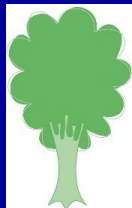


Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 7 Friday 20th October 2023



Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2023/24 Academic year

Term 1

Fri 1 Sept - Fri 20 Oct'23

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,

What a wonderful sight on Thursday as we were graced with a beautiful rainbow. It is a reflection of our week, very grey and rainy but filled with a special end to term, filled with happy memories for us all.



Thank you for attending parents evening this week. We hope you found the meeting informative and have a clear picture of your child/ren's strengths and next steps.

As we finish the first term of the academic year, there is much to celebrate for every child at Elmlea and I'm sure every child can think of a highlight from this term. We are so proud of all that the children have achieved this term and the progress they have made so far, as I'm sure you are too. However, the children are now very tired, they have been in school for 7 weeks and are now ready for a rest from the school routine. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 31st October.

Uniform

Please don't buy any additional school uniform (excluding PE kit) for your child until you have checked the second-hand uniform shed outside the Yr5 classrooms. The shed is full of suitable uniform including grey uniform too. We ask for a small donation but if you can't manage that, we are just keen for the uniform to be used and worn. Not only will it save you money but you will also be supporting the environment.

Mr Daubney and Mrs Sloper,
Deputy Headteachers

School Photos discount ends Sunday 22 October

If you have lost your access code, please contact Tulip photography and they can provide you with your code. Telephone: 01934 75268 info@tulip-photo.com



Eco Schools

We are so pleased to announce that as a Trust, we have retained our Eco Schools Green Flag Award, which the Infant School earned last year and we have been working on as an Infant and Junior Team this year!

This accreditation means that we have worked hard with our children to empower them to make a difference in their school, local community and beyond, with regard to environmental issues and protecting our planet.

This academic year we will again aim to achieve our Green Flag Award and are hoping to communicate with you through this newsletter with what we are getting up to and focusing on in order to do so.

Thank you to all of the children in both the Infant and Junior Schools who are or have been part of our Eco Teams, for helping us with this important cause.



Mrs Emery-Symmons and Mrs Smith

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe



The first week of next term Elmlea Schools trust will be participating in the NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe' online programme. This consists of an assembly, online class lesson and supporting classroom based activities. Speak out. Stay safe. is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

More information regarding content, delivery and follow up. Activities for the session can be found [here](#). If you have any questions please direct them to your class teacher.

Lunchbowl Network

Previously the amazing charity, [Lunchbowl Network](#) have been in to talk to both schools about the work that they do with orphaned and vulnerable children living in the Kibera Slum in Nairobi, Kenya and we have sold a range of handmade items from the Slum, to raise funds for them. You can read their latest newsletter [here](#).



Aspens school lunches survey



The Trust and Aspens are working together to review the catering provision and we feel it is important to get feedback from parents as well as the children via school council. As you will all know the current climate is challenging and food inflation along with supply of some ingredients continues to be an issue. The feedback from these survey's will inform our decision making going forward and help us to work with Aspens to ensure that we have best menu choices available for the children. Please complete the survey by Monday 4th November.

The Infant Survey can be found [here](#) and the Junior one [here](#).

Children and screen time

we've had some requests and enquires from parents during this week's parents evenings about children and screen time. It can be tricky managing children's use of digital devices and knowing what is applicable for different age groups. Please click [here](#) for further clarification or advice on recommended screen times by age group.



Inclusion Information and Support

Title Bristol Parent Carer Forum coffee morning Monday 13 November

Bristol Parent Carer Forum will be holding a coffee morning here at Elmlea on Monday 13th November at 9am for any parents to drop in and chat with them.

Have a look at their [website](#) in the meantime as they hold lots of events around Bristol to support parents and carers.



SUPPORT THE PTA

Happy half term everyone! Thank you all for supporting our first bake sale of the year last week, it was great to have such an array of cakes, including gluten free and vegan! Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and attended. Despite the weather not being on our side, we **raised £270** which is a fantastic achievement and will contribute to valuable funds for the school. A big thank you to Louise for organising.

CHRISTMAS 2023 at ELMLEA It's never too early to be thinking about Christmas... Visit www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa to find our exciting selection of festive items available to pre-order now... Pre-orders will end 3rd November so be quick and order now to avoid disappointment!

Christmas trees: Available in a variety of sizes; the 'Norway Spruce' and the ever-popular 'Nordman Fir' with its reduced needle drop!

Scrumptious Sticky Toffee and Christmas Puddings: Beautifully foil-wrapped and sealed with a festive Elmlea label – a perfect finale to your Christmas dinner, a thoughtful gift or great hamper-filler!

Locally Homemade Gingerbread House Kits: Kids will love building this sweet treat in the festive run-up! Kits include; roof, sides, front and back biscuit pieces, white icing, gingerbread people, mixed sprinkles and sweeties (all vegetarian).

A full list of ingredients and allergens for these items is available at www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa

All items will be ready for collection between 5-7pm on Thursday 7th December; see details below.



IMPORTANT DATES

31st Oct: Year 3 Egyptian dress up

16th Nov: Bedtime stories – we'll be selling drinks in the infants hall, so stay and have a chat with friends. Online donations to Children in Need for the stories (more details to follow)

4th-7th Dec: Infant nativities & Junior winter play – we'll be selling warm drinks at the line-up & running a winter jumper swap, details to follow

7th Dec: Winter jumper day - donations to the PTA

7th Dec: Christmas tree, pudding and gingerbread house collection – we'll be selling warm drinks and sweet treats. Come along in your festive jumper and have a photo with Santa D and his little elf helper!

CANFORD PARK FIREWORKS A wonderful local event to support, with proceeds going to charities via the rotary club. There are also lots of other local schools running fireworks nights, so please go along and support them if you can.

Best wishes, The Elmlea PTA elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

P.S. Remember to use [Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) when shopping online! We raise funds and it won't cost you a penny!

Shine October Half term Holiday Clubs

Being held locally in Henleaze, in Clifton and in Horfield at the Shine Sports Ground.



Book online [here](https://www.myspine.co.uk).
More information [here](https://www.myspine.co.uk)

10% Bristol Beacon discount

As a Bristol Beacon Member School, we get 10% discount on £10 tickets for orchestral concerts at Beacon Hall. This is the first orchestral season to take place in the world-class transformed auditorium, Beacon Hall, with improved acoustics, access and comfort. If you'd like to take advantage of this offer, please call the box office on 0117 203 4040. (these tickets cannot be purchased online and there is a limit of 100 discounted tickets per concert). Please note, students must be a minimum age of 10 or 11 or in their last year of primary school to take advantage of this discount. Find out more [here](https://www.bristolbeacon.co.uk).



DID YOU SEE ANYTHING?

Serious damage to a car on The Dell on Monday morning

The entire front end bodywork was knocked off a car on The Dell on the morning of 16th October by another vehicle. It appears from white paint left on the drivers side wheel arch of the Honda Jazz that the other vehicle came over too far when attempting to park on the Elmlea School side of the Dell. The damaged car is currently parked outside of Nos. 55 & 57 The Dell. If anybody saw the accident happen or knows anything about it to please contact the office info@elmleaschoolstrust.com



Year Group News

Reception

WOW - What a fantastic first term at school for the Reception children. We hope you have a nice rest over the half-term holiday and come back refreshed for a busy Term 2.

Reminder about the information meeting for parents on 'How to support your child's reading' on Thursday 2nd November 2:30-3:00pm.

Please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/YUnH9S8f6d>



The Reception Team

Year 1

There has been a buzz in Year 1 this week with our Creative Writing Week! We had a visit from Martin the Storyteller on Monday who sang to us and worked with us to create our own class story about a magical door that opened a tree trunk into another world with diamond and gem flowers, how exciting! We then thought about what we would do if there were to be a magic door appear in a tree near us. We created our own mini story books as our outcome. The illustrations and uniqueness of each different story is wonderful!

We are so proud of Year One for their fantastic first term. Enjoy your well-deserved break, we look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.



Year 1 Team

KS1 Curriculum evening Tuesday 7th November from 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 enjoyed Creative Writing week which included a visit from a storyteller and a bizarre morning when we found mysterious objects in our classrooms! These inspired our fantastic stories which we wrote with a focus on using capital letters, full stops and adjectives successfully.

We have wrapped up our Explorer topic and can't wait to kick off our new topic in Term 2! We have an exciting launch event which we are looking forward to the children enjoying on their first day back. We continued working hard in maths this week and have been finding number bonds within our addends and using tens frames to support our learning. Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to seeing you all in November!



Thank you, Year 2 team.

Year 3

Y3 have had a fun week in school. In English, pupils have thoroughly enjoyed creative writing week based on the discovery of some ancient coins in the copse. Children have also completed publishing their writing progress setting description pieces. In maths, pupils have improved their measuring and their estimation of length skills. Pupils completed their final self portraits in art and had the opportunity to take part in a class gallery. Well done, Year 3!



The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4

This week has been creative writing week in Year 4. Mr Quinnell found some strange coins in the close, while searching for Miss Leach's ring. We have been thinking about where the coins might have come from and writing stories and newspaper reports about their ideas.



We have also learnt about settlements in History this week.

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

Year 5 have ended the term brilliantly and are in need of a well-earned rest! This week we have finished our clay pot project by glazing and etching our Ancient Greek patterns. Our pots are now sat in a queue waiting to be fired in the kiln but they should be ready to take home early in term 2.

We have also enjoyed Creative Writing Week and have produced some wonderful pieces all based on Mr Quinnell's mysterious discovery of some old coins in the the copse. Well done everyone for all your hard work this term. Have a great break!



Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week year 6 have been completing their Greek pots by glazing, scratching and finishing off in the kiln. We are all really excited to see how these end up. Year 6 have been lucky enough to welcome two visitors in to their classrooms this week. As part of our science topic, we had a talk on drugs and alcohol.



For PSHE, our guest shared information and carried out activities related to dementia. Well done year 6 for being so engaged and respectful throughout

Year 6 Team



Don't forget: Year 7 Secondary Transfer School Applications deadline 31st October

The closing date to make a Year 7 school application for September '24 is fast approaching. Apply [here](#).