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Newsletter 17

Friday 27th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

 Letters sent home this week	To
Elmighty letter	Selected Y6 children
Swimming Gala letter	Year 3 – 6 children upon request
Guitar Day letter	Children learning guitars
Maths Morning letter	KS1

School meals on census day

We are really grateful to all Infant parents for encouraging their child to have a school meal last week. 98% of children in the Infants (Reception, Years 1 and 2) took a meal, which is the best ever. This will make a huge difference to our funding for school meals in the new financial year. Thank you.



Breakfast Club

As you will have seen from last week's Newsletter, the price of the breakfast club is increasing on **1st February 2017**. This is to try to cover our staffing and breakfast service costs for the sessions. The prices will be **£3.00** from 7.45am and **£2.50** from 8.00am.

There is a good range of food available for children to buy at a small additional cost (between 10-50p per item). Whilst we would encourage families to make use of the breakfast service, this is not mandatory. We know that some children prefer to eat their breakfast at home before they arrive.

The breakfast club opens at 7:45am and the doors will not be opened for children arriving before this time. Please can we ask that parents hand their children over to a member of staff.

If you have any unwanted, good quality board games, lego, cars etc, the breakfast club would welcome donations.

Assessment Information Session for parents

1st February 3pm – Year 2

2nd February 3pm – Year 6

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.

Online safety parents' meeting – 13th March 2:30-3:30pm

We have arranged for an e-safety expert to host a meeting for Elm Park parents on 13th March. The focus will be about how you can keep your children safe online. Please contact the office to book your place. We would particularly recommend this for parents with children in Year 4, 5 and 6. Every parent who attends will receive a FREE magazine about how to protect your children in our digital age.



Child Safety

Polite reminder, please if your child is being collected by a friend or a family member other than yourself can you contact the school office to let them know who will be collecting. We will not allow children to leave without confirmation from an adult with parental responsibility.

Governors

After a highly successful term of office as a governor (including 2 years as Chair of Governors), Mrs Griffith-Williams has resigned her role. Mrs Griffith-Williams provided excellent support and challenge for the school and we are grateful to her for the commitment, drive and competence she showed in the role. Mrs Karen Anderson has been elected as Chair of Governors and Mr Dave Drew as Vice Chair of Governors for the rest of the school year. We have also appointed Mrs S. Allen as a new co-opted Governor this week. We now have one parent vacancy, which will be advertised soon. Please note that there is a new safeguarding governor – Mrs Jo Briscoombe. We will update the board in the lobby in due course.



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 officially known as the French Republic. The name France comes from the Latin word Francia, which means 'country of the Franks'.



Sainsburys' Active Schools Vouchers – we are collecting again!

Please pop any vouchers that you have into the box in the main entrance once the supermarket launches the Active Kids again from 25th January 2017. This provides us with amazing PE resources each year and we hope to make this the biggest collection year yet with your help! Many thanks for your support.



End of Term Disco Friday 3rd Feb 2017

There is a change this time for Reception children: They will be given a ready prepared bag of treats which will include a drink, snack and a trinket. This will be a total cost of **£3.50** (which includes the cost of entry) Please send this in one named envelope. Reception children will not need any additional spending money.

For KS1 and KS2 the cost is **£2 per child** which **MUST** be in a separate named envelope. Please keep any spending money in a separate (named) purse/wallet.

Reception & KS1 children – please bring a change of clothes in a named bag. Timings are as follows:

Reception & KS1 – 3:30- 4:30 pm (please collect children from KS1 playground)

KS2 – 4:45-6:00 pm (please drop off and collect children from main school reception)

A sign-up sheet will be in the main entrance by the end of today if you would like to help.

PTA – vacancy for chair

After a significant period of office, Mr Kellock has decided to step down from the PTA due to work commitments (see letter sent last week). We are very grateful for the time, energy and commitment he has shown to his role. He has made a difference to the experiences of the children of Elm Park. Thank you, Stuart.

Being on the PTA is an important way to contribute to the enjoyment and enrichment of the children's experience at school. As school budgets are being squeezed dramatically, the fundraising aspect is essential to the school. We acknowledge that all PTA members are volunteers and give precious time out of their busy lives, but their contribution matters. If you would like to get involved in the PTA, please contact the school office.

Future of the PTFA

At present, nobody has come forward to take on the Chairperson's role. To make it clear what we will be losing if the PTFA goes into hibernation, I wanted to explain just what it is we do and have done for the school. Without a PTFA there will be no Discos (3 a year), Fairs, Father's Day and Mother's Day sales, Santa Visit's, Curry and Quiz nights, and Leavers Gifts plus countless other events throughout the year.

We have raised almost **£20,000** in the last two years and spent over **£23,000** thanks to our legacy fund. Here is a list of just some of the things we have been able to fund:

10 Feb 2015	£128.49	Cooking club		21 Apr 2016	£459.27	Digital cameras
13 Feb 2015	£1800.00	Phonics Books		21 Apr 2016	£78.00	Easter egg hunt
17 Mar 2015	£432.00	Life bus		15 Jun 2016	£981.66	Benches and Samba Drumming
17 Apr 2015	£230.00	Life skills transport		6 Jul 2016	£50.38	Cookery Club Aprons
4 Jun 2015	£442.12	Mindstorms robots		11 Aug 2016	£250.00	Yearbooks
4 Jun 2015	£250.00	Yearbooks		20 Oct 2016	£1978.00	TA stations (tables, chairs, whiteboards)
20 Nov 2015	£109.00	New Microphones		20 Oct 2016	£430.00	Life bus (from June 2016)
30 Nov 2015	£326.65	Talking postcards / talk time equipment		12 Nov 2016	£270.00	Wow day (fizz pop, half funded)
30 Nov 2015	£1458.33	Astroturf / decking		2 Dec 2016	£379.95	Phonics + Power of Reading
7 Jan 2016	£2093.10	Maths and English Books		2 Dec 2016	£650.00	Non-fiction books
3 Feb 2016	£201.98	Bookshelves		2 Dec 2016	£405.00	Maths supplies
15 Mar 2016	£230.00	Life skills transport		2 Dec 2016	£400.00	EYFS outdoor storage and stand
				2 Dec 2016	£200.00	Subject materials - DT and Music

As you can see these are not trivial things that we have funded and we have done a lot for the school. By standing down now the Chair hopes we can have a period of transition where new people can learn to take the reins of the organisation in a less stressful manor. Next week will be our last meeting unless we hear from someone who can help. The meeting will be at 8pm at the Cross Hands on Wednesday the 1st of February. The fire will be on and we are a friendly bunch, so please come along and help us make a difference.

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

Forthcoming PTA Events:

School Disco Friday 3 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1/R 3:30-4:30 (collection from Infant Playground); • KS2 4:45-6pm (collection from main school entrance). Pay on arrival. • Entry fee £2. Payments for Infant children in clearly marked envelopes please. • Parent/carer volunteers to assist on the stalls are welcome – sign up in the lobby.
Quiz and Pie night 17 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food provided by Mrs Deb Moore as part of the ticket price. • Teams need to book in advance – please contact the PTA via the school office to register a team. • Adult only event. • More details to follow.
Mothers' Day sale 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents to purchase for a small fee (usually £2). • Older siblings usually collect younger siblings to choose gifts together. • If you would like to help with this event, please contact the PTA (via the school office).
Fathers' Day Sale XX June (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents to purchase for a small fee (usually £2). • Older siblings usually collect younger siblings to choose gifts together. • If you would like to help with this event, please contact the PTA (via the school office).
Summer Fair XX June/July (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main school event of the year. • Takes place on a Saturday – usually between 11am -2pm. • Volunteers needed to help organise the event as well as to help on the day. If you can help, please contact the PTA via the school office. • Further information to follow.
End of year disco XX July (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1/R 3:30-4:30 (collection from Infant Playground); • KS2 4:45-6pm (collection from main school entrance). Pay on arrival. • Entry fee £2. Payments for Infant children in clearly marked envelopes please. • Parent/carer volunteers to assist on the stalls are welcome – sign up in the lobby.

School Gate Running - Wednesday 9am, term time only, meet in KS2 playground

Our group is continuing to grow and is now a recognised RunTogether (formerly Run England) group that has a presence on their relaunched website. We are a mixed ability group (run or run/walk) and always welcome anyone who would like to give us a try, it's FREE!! We hold sessions both on road, off road and the school field, we are always finished by 10am which leaves you the rest of the day to feel smug 😊 Our FB page is Elm Park School Gate Running which gives details of each session a few days beforehand. If Wednesday is not a good day for you, give me a shout as there are other groups locally on other days who have the same ethos. Cathie Walsh 😊

Guitar Day

The Music Service are holding a Guitar Day at Bradley Stoke Community School on Wednesday 5th April 2017 for children who have been learning the guitar for at least a year up to grade 2. Children who are learning guitars in school have already been invited, but if there are children who learn privately and would like to take part in the day, please ask for a letter at Reception.



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: **Lucas Hughes, Poppy Jefferey, Isla Moody, Anaiya Day, Sophie Shipp, Morgan Wilson, Posy Robinson, Lexi Owen, Shirley Ayres, Zane Lacey and Oscar Payne - 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 –	Theo Perry for excellent behaviour even on the most exciting day – his birthday! 😊 Dougie Harding for always being a superstar and making excellent choices! 😊
Acorns -	Joshua Bendall for super reading and always trying his hardest 😊
Pine –	Lily Wilson for always being ready to learn and being a good role model 😊
Beech –	Emily Barlow for always being switched on and ready to learn! 😊
Maple –	Archibold Shortman for his enthusiasm in his maths lessons 😊
Willow-	Scarlet Drew for trying her best in Literacy all week 😊
Chestnut –	Connie Starkie for being so enthusiastic writing her story this week. Well done! 😊
Oak –	Jemima Drew for super effort in all of her learning! 😊
Hazel –.	Noah Douglas for a fantastic effort in his learning this week and always having a smile on his face 😊
Cedar-	Bradley Wood for working very hard in all lessons and being a super role model 😊
Elm –	Luke Clayton for showing great motivation in your elmighty group 😊

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

KS1	Jake Allen for always being polite and happy 😊 Lily Mae Clark for always being happy in the playground 😊
KS2	Jacob Gurnett and Bradley Wood for a fantastic job putting the playground equipment away 😊 😊

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

Health and Safety – sickness and diarrhoea

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please can we ask that they are kept away from school for 48 hours from the last episode (as recommended by the health and safety guidelines for school). We ask the cleaners to do an extra clean in any areas that have been affected at school too to minimise the spread of infection and children are reminded to keep good hand washing hygiene. There is a further health and safety recommendation that children should not engage in swimming for two weeks after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

For more information about school's guidance about managing infectious diseases please follow the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/522337/Guidance_on_infection_control_in_schools.pdf

WEEKS ENDING: 04/11/16, 25/11/16, 09/12/16, 13/01/17, 03/02/17, 03/03/17, 24/03/17		Fresh fruit, jacket potatoes, salad selection, bread, cheese & biscuits, yoghurt and chilled water available daily			
WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main meal	Spaghetti bolognese	Chicken pie	Roast gammon and gravy	Sausage, bean and bacon casserole	Fish fingers Tuna pasta bake
Vegetarian option	Macaroni cheese	Lentil and butternut squash korma	Quorn roast	Mushroom and red pepper risotto	Vegetable nuggets
Vegetables	Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day	Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day Wholegrain rice Parsley potatoes	Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day Roast potatoes	Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day Creamy mash potato	Baked beans One fresh seasonal vegetable of the day Chipped potatoes
Dessert	Steamed fruit sponge and custard Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Fruit crumble and custard Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Flapjack and ice cream Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Mandarin jelly Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Mixed berry muffin Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup
WEEKS ENDING: 11/11/16, 02/12/16, 16/12/16, 20/01/17, 10/02/17, 10/03/17, 31/03/17		Fresh fruit, jacket potatoes, salad selection, bread, cheese & biscuits, yoghurt and chilled water available daily			
WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main meal	Chicken tikka masala	Cottage pie	Roast chicken and stuffing	Homemade pizza with a selection of toppings	Salmon fishcakes Fish fingers
Vegetarian option	Quorn sweet and sour	Quorn mince pie	Vegetable and mixed bean lasagne		Sweetcorn quiche
Vegetables	Raita and cucumber Vegetable korma Wholegrain rice	Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day Roast potatoes	Gravy Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day	Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day Sauté potatoes Coleslaw	Baked beans Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day Chipped potatoes
Dessert	Apple roll Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Apple roly poly and custard Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Sultana and oat cookie Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Chocolate fudge cake and chocolate sauce Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Fruit trifle Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup
WEEKS ENDING: 18/11/16, 06/01/17, 27/01/17, 24/02/17, 17/03/17, 07/04/17		Fresh fruit, jacket potatoes, salad selection, bread, cheese & biscuits, yoghurt and chilled water available daily			
WEEK THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main meal	Barbecue chicken	Beef lasagne	Roast pork	Sausage and beans in a spicy tomato pasta bake	Kedgeree Fish fingers
Vegetarian option	Barbecue Quorn sausage Pitta pockets	Quorn and bean chilli	Vegetable and lentil lasagne	Loaded cheese and pepper skins	Stuffed tomato with rice and pepper
Vegetables	Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day Jacket potato wedges	Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day Rice/garlic bread	Apple sauce Gravy Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day Roast potatoes	Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day Whole grain pasta	Baked beans Two fresh seasonal vegetables of the day Chipped potatoes
Dessert	Fruity flapjack and custard Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Shortbread fingers and chocolate milk Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Pineapple upside down cake and custard Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Apple pie and custard Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup	Chocolate crunch and peppermint sauce Low fat yoghurt Fruit cup

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/>



We wish all our Chinese families a very happy New Year.

The children (and staff) enjoyed the Chinese meal yesterday. Thank you to Debbie, Lisa and Sharon in the school kitchen.



Reading Rainbow

The children have been very enthusiastic with the reading rainbow challenge and are keen to earn their counters. Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 are currently in the lead!

Dates 2016 / 17

DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
Term 2				
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
03/02/17	Friday	3:30pm	6pm	Disco: Reception, Y1 &2- 3:30-4:30; KS2 4:45-6pm
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
Term 4				
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
17/03/17	Friday			PTA Quiz and pie night
21/03/17	Tuesday			PTA Mothers' Day sale
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
Term 5				
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
Term 6				
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