carer forums in South Gloucestershire and North Somerset and places on those courses can be booked [here](#).

All courses are free of charge but must be prebooked.



Year Group News



Reception

Reception have had a great first week at school!

Don't forget to look at Tapestry with your child so you can talk together about what they have been doing.

Whilst the weather is sunny please send your child to school with a named sun hat.



The Reception Team

Year 1

Welcome back everyone! It has been so wonderful to welcome all of the children into Year 1 this week. We have had the added pleasure of some fantastic weather! This week has been centred around both children and teachers getting to know each other through various team building games, circle times and reflective activities. We are so proud of all of the children for how brilliantly they have been able to come in and adjust to life in Year 1.

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

Next week, we look forward to kickstarting our new topic and units in both English and Maths.

Year 1 Team

Year 2

Well done to Year 2 who have settled in brilliantly this week! We have loved getting to know you all and seeing you enjoying yourselves. This week, we talked about how to be a Purple Learner, how to make sure everyone feels included and we wrote some holiday postcards. We look forward to seeing you on Monday!

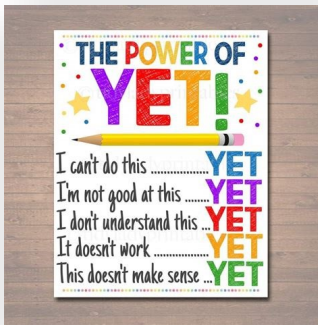


End of the day collection note: To help with a smooth collection at the end of the day, could Year 2 parents please wait in the 'old marked parking bays' alongside the path by the field whilst keeping the path free for other parents. This will then leave enough space for 2R and 2SC to make their way to the tyre area from which they will release their class. Please do not take your child as their class are making their way to their end of day spot but wait for the teacher to release them. 2W will see their class off from the corner of the Year 2 block.

Thank you, Year 2 team.

Year 3

Year three have settled brilliantly into the Junior School and it has been lovely seeing all of the classes getting to know one another, their teachers, their classrooms and their Year 6 buddies.



A highlight of the week was when the Year 6s gave their house buddies a tour of the school and completed a 'getting to know you' activity. We have enjoyed celebrating the children and their unique qualities in our classes. Pupils have reflected on goals that they have for themselves in the coming year. We have also discussed the Elmlea Values and Vision and our Good Behaviour Rules. Children now have a greater understanding of purple learning with a growth mindset.

Year 3 Teacher Team

Year 4



Year 4 have settled in really well this week - despite the small heat wave!! They have worked very hard to get back into routine and have all made new friends too!

This week has been all about getting to know each other and what they are looking forward to most in the year ahead.

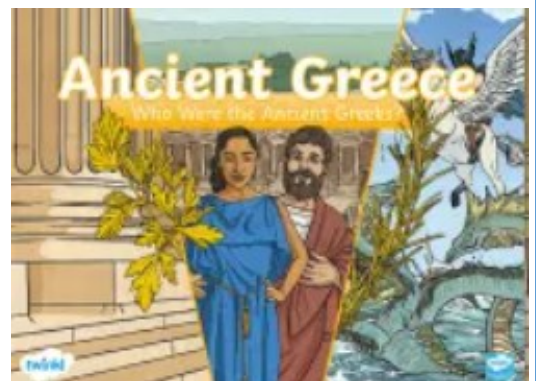
Well done Year 4 for a great start!

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

Year 5 have made an excellent start to the new school year, shaking off some of that summer rust and getting back into our routines!

This week, we have spent a lot of time taking part in PSHE activities as we get to know our new classmates, teachers and remind ourselves of school expectations. We particularly enjoyed our topic launch day on Friday for our new topic 'Eureka!'. We made masks for different mythical creatures and are now raring to go to learn more about Ancient Greece.



Year 5 Team

Year 6



Year 6 have had such a wonderful start to the academic year and we are incredibly proud of their determination to set the bar high right from the offset.

We have been reminding ourselves of our purple learner skills and strategies we could use if we are feeling overwhelmed with our learning. To finish the week, we had a very exciting topic launch day, where we learnt all about our new topic 'Ancient Greece' and made masks of mythical creatures.

Well done year 6. A really brilliant start-keep up the good work!

Year 6 Team.