

Elm Park "In Touch"



Newsletter 13: February 2nd 2018

Head's Message

Thanks to all the staff team for battling through all the various bugs and viruses over the last month or so. Everyone has rallied around and covered for illnesses so brilliantly to ensure that our children have had their normal experience at Elm Park throughout.

Thanks to all the parents who have given such positive feedback on the new-look newsletters and to those who've noted that we are now including regular updates on aspects of your children's academic learning.

In response to previous parent feedback, this term we have produced a weekly newsletter rather than fortnightly and we hope that this has helped the effectiveness of our communication. I look forward to seeing parents at this week's Open Class Sessions.

Coming Soon!

- KS1 Playground Improvement Works finished by the start of Term 4!
- How we've developed our Phonics teaching and 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 ... Pine Class 9/2/18

Key Dates

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
02/03/18 PTFA Quiz Night
06/03/18 Mothers Day Sale (PTFA)
06/03/18 Parents Evening
08/03/18 Parents Evening

Meet the Team

Our amazing kitchen and lunchtime teams do a superb job at looking after the welfare and happiness of our children at school. Of course the children know them very well indeed but perhaps many parents less so.

On behalf of all at Elm Park we'd like to thank Mrs Moore and her team, Mrs James and Mrs Brake in the kitchen for all the yummy food AND kindness that you provide for our pupils.



Grateful thanks for the all your tremendous care, patience and professional supervision goes to our wonderful lunchtime supervisors: Mrs Malpas, Mrs Corder, Mrs Harris, Mrs Heath, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Gainey, Mrs Clark, Mrs Cook and Mrs Allaouat.



Please look out for our special theme days coming up at lunchtimes .. I have a feeling that July 6th might be quite a popular lunchtime at Elm Park!



Weekly News

SIMS Agora – Online Payments

From Term 4 (Tues 20th February) we shall no longer be taking cash payments. Please ensure your on-line payments are set up as soon as possible. The Nat West branch we use will be closing in June, therefore, we are unable to take payments in cash or cheque.

The kitchen will still take breakfast club and toast/fruit snack money in a NAMED envelope.

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.

PTFA News

-We look forward to seeing many of you at the ice rink at WADCA on Saturday! The PTFA will be selling hot drinks, fruit shoots and snacks. The bar at WADCA will also be open.

-The next Disco will be Friday 23 February. Letters have been sent home this week. **Please return Reception/KS1 reply slips/party bag orders by Thursday 8 February.**

-Curry & Quiz night returns 2 March! Details of how to enter your team will be out shortly.

Life Skills

On Thursday afternoon, the children in Year 6 visited the Life Skills Centre in Bristol. They had a fantastic time learning about how to stay safe and well in a variety of real-life scenarios. These included responding to an emergency, identifying dangers in the home and garden and road safety. The children behaved brilliantly and were a real credit to our school. Well done Year 6!

Letters home this week: Disco letters (whole school), Steam Museum (Y5 and Y6) Visit