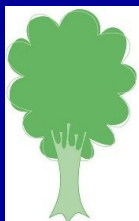


Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 34 Friday 14th June 2024



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Schools' Trust

2023/24 Academic year

Term 6

Mon 3 June - Tues 23 July

Year 3 Information Evening Wed

26 June 6:30pm

INSET DAY Fri 28 June

Sports Day Dates

Y5 & Y6 Mon 1 July back up Tue 9

Y3 & Y4 Tues 2 July back up Mon 8

Start asap post drop off finish 12pm

Infants Thur 4 July back up Weds 10

Last Day of Term Tues 23 July

9:15am start, finish by 11am

2024/25 Academic year

Term 1

Mon 2 Sept–25 Oct '24

INSET DAYS Mon 2, Tues 3 Sept &

Fri 25 Oct '24

*First day of Term 1 Children return
to school Wed 4 Sept '24*

Term 2

4 Nov – 20 Dec '24

Term 3

6 Jan – 14 Feb '25

INSET DAY Mon 6 Jan '25

First day Term 3 Tues 7 Jan '25

Full details can be found [here](#)

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to welcome our new Reception 2024 children to Elmlea this week for their teddy bears picnic. Due to the rain we moved inside from the field to the classrooms. It was a great success and the children got to spend time in their new classrooms and meet some of their new classmates too.

Our children currently in Yr1 – Yr5 will be told about their new teachers on the 25th June. The following week they will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and class if they are shuffling up and spend time in their new classroom. We will have new children joining us as well and we look forward to welcoming those children too to Elmlea.

Yr6 Camp – we hope Yr6 have a wonderful time in Pembrokeshire next week as they are away for 5 days. A huge thank you to parents attending and the following teachers will also be supporting camp for the week; Mr Weller, Mr Daubney, Miss Sheffield, Mr Dickinson, Miss Leach, Miss Wilson and Mr Salisbury. The classes impacted by this have been notified and we have tried to minimise disruption where possible.

Uniform shed—Our uniform shed has been a great success but please note it is only for school uniform and dress up day topic related costumes. Please do not drop off anything else—we have the clothes bank by the junior entrance or many charity shops in Westbury who love donations

Neighbours – A polite request from our neighbour who has put up a new fence all the way alongside the Junior school driveway – please can children not kick balls against the fence or hang off the fence to play.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher

Reminder - Lunchbowl stall next week

Next week we will be selling a range of handmade items to raise funds to support the [charity](#). After school from 3:15-3:30pm Mon 17 to Thur 20 June. The Infant stall will be by the canopy in the KS1 playground and the Junior one will be on the table tennis table in the Junior playground. Please note, we do NOT have a card machine and items cost are 50p, £1, £2, or £3 so please bring your coins!



PTA

**PTA Dates for your
diary**

PTA Summer Fair

Sat 6 July 11am-
3pm

PTA Xmas fair

Sat 30 Nov





Top Language Stars!

On Wednesday eight Year 6 children competed against another Bristol primary school in a part of the National Primary Language Bee. They had to translate into French as many words as possible in one minute from a possible 120 words! All the children's practice showed and Elmlea children gained all three top places!

Music News

Very big **congratulations** to Hannah D in year 4 who has gained a place on the Cathedral Schools Trust's Chorister programme following their open day. Fantastic achievement, Hannah, well done!

Music Assembly- We welcomed **Hannah and Emily**, past pupils, into the infant and junior school this week. They were here to tell us about their musical journeys and to demonstrate some 'endangered' instruments to us. Between them they played the viola, the french horn and the bassoon. Hannah plays for the National Youth Orchestra and is about to study music for her degree. They began their musical journey at Elmlea Junior School playing in the orchestra. Emily said she was inspired to play the bassoon when it was demonstrated in a music assembly. I wonder if one of our current pupils may be likewise be inspired and want to take up one of these instruments? If so, please do let me know.

Orchestra—Next Tuesday the **orchestra** are off on a trip to Bristol Beacon for the next orchestra workshop. Please make sure they have their instrument, their folder of music and a packed lunch at the start of the day.

Boys Choir: If your son is currently in year 4 or 5 and is interested in joining this activity on Friday afternoons, there will be a taster session with the new teacher, David Ogden, on Friday 21st June. They will be given the opportunity to sign up for this next week.

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

Infant Eco Stars News



The Infant Eco Stars children have been feeling a little worried about the amount of food that is being wasted at lunchtime recently, so we are going to see if we can spend this term doing something about it! In assembly on Tuesday, we launched our challenge to see if we could get our waste below 14kg each day! We learnt that our waste is sometimes as high as 18kg and that 15kg weighs as much as a microwave! The children have made some reminder posters for the hall with suggestions about how we can reduce our waste. Some of their suggestions were... **Less talking, more eating!** **Order your food with your grown ups so you can choose things you like.** **Try everything on your plate, you never know, you might like it!** Our Eco Stars will be sharing the results in assembly every Friday and are really hoping we can reduce our food waste this term!

Healthy Competition

According to Statista, 69% of children currently engage in competitive sport, either in or out of school. Thanks to the Euros, it's very possible that percentage will see an uptick in the coming weeks. Enjoying sport and revelling in healthy competition can have a fantastic impact on children's development – but when presented with the idea of winning side ☑ emotions can sometimes run high, and feelings can be hurt. A healthy approach to any kind of game or contest – not just the sporting variety – is an important quality to teach to children and young people; and this [guide](#) can help you to do that. Our list of expert tips explains how to emphasise the value of playing fair and dealing with both victory and defeat in a reasonable, mature manner.

Inclusion Information and Support

Our 'No Photos in school' policy explained

At Elmlea, we use a professional photographer for school events such as Christmas productions, plays, concerts and sports days. This allows you to sit back, relax and enjoy the event, rather than watch it through a screen. This also helps to keep our community safe, protecting vulnerable children within the school. When pictures are publicly shared on social media, it can mean that a child's school and location can be revealed and can pose a genuine safety risk for children who have been removed from a dangerous and chaotic life and placed with foster carers or adoptive parents. Revealing a child's location can potentially mean that child and their family has to pack up, move home and school, to protect them. Please follow the school's policy and don't take photos and videos at the upcoming sports days and help us protect our vulnerable children and their families. More info [here](#).



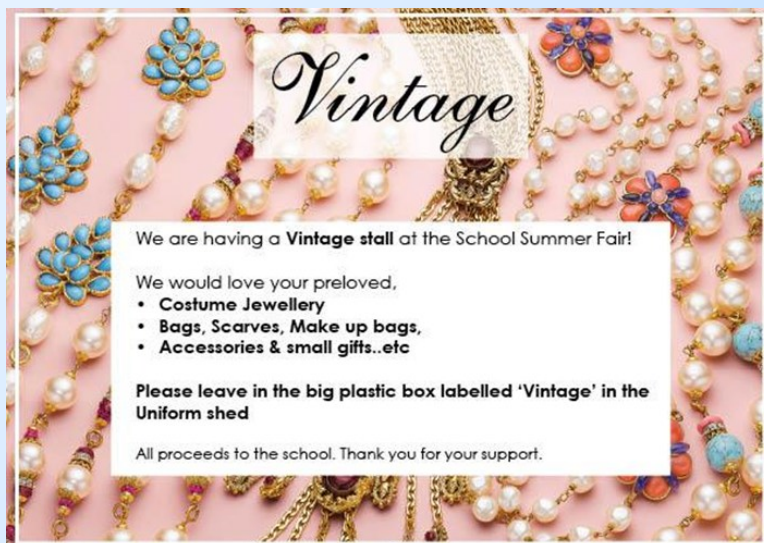
Community News

Football Quiz, Pizza and watch the England v Serbia game @ Westbury Baptist Church, Reedley Rd. 6.30pm Football quiz * 7pm Pizza and refreshments * 8pm Watch England game. More information can be found [here](#).

PTA News

Join us Saturday 6th July, 11 - 3pm, at Elmlea for our Summer Fair.

Set to be a great day with live performances, demos, inflatables, games and a fire engine. Plus a selection of stalls with art, jewellery, plants, reflexology and woodwork, alongside stalls selling food and drinks.



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help so far. There are still a few slots left, please visit this link to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA9A62FA0FAC34-48859648-summer#/>



We are still looking for a **Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to oversee the PTA from September.**

These roles will be supported by a large team running events. We have a lead for nearly every event planned!

These committee roles can be shared or sized to suit you and some companies count this towards your volunteering time. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, make friends and contribute to the school community.

Without these key roles the PTA legally can't function, none of the planned events can go ahead, and the school would miss out on the thousands of pounds raised by the PTA each year.

If you're interested in any of the roles or just want a chat to find out more, please contact us.

No more uniform donations for now.



We have an overwhelming amount of uniform in the new shed and lodge at the moment, so cannot take anymore donations for now. We will let you know when we can take more. In the meantime, please use the shed for purchasing uniform and your fancy dress donations

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Year Group News

Reception

Reception have had a very exciting week! Each class now has their own caterpillars and the children have loved watching them grow! We have done lots of learning around caterpillars and their lifecycle, and have even created our own caterpillar patterns in Maths.



Just a reminder that on Tuesday we have our trip to the farm - please make sure your child has sun-cream applied in the morning and comes to school with a sunhat. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

The Reception Team

Year 1

Another superb week in Year 1 this week has found us busy with money, writing new stories and taking a step back in time! We started our week continuing with our theme of money in maths.

We looked at giving change as well as counting money in 2s, 5s and 10s. Today, we have had the most amazing day dressing up as Victorians, exploring Victorian toys and playing playground games that children would have played in this time. The children have absolutely loved this today and are enjoying our new topic very much!



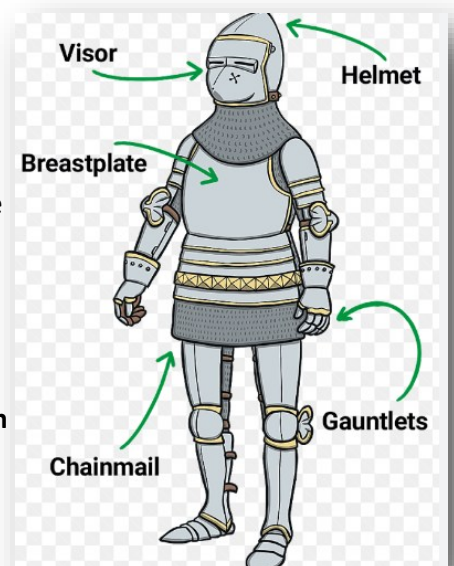
All children have sat their phonics screening assessment this week. They all worked so hard, and we are very proud of them for their determination. Well done Year 1!

Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about knights and writing fantastic, informative fact files in English this week. We have been recapping lots of maths skills we learnt earlier in the year, including dividing by grouping and sharing. We found out we will be making siege engines in DT so we practised joining materials together using different techniques.

Thank you, Year 2 team



Year 3 Information Evening

Current Year 2 parents, please note the date - 6:30pm on Wednesday 26th June in the Junior school hall for your Year 3 Information Evening.

Year 3 Children in Year 3 have had an exciting week, the highlight of which was Roman Day on Tuesday. Pupils came into school in their impressive costumes and spent the day finding out more about Roman towns, villas, roads, gods and goddesses. The children loved designing their own Roman gods and goddesses and proudly shared them with their peers.



In English, pupils have identified the features of a recount text and have written introductory paragraphs about their visit to the Hindu Temple last week. Well done, Year 3!

Recount

A recount tells us about something that has happened. It is written for someone who wants to know what has happened. It is written in chronological order.



Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4 This week (along with Year 3) Year 4 held our very own Roman Day. Everyone made a brilliant effort with costumes and we enjoyed finding out all about how Roman roads were structured; understanding how Roman villas were constructed and researching and designing our own Roman gods. A particular highlight was our year group collaborating to build our own Roman settlements, together, out on the field. We are also very excited for our trip to Caerleon next week too!

In other areas, we have learnt about how to classify invertebrates; how to punctuate speech dialogue in our Viking sagas; we have completed our tricky times-table checks and we have learnt how to decode word problems in maths.



Y4 Teaching Team



Please remember to consent / pay for your child's school trips on time!

There are numerous school trips coming up over the next few weeks. Please remember to sign into your [Arbor account](#) in plenty of time to give your consent for your child to attend as well as to make payment. **Your child will not be able to attend** if you have not given your permission for them to do so. Thanks.

Year 5 Rehearsals for our production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory are in full swing and everyone is doing so well. We are all feeling proud that we have made amazing progress with learning our lines and have been practising the songs in music - they sound great! Our audiences in a few weeks will be in for a treat! Despite being busy with rehearsals, we have still managed to squeeze lots of other things in too! In English, we have been continuing with our English mystery narrative unit. We have been planning our own narratives based on some really intriguing images! We've been getting really creative with the stories behind the pictures. In maths, we have continued with our work on decimals, focusing particularly on ordering decimals and linking them to their fraction equivalents.



Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

On Monday, we went on a trip to The Big Pit in Blaenafon, Wales as part of our history topic and we even got to go down underground to a real coal mine 30 metres underground! We were shocked to hear that, during the 1800s, children as young as four or five years old were expected to work for over twelve hours at a time as 'trappers', almost always in complete darkness and in very dangerous conditions.

On Wednesday, we had a virtual workshop from 'Kooth'. They gave us strategies to support and maintain our mental health.

Dates for your diary

Year 6 play performances - Tues 16th July - 1:45pm start and Weds 17th July - 6pm start

Email about booking tickets coming soon, tickets will be available to book from midday next Friday.

Leavers service for parents - Tues 23rd July - 9:15am



Miss Leach, Miss Sheffield and Mr Dickinson