

# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 2 Friday 15th September 2023



## 2023/24 Academic year

### Term 1

Fri 1 Sept - Fri 20 Oct '23

#### **Reception Curriculum Information Evening**

Thurs 28 Sept 6-7pm

**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 details

Dear parents and carers,

### **Reception 2023**

This week, our new Reception children spent time together as a group of 30 for the first time and experienced their first school dinners together, which was a real treat. We are very proud of our youngest children who have come in and settled so well. From Monday they will be embarking on their full-time school learning journey – hurray!

### **School trips**

Our school trips have already begun now, with all of Yr5 visiting Badminton School for an enriching Science outreach event. These are always very exciting for the children and increase their love of Science, already a very popular curriculum subject across both schools. Thank you to Badminton for hosting us.

### **Planet Aid**

A recycling service for the local community. Did you know that you can recycle your good quality (undamaged) clothing and (paired) shoes at the Planet Aid clothing bank which is located near the Junior school gate? Please put items into sealed bags. The Planet Aid skilled sorters are aware of fashion and brand names as well as being able to identify the difference between good quality and poor quality items. Help them help us make recycling a part of daily life. To find out more about what Planet Aid UK do, visit their [website](#).



**Lorraine Wright,  
Executive Headteacher**



### **Would you like to be one of the team? Elmlea Schools' Trust Admin Job Opportunity**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a part time (4 days per week, 26 hours per week) Term Time only Administrator here at Elmlea Schools' Trust, working across both schools.

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, hardworking and adaptable administrator to join our supportive admin team. More information and details on how to apply can be found [here](#).

**CLOSING DATE: 24th September 2023, 12am.**



### Music News

We are delighted to announce that we have found a leader for our boys choir for Yr5 and Yr6. This fabulous opportunity will be available during school time on Friday afternoons. Ben, our new leader, will be running taster sessions today and rehearsals will begin properly next week.

All music clubs and instrumental lessons, including chamber choir after school on Thursday, begin again next week. After school today I'm off to get the Christmas songs for the Junior Choir event at the newly opened Beacon Hall at the end of November - exciting!



**Guitar and ukulele lessons.** Please find information for [Tuesday](#) and [Wednesday](#) guitar tuition from Hazel Winter.

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music



### St George's Bristol Events for Children and Families

St George's Bristol is celebrating its 200th birthday this year! Click [here](#) for a list of events for Children and Families.



The Lunchbowl Network

Dinner money for orphans: ending hunger

### Lunchbowl Network

Many of you may recall that we welcomed Anna-Kate from the Lunchbowl Network into both schools during the Summer Term. She talked to the children about the Kibera Slum, in Nairobi, Kenya and the children did some follow up work about what they had learnt, in their classrooms. Both School Councils also ran a shop after school, selling trinkets made in the slum, to raise money for this amazing charity. I am pleased to announce that we raised over £1000! Thank you so much for your support! Please click [here](#) for an update from Lunchbowl.

Mrs Emery-Symmons

### Census Day Menu - Thursday 5th October



**Census Menu**  
**Thursday 5th October**

There will be a census carried out on Thurs 5th Oct when uptake of school meals will be measured. School funding is linked to the number of meals taken on this day.

It would really help the school if your child could have a school meal **instead of a packed lunch** on this day. The meal options can be found [here](#).

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

### Elmlea teacher-led after school clubs

All teacher-led Junior school sports clubs, Infant and Junior Choir club, Chamber Club and Orchestra Club start back next week.

The **deadline to sign up, confirm your child's place and give your consent for them to attend is 4pm today (Friday 15 September)** If you haven't already done so, please log into Arbor as a matter of priority and give your consent for your child to attend by 9am Monday 18 September.

Unfortunately, if we have not received your consent by Monday, your child will be removed from the participants list and they will not be able to attend the club.



## 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 to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless. 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:**

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

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)**

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or 0300 1245515 for more information.

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

## Year 6 to Year 7 transition information



### School Admissions Talks - Transfer to Secondary School

Please find [here](#) an important letter from the School Admissions Team at Bristol City Council, who coordinate the process for Secondary School applications.



#### Local Secondary School Open events for current Year 6

**Bristol Free School** will be hosting their [Main School Open Evening](#) on Thursday 5 October for current Year 6 students. There will be two presentations by our Headteacher, Mrs King - tickets can be booked [here](#).



**Redland Green School** will be holding their annual **Open Evening** for prospective Year 7 students and parents for the September '24 intake on Thursday 21 Sept. 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](#)



**St Katherines School** The open evening on Thursday 28 Sept is now fully booked, you can join the waiting list. They are also holding a number of open mornings throughout October, please book your timeslot [here](#).





## PTA Notes

Welcome back! And welcome to all new starters this term. The PTA is a voluntary group of parents squeezing in meetings in their spare time to put on events throughout the year. These occasions both offer children and parent/carers fun events while raising vital funds for the Trust which in turn enhance the school experience for all our children. We were thrilled to have raised £12,700 last year, with a super Quiz night, kids' discos, Coronation raffle and more.

You are warmly invited to join us to kick off the year: **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** in person at school (time and classroom tbc). We will be thinking about spending and future fundraising.

We are looking for key positions this year. You don't need any special skills, just a willing and positive attitude. (The bonus is that past members of the committee are still present at the school and on hand to help you.)

**Co-chair:** helping to support the various event teams across the year; supporting the PTA core team and attending AGM plus PTA meetings; generally being super organised and helping solve various conundrums as they arise! Debbie Frost has kindly stepped in as co-chair so you will be part of a brilliant team!

**Co-treasurer:** supporting our wonderful Treasurer, Tina, with processing floats and Sum-up machines for events, keeping on top of PTA cash flow, running finance reports for AGM and PTA meetings, paying invoices etc.

**Secretary:** meeting planning, agenda-setting, minute-taking; event support; newsletter.

**Website support:** running online ticket sales for events / raffles. Tina has the system fully up and running and this will only need monitoring once or twice a term depending on events. We would also like to improve our PTA website.

**Summer Fair team:** we're thrilled to be holding a Summer Fair in 2024 and are looking for a core team to lead on events planning.

**Disco lead:** overseeing team to run Discos (we will help you!)

Each class is also looking for one or two **class reps**. Reps are a vital link between parent/carers the PTA committee, passing on messages and attending a few meetings a year. They also kindly coordinate Christmas hampers each year, as well as non-PTA jobs such as socials and teacher gifts.

Do get in touch if you have any questions.

Remember we have a well-stocked and beautifully ordered (thanks Tina and Debbie!) **secondhand uniform shed** in the Junior playground (opposite Y5 classrooms). Pay what you can via the QR code in the shed (all funds support the PTA). Good quality items for donation should be hung up please and put in the correct age area.

Are you using [Easyfundraising](#) when shopping online?! It takes a second and retailers will donate to Elmlea when you shop with them via the easyfundraising page. Over the summer we were paid £49.50 (taking the total raised via easyfundraising to £1,468. Not bad!) Sign up [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you at our Launch meeting and AGM on **Tuesday 26th September** (time and classroom tbc).

Best wishes,

**Jen (outgoing Chair), Debbie (in-coming Co-chair), Tina (Co-treasurer), Lucy (outgoing Secretary), Joy (Posters; Class rep coordinator)**

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# Year Group News



## Reception

WOW - Reception have been amazing during their second week of school! We are full-time next week.

Please can we remind you only to send in fruit or veg as your child's daily snack - thank you.



Our Curriculum Information Evening is coming up on **Thursday 28th September from 6-7pm**. This is a really important evening where we share with you how we will support your child at school and how you can help at home. Our Reception teachers will talk you through the different areas of the curriculum, how we teach it at Elmlea and the subject specific language that we use, with time for questions afterwards.

**The Reception Team**

## Year 1

We have had a super second week in Year 1. We have started to establish more routines and have started both our English and Maths units.

We are looking at traditional tales in Term 1, starting with the famous Three Little Pigs. We have learned our talk for writing actions this week to help retell the story as well as sequence the story using key vocabulary. In maths, we have been revising numbers within 100 and looked at the concept of more or less. We have also been getting stuck in with our wider curriculum this week. We especially loved our first Science lesson on our unit of materials.



Reminder: Books will be changed on Mondays and Fridays if your child has read it through three times. Please can reading records and books be in every day so they can also be read with in school.

**Year 1 Team**

## Year 2

This week we launched our first topic, Explorers! On Monday, we found an explorer's bag, went on adventures around the school grounds and did an explorer bootcamp. We then started our book, 'The Great Explorer' and made some predictions about what we think might happen. In maths we have been looking at tens and ones and different ways we can represent these. In science we explored the different habitats around the school and in topic we tried to remember information about the oceans and continents! Have a lovely weekend Year 2



**Thank you, Year 2 team.**

### Year 3

Year three have had a busy week, the highlight of which was our topic launch day on Tuesday when pupils learned more about the chronology of the Ancient Egyptians and took part in an 'archaeological dig', posing curious questions about the artefacts they found.

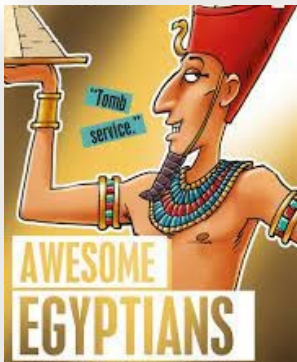
We hope that parents and carers enjoyed the super pharaoh artwork that came home earlier in the week. In maths and English, we recapped basic skills and resources.

In PE, children worked collaboratively to complete orienteering challenges. In science, pupils learnt about the skeleton and its functions. Well done, Year 3!



The Y3 Team

### Year 4



This week Year 4 have been busy with their Topic Launch day! We have been busy with activities such as hieroglyphs, digging and making portraits! We are looking forward to the rest of the lessons that are to follow!

We are going to be deciding whether we think the Ancient Egyptians are 'AWESOME' or 'AWFUL'!



Y4 Teaching Team

### Year 5



Year 5 have had a brilliant week!

On Tuesday, we went to Badminton School to watch a science show. We were amazed to see how liquid nitrogen could be used to cool materials; we even saw gases become liquids inside a balloon! We also enjoyed watching a banana and flowers being frozen solid and then smashed up into tiny pieces.

This week, we have also made clay pots and we enjoyed orienteering in our PE lesson.

Year 5 Team

**Year 6** - Year 6 have had a wonderful week and have really got back into the swing of it!

We learnt all about special pilgrimages in our Religion and World Views lesson and in History we became archaeologists, where we had to dig in the sand to find Ancient Greek artefacts that gave us some more clues about what life may have been like at that time.

In Art, we had a go at making some clay pots as part of our entry task. Here are a few of our amazing creations!



Year 6 Team

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