

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 3 Friday 29th September 2023



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

Parents Evenings Tues 17 & Thurs 19 Oct

Term 2

Mon 30 Oct - Fri 15 Dec '23

INSET DAY Mon 30 Oct

First day of Term Tues 31 Oct

KS1 Curriculum evening

Tues 7 Nov 6-7pm

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 info.

Dear parents and carers,

A big hooray and thank you to everyone who supported our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) AGM this week. For those new to school and PTA's, the 2 main functions of the PTA are to raise much needed funds for equipment for our school such as ipads, laptops, interactive whiteboards, playground markings etc and also to help build our school community by holding events for children and parents.

PTA Success

On Monday we weren't even sure whether our PTA could continue but on Tuesday evening, 30 parents responded to the invite to attend! There was real enthusiasm in the room and all committee roles have been filled. PTA events bring the children and parent community together in a unique way and the children remember these events as highlights from their school experience. With a strong PTA and a body of enthusiastic volunteers it means many of the events we used to hold can now start up again which is brilliant. Thank you.

Reception Parent Information Evening

Yesterday, we held our EYFS information evening for our new Reception parents to explain the curriculum for Reception and how parents can help their children at home with their learning. The Reception teachers gave a really informative presentation all about the EYFS curriculum and thank you to the 74 parents who attended. If you were unable to attend, the event slides will be shared with all parents of Reception children for your information.

Parking on the pavement

Please do not park on the pavement on the roads around school, I have received a photo of a large black car parked not only on the pavement but also on double yellow lines on the bend of Elmlea Avenue leading to The Dell. This is probably the most dangerous place to park anywhere around school and on the pavement means families having to navigate the road. **PLEASE** think of others and if you run late but it means you can park safely, we will be understanding.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher



Teacher-led after school sports clubs in Term 2

You will by now have received a letter regarding Term 2 Elmlea teacher-led after school sports clubs.

Please register your child's interest using the questionnaire/link below by **9.00am on Friday 6th October**.

[Term 2 teacher-led after school sports clubs - Interest to join](#)



Music News

There will be no orchestra club on Wednesday 4th October as Miss Sadler is on a Young Voices workshop on that day. Keep practicing the pieces for the orchestra workshop the following week!

In Junior Choir we have begun to rehearse the songs for the exciting Winter Sing event at Beacon Hall on Friday 24th November. Make sure you keep the date free as the performance is in the evening. Lyrics will be handed out on Monday. You can access the recordings [here](#).

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

School Photos Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th October

A reminder that Individual & Sibling School Photos will be taking place in school on Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th October.



Author visit - Emily Randall Jones

Author Emily Randall Jones will be visiting Elmlea Junior school next Thursday to talk to the children and promote her new book *The Witch Stone Ghosts* in assembly. You can buy a copy at a reduced price **15% off**; please preorder by Monday 2nd October for a guaranteed signed copy of the book at school on Thursday 5th. Here is the [link](#) to preorder the book.

Nasal Flu spray at Elmlea **Fri 6 Oct - consent required**

The flu vaccine will be administered using a nasal spray, it is free and painless. **Please read this [letter](#)** which explains how to let us know whether or not you would like your child to be vaccinated.

IMPORTANT: Please complete the consent form using the link given below (also included in the letter) indicating whether or not you wish your child to have the vaccine. <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**

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 or 0300 1245515 for more information.



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



PTA Notes

What a turnout! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our AGM on Tuesday – from class reps to Reception parents new to Elmlea, it was heartening to see the interest and support for the work the PTA does. The PTA is open to everyone, and welcomes help in all forms – from taking on a committee role to selling ice creams, being part of an event team to putting up posters. There will be many opportunities to get involved throughout the year. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 7th November, 19.30 via Zoom**; do attend if you can.



We're thrilled to have a great team at the helm this year: Debbie Frost and Shenal Odgaard will be co-chairs; Becky Ward-Booth is secretary; Tina French stays on as Treasurer; Joy Chong remains as publicity and class reps co-ordinator; Lucy Pengelly has kindly stepped in as website co-ordinator. A summer fair team is coming together, and other events have leads and may be looking for support. Minutes from our AGM will be made available. Thank you to Mr D for giving up his evening and for reporting back on the infant playground markings and Reception shelter the PTA funded this year.

Best wishes,

Debbie & Shenal (Co-chairs), Tina (Treasurer), Becky (Secretary), Joy (Posters; Class rep coordinator)
elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

P.S. Remember to use [Easyfundraising](#) when shopping online! We raise funds and it won't cost you a penny!

Important Update from Shine - PLEASE update your child's class!



Please can we ask that anyone who books Shine has updated their Shine account with their child's new class? I

t's very easy to do by logging into your Shine account/Go to My Attendees/Click the pencil next to the attendee name and update the class from the drop down box. This is for safeguarding reasons so that the coaches and clubs know from where your child should be collected.

Thank you if you have already updated this information.

Census Day 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.



Census Menu
Thursday 5th October

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](#).

Halloween, October Half Term and Autumn in Bristol

A Bristol mum has put together a blog sharing ideas for family days out in Bristol and seasonal/holiday guides.



Her blog post with October half term, Halloween and autumnal events for families can be found [here](#).





Year Group News

Reception

Reception have had another wonderful full week!

Please look out for the phonics sheet in your child's bookbag with this week's newly learnt sounds on. Thank you to all those that attended the information evening last night - we will send home all the slides and handouts next week via email.



Shine are running football training for children in Reception on a Saturday morning, which we would love to tell your parents about and invite them to a free trial. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Reception Team

Year 1

This week we have thought about our school values and have considered what it means to be part of a community. Our writing lessons have been focused on sentence structure with the use of adjectives. We then created wanted posters for the big, bad wolf which have created a lovely display in our hall. In Science, we have been continuing with our unit of materials. This week we were sorting different everyday items into the material category they belong to. Another fantastic week, well done!

Reminder: Please can all children have a coat every day now that the weather is getting colder.



Year 1 Team

KS1 Curriculum evening is Tues 7.11.23 6-7pm

We would like to invite all **Year 1 and 2 parents** to the KS1 Curriculum evening. This meeting will inform you about the expectations of the Elmlea Curriculum, with a focus on writing, reading and maths strategies taught in each year group. It will also provide you with some top tips about how to support your child's learning at home.

Please complete this [Microsoft Form](#) to confirm your attendance. I'm afraid we are unable to offer childcare during the meeting and is a parent meeting only.

Year 2

Year 2 have been busy planning and writing their fantastic explorer stories this week. Ask your child where they have decided to write about! In maths we have been practising writing part-part whole and bar models to represent addition and subtraction. We learnt some interesting facts about Shackleton and his polar adventures and have looked at animal adaptations in science. Please note that school photos are next Weds 4th October, please send your child/children in in school uniform even though it is PE day! Have a great weekend.



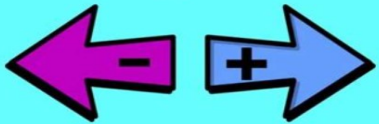
You may notice on Doodle Maths that some of you are being asked to do a baseline assessment. This is to ensure you are completing tasks at an appropriate level. Please have the children completely independently so the result reflects their understanding.

Thank you, Year 2 team.

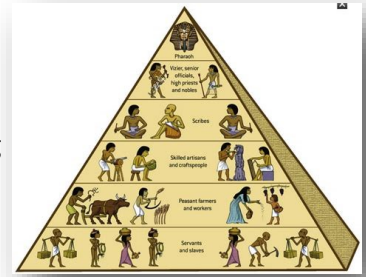
Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week, the highlights of which have been the visits to Mojo Active to take part in tree climbing, ghillie suit sessions and Nerf battles. In English, children have written using the descriptive skills they have learnt over the past two weeks. In maths, pupils have used a range of methods to show their understanding of addition and have learnt that subtraction is its inverse operation. Children

Addition and Subtraction are Opposites!



enjoyed learning about the roles in Ancient Egyptian society in their topic lesson. Well done, Year 3!



The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4

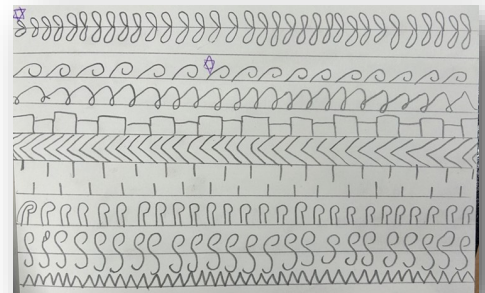
Year 4 have had an exciting week as all classes have visited Mojo Active where they had fun playing archery, den building and having a go on the low ropes. They impressed all staff with their teamworking skills and built some impressive dens. In History, we have been studying Chronology. We are working on some impressive timelines and even played Top Trumps with some dates! Well done Year 4 for a very exciting week!



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

This week, in art we have enjoyed learning about patterns in Ancient Greek pottery. We have practiced these designs in the hope we can use them on our final clay pots over the coming weeks. We have been working hard in English, building up to our term one writing progress task where we will write our own Greek Myth. The children have been incredibly creative about this in their planning and are looking forward to starting to write them next week. Well done, year 5, for working being so enthusiastic!



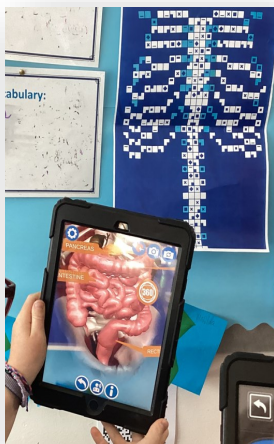
Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have had a jam-packed week. While 6LS and 6D went to try out their zorb football skills at Mojo Active, 6L made a real splash in their first swimming session at Henbury Leisure Centre.

In art, the children have been learning more about the form and function of ancient Greek pots by piecing parts of them together, just like real archaeologists.

Meanwhile, in science we explored the circulatory system and the digestive system through an app that allows us to see inside the human body. We even put mashed bananas, orange juice and crackers into a plastic bag to simulate the job of the digestive system. It was rather disgusting!



Year 6 Team