

Elm Park "In Touch"



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Head's Message

How disappointing to have to postpone yesterday's Girls' Football match against Alveston - Mr Hart hopes to rearrange when ground is good to firm and safe to play on.

Great to see another snapshot piece below from an Elm Park class. This week Elm Class are giving us a peek into what they've been learning. Goodnight Mister Tom is challenging stuff!

Many thanks to **all** parents for dropping off and parking appropriately near the side entrance/KS2 gate .. to be absolutely clear there is NO place to swing in without risk of hitting children, nor is it appropriate to mount the kerb / stop on the lines outside the school! Habitual offenders will have their number plates passed onto our wonderful local police support officers - who share our commitment to children's safety. **#leave5minsooner**

Coming Soon!

- KS1 Playground Improvement Works 29th Jan to the end of half term!
- Meet the Team – our brilliant kitchen team and lunchtime supervisors 2/2/18
- How we've changed our Phonics teaching to improve pupil learning 9/2/18
- Open Classrooms 8.30-8.45am 6/2/18; Open Classrooms 3.30-3.45pm 7/2/18
- Classroom Close-up ... Class 9/2/18

Key Dates

01/02/18 Year 6 to Life Skills Centre

05/02/18 Great Fire of London Workshops (KS1)

12 -16/02/18 Half Term Holiday

19/02/18 Inset Day

22/02/18 Y6 to visit WIA – French visit

23/02/18 School Disco (PTFA)

27/02/18 Y5/Y6 to Steam Museum

01/03/18 World Book Day

Letters home this week: Scooter Training (Y2), Revision Guidance (Y6), Hazel Class Update (Hazel).

Classroom Close-Up

Elm Class have had a fantastic start to Term 3! Our new topic is World War 2 and we are embracing this through our English, history, art and dance lessons. We have discovered why the war started and who the key people were. There has been a variety of books, photos and first-hand accounts of what life was like in the war brought in by the class.

Our text this term is 'Goodnight Mister Tom' and we are really enjoying this story. At the beginning, we role played the journey of a young evacuee and used freeze frames to capture thoughts and emotions. We have done lots of writing in role including letters, diary entries and thought bubbles. We have enjoyed working on our 'countryside' dialect! This week, we have been exploring viewpoints using 'Decision Alley'. Here are some viewpoints about what Mister Tom should do.



Tom should not take Willie back home. He is the father that the boy never had. He has made him fit and healthy. Willie is scared of his own mum. No child should ever be treated in a bad way.

Macy



If Willie doesn't go back, he may never see his mum again. Do you think he would want no real family? You will eventually let him go anyway, so why not now?

Connor

Fractions, decimals and percentages have been our focus in maths and we have been converting them and solving problems. In Science, we have been investigating the properties of different materials. We are enjoying the practical experiments.

Weekly News

World Book Day 2018

On Thursday 1st March, we will be celebrating World Book Day.

This year, our chosen theme is 'Traditional Tales' so we are inviting all children to come to school dressed as a character from a traditional tale e.g. a giant, a fairy, a wolf, a witch etc.

Children will spend the day immersing themselves in traditional tales which will include listening, acting out and writing. It is sure to be a wonderful day. Thank you in advance for your support

Reception Class Update

The EYFS children have been taking part in the RSPB big school bird count. This has really inspired and engaged the children so they have made the shed into a bird hide.

It is wonderful to hear them talking to each other about the birds they spot and correctly identifying them.



Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancies

Please let Mrs Ingle in the office know if you are interested in working with our dedicated team of lunchbreak supervisors. We have two vacancies currently.