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## *Newsletter 19*

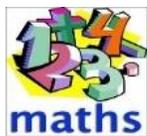
Friday 10th February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

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|  Letters sent home this week<br>1. Primary Times Magazine | To<br>1. Eldest and Only Whole School |
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We wish all our families a happy and healthy half term. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** (Monday is an INSET day).

Please note that if your child is being picked up by a person other than yourself, please could you ensure that the class teacher is made aware of this, either by speaking to them directly before or after school, or contacting the school office. Many thanks.



### **Cross curricular Math Morning-KS1**

The children in KS1 had an amazing day during the cross curricular maths morning on Wednesday. They experienced purchasing ingredients to bake carrot cake cupcakes. They had to use many maths skills: counting money, giving change, solving calculations for doubling and multiplying and measuring to complete the activity. The end product was fantastic and the cakes were very well received at the bake sale. Well done to KS1. You have raised an amazing **£33.00** to go towards hatching and raising ducks! We can't wait until March when they arrive!





## **Mr Richards Year 5 and 6 boys football training**

Please note that football training will be after school on a Tuesday in Term 4. Starting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

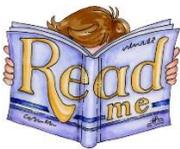


## **Book Fair**

During our last visit from the book fair, we raised over **£300** in commission which has been distributed throughout the school in the form of new reading resources.

EYFS have benefited from some new reading books to aid the children's home reading. Key Stage 1 have also received some new reading books to refresh the bank we already have whilst the whole of Key Stage 2 have brand new thesaurus' to use in class to support their writing.

A huge thank you to all who supported the book fair and contributed to our lovely new resources.



## **Can you spare an hour to support reading in our school?**

As always, we would warmly welcome members of our school community to support 1:1 reading across the school. Please see Mrs Gibbon or send a message via the office if this is something you think you could help with. Many thanks in advance.



## **Reading Rainbow**

Our new reading incentive has been a huge hit in school and the children have been very enthusiastic and keen to earn their counters. EYFS and Lower Key Stage 2 are currently in the lead. Thank you for your continued support with reading regularly with your child at home and commenting in their reading records.

Mrs Gibbon  
(English Leader)

*'You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,  
to pick up a book and read to a child'  
Dr Seuss*



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.

- The Louvre is the most visited art museum in the world. The famous Mona Lisa painting is on display in this museum.

## **Healthy Snacks**

Please can we remind parents that only healthy snacks should be provided for break times. Toast and fruit are on offer through the school kitchen at a small cost (10/15p respectively). Alternatively children can bring in a healthy food item (e.g. fruit) to have at mid-morning break. Crisps, sweets and chocolate are not permitted - unless this is part of the medical plan for children for diabetes.

Children are also encouraged to bring a bottle of water (in a clearly named container), which they can have access to throughout the day. There are water fountains around the school for children's use too. Children in the Infants (reception, years 1 and 2) are offered a fruit/vegetable snack at afternoon break.

## Lost property

Could we please ask that all clothing items (including coats and shoes), lunchboxes and bags are renamed over the holidays. Lost property will be displayed in the front lobby until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Please do help yourself to any items which belong to your child. Remaining items will be donated to the local charity shop.



## Parent Teacher Friends Association News

### Spring Disco

Thank you to all of you who helped out on the day. We had a very well attended disco and made over £500. We all know the kids love a good boogie, so thank you for helping to make it possible.

### Funding

Having raised some money recently, we have agreed to spend it on the following:

1 - £180 for staff to purchase logins for the website – **Twinkl** this website provides curriculum specific resources for teachers. Teachers already using this resource have given very positive feedback.

2 - Ms Gibson has asked for funding for the WOW day. A dance class group is invited into school for World Book Day, they put on performances from 'Tiddler' or the 'BFG' and run classes throughout the day - sounds like fun!!

3 - Mrs Anderson has requested funds for a 'Duck Incubation & Hatching' project. This would be linked to the school's science curriculum. The PTFA has agreed to put £250 towards it as we feel supporting the Science aspect of the curriculum is important.

### What's happening now with the PTFA?

Our Chairman has recently stepped down due to personal circumstances and the committee will continue to function with shared responsibility. This can only continue until the end of the year at which point if nobody stands up to take on the role then we will be forced to go into hibernation. This means that we would not have a PTA until such time as a committee can be established.

We would like to put together a dedicated committee to run the summer fair, as this is a popular event which is really enjoyed by the children. We do need more volunteers to get involved. To which end we are holding a short meeting at Elm Park Primary School on Wednesday 22nd of Feb at 3pm.

This Summer Fair Committee will be fully supported by the experienced members of the PTFA. If you think you can help in any way, please do come along. Together we can make it a fun and rewarding event for all the family. If we are unable to create a designated committee at this time, it may be necessary to cancel the event for this year.

Have a lovely half term, Mr Stuart Kellock - PTFA

### Forthcoming PTA Events:

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| Quiz and Pie night<br>17 <sup>th</sup> March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food provided by Mrs Deb Moore as part of the ticket price.</li><li>• Teams need to book in advance – please contact the PTA via the school office to register a team.</li><li>• Adult only event.</li><li>• More details to follow.</li></ul>        |
| Mothers' Day sale<br>21 <sup>st</sup> March  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presents to purchase for a small fee (usually £2).</li><li>• Older siblings usually collect younger siblings to choose gifts together.</li><li>• If you would like to help with this event, please contact the PTA (via the school office).</li></ul> |
| Fathers' Day Sale<br>XX June (TBC)           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presents to purchase for a small fee (usually £2).</li><li>• Older siblings usually collect younger siblings to choose gifts together.</li><li>• If you would like to help with this event, please contact the PTA (via the school office).</li></ul> |
| Summer Fair                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Main school event of the year.</li></ul>  |

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| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July<br>(times TBC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes place on a Saturday – usually between 11am -2pm.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Further information to follow.</li> </ul>  |
| End of year disco<br>XX July (TBC)         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS1/R 3:30-4:30 (collection from Infant Playground);</li> <li>• KS2 4:45-6pm (collection from main school entrance). Pay on arrival.</li> <li>• Entry fee £2. Payments for Infant children in clearly marked envelopes please.</li> <li>• Parent/carer volunteers to assist on the stalls are welcome – sign up in the lobby.</li> </ul> |

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



**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: **Henry Chambers, Samuel Jones, Mason Rodgrigues, Emily Barlow, Jasmine Worso, Lilia Killourhey, Freya Anderson, Rocco Clayfield, Macy Hunt, Joe Kempson and Kailum Hulin - 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 – **Elijah Sutherland** – for always trying his best in school and when doing home learning! 😊  
 Acorns - **Summer Worso** – for having fun with her learning and creative thinking! 😊  
 Pine – **Eva Ridge** – for always being ready to learn and making fantastic progress! 😊  
 Beech – **Anaiya Day** – for always being kind, helpful and working her socks off! 😊  
 Maple – **Romy Gosiewski** – for always trying her best in lessons! 😊  
 Willow- **William Hudson** - for brilliant work in Maths all week! 😊  
 Chestnut – **Dylan Lloyd** – for always trying his best, especially in Maths! 😊  
 Oak – **Emmanuel Dark** – for an amazing attitude to all of his learning! 😊  
 Hazel – **Lucas Marshall** – for being a super role model and having a fantastic attitude to his learning all week! 😊  
 Cedar- **May Horobin** – for working really hard all week and for being a super role model in class! 😊  
 Elm – **Grace McIntyre** – for giving 100% effort in English! 😊

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

KS1 **Emily Barlow** for excellent playground behaviour! 😊  
**Lillianna Wilson** for very good reading! 😊  
 KS2 **Lily Corder** for always being kind and helpful! 😊  
**Fletcher Shortman** for having lovely manners! 😊

**This Week’s House winner is: Redwood – well done!** 😊



### **Elm Park Cup**

Each term our teachers nominate a child from each class who **behaves in an exemplary way, has a positive attitude to learning and always tries their best.** On the last Friday of each term (in our Celebration Assembly) one child from the Infants and one from KS2 is awarded the Elm Park Cup. This term’s nominees and winners are below. Congratulations to everyone who has been nominated.

| Class       | Term 1 2016       | Term 2 2016                    | Term 3 2017       | Term 4 2017 | Term 5 2017 | Term 6 2017 |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Catkins     | Dougie Harding    | Jake Allen                     | Macy-Mai Philpott |             |             |             |
| Acorns      | Tallulah Sage     | Matthew Rodriguez              | Libby Parsons     |             |             |             |
| Pine        | Ella Jones        | Lucy Bayley                    | Kieran Tunley     |             |             |             |
| Beech       | Alfie Routledge   | Phoebe Anderson                | Emily Barlow      |             |             |             |
| Maple       | Katie Bradley     | Alisha-Rose Magloire-Verrinder | Amy Britton       |             |             |             |
| Willow      | Lilia Killourhey  | William Hudson                 | Amy Prior         |             |             |             |
| Chestnut    | Tom Maggs         | Sofia Mellilo                  | Lana Grice        |             |             |             |
| Oak         | Mia Hammond       | Cal Smith                      | Evie Ralph        |             |             |             |
| Hazel       | Olivia Templar    | Macy Hunt                      | Caden Jones       |             |             |             |
| Cedar       | Lucy Nicholas     | Holly Wishart                  | Bradley Wood      |             |             |             |
| Elm         | Harvey Dehaney    | Ethan Buckler                  | Harvey Rendle     |             |             |             |
| Jenkins Cup | Michael Gilheaney | Jack Nunn                      | Rosie Ward        |             |             |             |

### South Gloucestershire Council term dates

To assist parents/carers with holiday planning, please see the term dates below. We do not authorise holiday in term time. In addition to these dates, there will be a further 5 INSET days, which will be confirmed later in the year. The first two of these will be **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

2017/18

| Term   | Starts                  | Ends                    |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Term 1 | Friday 1 September 2017 | Friday 20 October 2017  |
| Term 2 | Monday 30 October 2017  | Monday 18 December 2017 |
| Term 3 | Tuesday 2 January 2018  | Friday 9 February 2018  |
| Term 4 | Monday 19 February 2018 | Friday 23 March 2018    |
| Term 5 | Monday 9 April 2018     | Friday 25 May 2018      |
| Term 6 | Monday 4 June 2018      | Friday 20 July 2018     |

**Please note:**

(i) Within the above dates Headteachers are responsible for identifying 5 staff training days to take place throughout the year. Schools will be closed to pupils on these days. Parents/carers are advised to refer to individual schools for details.

### Shine Football Club @ Elm Park Primary

**MINI - FOOTBALL CLUB: Tuesdays for Reception to Year 2.** Run by Shine's qualified coaches to develop their skills and confidence, each session will end with small sided matches in which the teams will be divided into groups and put the new skills they have learned into practice. Runs from 15:30 – 16:45

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB: Tuesdays for children in Years 3-6.** The sessions are based outdoors and provide an ideal opportunity for boys and girls with an interest in football to attend well structured, healthy and enjoyable sessions with an experienced team of qualified coaches. Runs from 15:30 – 16:45

These sessions can be easily booked by selecting 'Elm Park Primary' on the home page location filter <https://www.shinesportscoaching.com/term-time-activities>.

**Dates 2016 / 17**

| DATE          | DAY       | START TIME | END TIME | EVENT   |
|---------------|-----------|------------|----------|---|
| <b>Term 4</b> |           |            |          |   |
| 20/02/17      | Monday    | All day    |          | INSET DAY 4   |
| 21/02/17      | Tuesday   |            |          | Term 4 begins for children                                      |
| 22/02/17      | Wednesday | 3pm        |          | PTFA Meeting Re: Summer Fayre                                   |
| 27/02/17      | Monday    | all day    |          | Dance workshops in the hall – various year groups               |
| 28/02/17      | Tuesday   | All day    |          | Dance workshops in the hall – various year groups               |
| 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  |
| 10/03/17      | Friday    | 2.45pm     | 3.20pm   | Oak Class Sharing Assembly                                      |
| 13/03/17      | Monday    | 2:30pm     | 3:30pm   | Parents meeting about online safety                             |
| 17/03/17      | Friday    | 2.45pm     | 3.20pm   | Maple Class Sharing Assembly                                    |
| 17/03/17      | Friday    |            |          | PTA Quiz and pie night  |
| 21/03/17      | Tuesday   |            |          | PTA Mothers' Day sale   |
| 24/03/17      | Friday    | 2.45pm     | 3.20pm   | EYFS Sharing Assembly   |
| 31/03/17      | Friday    | 2:45pm     | 3:20pm   | Cup assembly  |
| 07/04/17      | Friday    |            |          | End of term 4 NO ASSEMBLY TODAY                                 |
| 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                                    |
| 05/05/17      | Friday    | 2.45pm     | 3.20pm   | Beech Class Sharing Assembly                                    |
| 08/05/16      | Mon-Thurs | am         |          | Y6 SATs week  |
| 12/05/17      | Friday    | 2.45pm     | 3.20pm   | Willow Class Sharing Assembly                                   |
| 19/05/17      | Friday    | 2:45pm     | 3:20pm   | Hazel Class Sharing Assembly and Cup 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   |
| 09/06/17      | Friday    | 2.45pm     | 3.20pm   | Pine Class Sharing Assembly                                     |
| 12/06/17      | Monday    | 9.30am     |          | Year 6 to Morfa Bay. 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June   |
| 23/06/17      | Friday    | 2.45pm     | 3.20pm   | Cedar Class Sharing Assembly                                    |
| 30/06/17      | Friday    | 2.45pm     | 3.20pm   | EYFS Sharing Assembly   |
| 07/07/17      | Friday    | 2.45pm     | 3.20pm   | Chestnut Sharing Assembly                                       |
| 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 NO ASSEMBLY                                       |
| <b>Term 1</b> |           |            |          |   |
| 01/09/17      | Friday    |            |          | INSET DAY 1   |
| 04/09/17      | Monday    |            |          | Term begins for children  |
| 05/10/17      | Friday    |            |          | End of Term 1   |
| 30/10/17      | Monday    |            |          | Term 2 begins   |
| 15/12/17      | Friday    |            |          | End of Term 2 (for children)                                    |
| 18/12/17      | Monday    |            |          | INSET DAY 2   |
| 02/01/18      | Tuesday   |            |          | Term 3 begins   |
| 09/02/18      | Friday    |            |          | End of Term 3   |
| 19/02/18      | Monday    |            |          | Term 4 begins   |
| 23/03/18      | Friday    |            |          | End of Term 4   |
| 09/04/18      | Monday    |            |          | Term 5 begins   |
| 25/05/18      | Friday    |            |          | End of Term 5   |
| 04/06/18      | Monday    |            |          | Term 6 begins   |
| 20/07/18      | Friday    |            |          | End of Term 6   |

