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## *Newsletter 15*

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

 Letters sent home this week	To
1. Weather warning letter	1. Whole School

### Staff news

Congratulations to Mrs Kat Haley and her husband who are expecting their second child this summer. Miss Toni Dorse has kindly agreed to work full time when Mrs Haley leaves to give continuity for Pine Class.

### FREE school meals – Census Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The local authority carry out a school census on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January. This determines the amount of funding each school receives. As you may have seen on the news every penny counts for schools at the moment. On census day there is a count of children in the infants who take up the offer of a free meal on that day. The school then receives a sum of money based on this number as part of the funding package for the year. We would really appreciate it if as many children as possible in Reception, Years 1 and 2 have a free meal on this date.



There is a change of menu for this date so that the children can have their favourite meal of fish fingers and chips. The pizza will move to Friday instead.

### Deadline for applications for Reception September 2017

Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are due to start school in September 2017.

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2017**. Please note applications received late may not get their preferred school even if they have a sibling already in attendance.

Applications should be made to the local authority where the child lives; regardless of the location of the school they are requesting. For more information or for South Gloucestershire residents to apply online parents can go to [www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions). If parents' need help with the application process please ask them to telephone the contact centre on 01454 868008.

If you would like to visit the school, please contact the school office on 01454 866750 to arrange an appointment. We look forward to meeting you and showing you our fantastic school.

Key dates:

15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

2nd May 2017

Closing date for applications.

Offers of a primary school place sent to parents/carers.

Parents/carers deadline to accept the place.



### Breakfast Club

Please note, from **1<sup>st</sup> February 2017**, the Breakfast Club will have a price increase. It will be **£3.00** from 7.45am and **£2.50** from 8.00am. Children will also need to bring a small amount of money to buy breakfast.



Thanks to your amazing generosity, we raised a fantastic **£365** with donations after our KS1 performances and our Christmas Jumper Day. This money will go to our twinned school in Ghana. We will let you know in due course what the school has used the money for.



### New Reading Incentive

Last week, we launched our new reading incentive. We now have a Reading Rainbow which is taking pride of place in the hall. Every time your child reads ten times, they will receive a coloured counter which they then place on their year groups' colour on the rainbow. The first year group to achieve 100 counters wins a treat. This could be watching a film with popcorn or a trip to the park. Please make a comment or initial your child's comment in their reading journals every time they read at home.

Reading is an incredibly important skill and we do strongly encourage children to read regularly at home. The expectation is that your child reads 5 times each week. This could be them reading to you, a sibling, grandparent or to themselves and could take the form of reading a book, magazine, comic or on a kindle. Please ensure that your child has their reading journal in school every day as there are often opportunities for children to read to Reading Rangers and teaching assistants in addition to their weekly guided reading session. We are always looking for Reading Rangers – if you have a spare hour during an afternoon to support or provide extra reading opportunities in school, please speak to Mrs Gibbon.

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. We look forward to seeing who wins the first Reading Rainbow challenge!

'Books are a uniquely portable magic' Stephen King.



### Visit from the Dog's Trust

I would like to thank you, your colleagues and especially Years 3 and 4 at Elm Park Primary School for making my visit to your school on Tuesday so enjoyable – the children were a pleasure to talk to! I hope they enjoyed themselves and have remembered everything they learnt about staying safe around dogs and what a dog needs to be happy and healthy.

Your booking has contributed towards our aim of encouraging young people to learn about caring for dogs, being a responsible dog owner and how to stay safe around dogs. Dogs Trust believe that by educating young people about the commitment involved in owning a dog and about staying safe around dogs, we can help them to become more responsible members of their local community. Our experiences show that teaching compassion, care and respect towards animals can also enrich children's lives in many other ways.

I'm looking forward to working with your school again in the future. Thanks again and warm regards to you and the pupils.

Emily Brown, South West Education & Community Officer  
[Emily.Brown@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:Emily.Brown@dogstrust.org.uk)



In KS1 we have been learning about Internet Safety and how to stay safe when we are online. Maple Class read the story of Smartie the Penguin, who was given a new tablet for his birthday, and needed lots of help with different things. The children learnt the song that Smartie's parents teach him. To hear this story, visit [Childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin](http://Childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin)

Pine and Beech Classes have been learning about Hector's World and how his friends keep him safe online. It is important for children to learn about Internet Safety. Please feel free to visit the websites to share the story and talk about keeping safe online. Thank you for your support. **Mrs Moore.**

### **Online safety parents' meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2:30-3:30pm**

We have arranged for an e-safety expert to host a meeting for Elm Park parents on 13<sup>th</sup> March. The focus will be about how you can keep your children safe online. Please contact the office to book your place.



### **Breakfast Club resources**

The breakfast club team are looking for new resources to keep the children entertained before school. If you have any board games, puzzles or small world toys (cars, dolls, dinosaurs etc) that you no longer need, please bring them to the school office.

### **Eat Well for Less**

I am writing from the hit **BBC One prime time series 'Eat Well For Less?'** because we are currently in production with a brand new series of the show. My reason for writing is that applications are now open and we are currently on the lookout for fun and lively families who would love to save some money on their weekly shop and eat more healthily. We would love it if you would be willing to share some information with your staff and parents in case any of them would like to apply?

*The show follows **Masterchef's Gregg Wallace** & award winning greengrocer **Chris Bavin** on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to **save money** on their food budget **without scrimping on taste and nutrition**. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.*

Eating healthily and to a budget is something we feel affects most of us and we'd be really grateful if you could help us spread the word about the new series amongst your families and staff by perhaps circulating a flyer or sharing something in a newsletter. I can send over a soft copy of the flyer or we can post paper copies early next week. If you think you know any families/households that may be interested in appearing on the programme, please do pass on our details.

Do let me know if you need any further information.

Thanks so much and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards, **The Eat Well For Less Team**

**Get in touch to apply or find out more! 0117 970 7698 Or e-mail: [eatwell@rdftv.com](mailto:eatwell@rdftv.com)**

[www.facebook.com/EatWellForLess](http://www.facebook.com/EatWellForLess) Twitter: @EatWellForLess

### **Sports Report - Football**

Elm Park took part in the South Gloucestershire Primary Schools Cup yesterday and won their game against St. Stephen's Primary – 10-0. We are now through to the quarter finals.

Here is a report on the game by Jack Nunn:

*On Tuesday, Elm Park played St. Stephens in a cup match. Elm Park started off the game with a goal from Sam. As the match went on, Elm Park kept getting better and better. In the opening ten minutes, our hard work started to turn into goals. By this stage, Elm Park were winning the game by 3 goals to nil for the rest of the match. Elm Park carried on getting more goals and by the end of the match, the score was 10-0 to Elm Park. There were four goals from Jack, one from Caden, one from Connor and two from Kailum. Altogether, Elm Park played really well and we hope to carry on the rest of the year like this!*



## Writers of the Week

The 'Writers of the Week' initiative rewards excellent writing in each class. Each week teachers choose one piece of writing which has impressed during the week. These are displayed in the hall of the whole school writing board to showcase the high quality of writing at Elm Park and also enable children to feel proud of their achievement. This week's Writers of the Week are: - **Benjamin Szeki, Harry Bradley, Layla Warren, Max Dimery, Harley Watson, Lewis Parry, Zoe King, Abi Webb, Ansh Patel, Keiran White and Harry Alden.** Well done! 😊



## Stars of the Week!

Each week the teacher(s) in each class nominate a child who has made a significant achievement during the week, or who impressed the teacher as a result of their positive attitude to learning. In our assembly on Friday, the children receive a special 'Elm Park Star' Certificate and a Head Teacher's Award.

- Catkins – **Isla Gosiewski** for trying so hard in school and at home in her learning 😊
- Acorns - **Layla Hulin** for having such a great 'can do' attitude 😊
- Pine – **Kurtis Taylor** for being an absolute superstar and being the best he can 😊
- Beech – **Molly Bayley** for trying her best at everything and working independently 😊
- Maple – **Amara Gildersleeve** for being enthusiastic and working hard in all lessons 😊
- Willow- **Molly Tayler-Ring** for fantastic effort in maths all week 😊
- Chestnut – **Freya Anderson** for having a fantastic attitude to learning and trying really hard 😊
- Oak – **Kia Woodman** for her enthusiasm, hard work and determination all week 😊
- Hazel – **Keira Woodison** for another fantastic week! 😊
- Cedar- **Ellie Bennett** for working really hard and trying her best in every lesson! You're a real role model 😊
- Elm – **Poppy Gifford** for working exceptionally hard in Maths this week 😊

## This Week's Lunch break Stars (awarded by Lunch Break Supervisors)

- KS1 **Cody Britton** for being brave 😊
- Ruby-Mae Gowen** for eating her lunch everyday 😊
- KS2 **Conrad Hodge** for being polite and well mannered 😊
- Jemima Clarke** for always following playground rules 😊

This week's house winner is: **REDWOOD (Red) Well done!** 😊

## Assessment Information Session for parents

Mrs Bond and Mrs Anderson will be hosting Y6 and Y2 assessment information sessions for parents at the start of February. The aim of the meetings will be to provide parents with information about how the children will be assessed in May this year (tests and teacher assessment). Please contact the school office to book a place.

The CPG have some workbooks that parents can purchase to use at home if they wish. If you purchase through the school, you can save a significant amount on the ticket price online. We will have some resources available for parents to view at the meetings.

## Free School Meals – how to apply

Parents and carers can now apply for free school meals online via the Citizen Portal, using the link below. Your eligibility will be checked online, and the portal will let you know whether your child is eligible for free school meals. If your child is eligible you will receive a confirmation message, and the school will be notified directly. If you are not eligible you will be presented with a message stating this.

Please note, if you have already completed a primary or secondary school place application for the 2017/18 academic year via the portal, you do not need to re-register when applying for free school meals. Please use the login details that you have already set up.

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals/>



## PTFA News & Event

Find us on Facebook for easy updates: <https://www.facebook.com/ElmParkPTAWinterbourne2015/>



As we will be spending part of this term studying France and the French speaking world, I have decided to do French facts rather than phrases of the week. Please share these with your children and as usual, house points will be given to any children who are able to tell me a French fact.

**France is the world's most popular tourist destination** – some 83.7 million visitors arrived in France, according to the World Tourism Organisation report published in 2014, making it the world's most-visited country.

### Dates 2016 / 17

DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
<b>Term 2</b>				
15/01/17	Sunday			Deadline for applications for Primary School places for Sept 2017
19/1/17	Thursday			School census
23/1/17	Monday			Fizz Pop Science whole school assembly
24/01/17	Tuesday		pm	Y5/6 to WIA for performance of 'Our House'
30/1/17	Monday			School Assembly Team visit
01/02/17	Wednesday	3pm	3:25pm	Y2 parents' meeting about SATs and assessment
02/02/17	Thursday	3pm	3:25pm	Y6 parents' meeting about SATs and assessment
07/02/17	Tuesday	2:30pm	3:30pm	PiP meeting – SEN/d with Mrs Bond
10/02/17	Friday			End of term 3
10/02/17	Friday	2:45pm	3:20pm	Cup assembly
<b>Term 4</b>				
20/02/17	Monday	All day		INSET DAY 4
21/02/17	Tuesday			Term 4 begins for children
01/03/17	Wednesday			Y6 parents notified about secondary places for September 2017
07/03/17	Tuesday	4:00pm	7:00pm	Parents' evening
09/03/17	Thursday	4:00pm	6:00pm	Parents' evening
13/03/17	Monday	2:30pm	3:30pm	Parents meeting about online safety
31/03/17	Friday	2:45pm	3:20pm	Cup assembly
07/04/17	Friday			End of term 4
18/04/17	Tuesday			Parents notified about primary school places for September 2017
<b>Term 5</b>				
24/04/17	Monday			Term 5 begins
01/05/17	Monday			Bank holiday – school closed
08/05/16	Mon-Thurs	am		Y6 SATs week
19/05/17	Friday	2:45pm	3:20pm	Cups' assembly
23/05/17	Tuesday	2:30pm	3:30pm	PiP meeting
24/05/17	Wednesday	1:00pm	3:30pm	Sports afternoon
25/05/17	Thursday			End of term 5
26/05/17	Friday	All day		INSET DAY 5
<b>Term 6</b>				
05/06/17	Monday			Term 6 begins
07/07/17	Friday			Reports come home
11/07/17	Tuesday	2:45pm	3:20pm	PiP planning meeting for 2017-18
14/07/17	Friday	2:45pm	3:20pm	Cups' assembly
18/07/17	Tuesday	2:00pm	3:00pm	Y6 Performance to parents
18/07/17	Tuesday	6:00pm	7:00pm	Y6 Performance to parents
21/07/17	Friday	9:00am	9:30am	Y6 Leavers' assembly
21/07/17	Friday			End of Term 6



# Happy Chinese New Year!!



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Menu

Chicken Hoisin Wrap

or

Sticky Chinese Chicken Drumsticks

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Vegetable Chow Mein



Oriental Egg Fried Rice

Cucumber and Carrot Sticks

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Mandarin Jelly

Fruit and Yoghurt will also be served

