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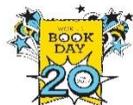
Dear Parents and Carers,

Letters sent home this week	To
1. Choir Club Concert	1. Choir Club



Royal Mail Art Competition

We would like to offer children the chance to enter the Royal Mail Christmas Stamp design completion. The theme is ***'What does the Christmas season mean to you?'***. Children can design an image that best describes what the festive period means to them. Up to £1,000 in vouchers for themselves and for the school can be won. We have lots of talented artists at Elm Park and if you would like to take part, please see Miss Jones for more information. We look forward to seeing lots of fantastic designs by Monday 13th March
 Miss Polly Jones – Art Leader



World Book Day 2017

The children had a great time celebrating this year's World Book Day. Their costumes were truly fabulous! We had Oompa Loompa's, Stick Men, Gruffalo's, ladybirds, BFG's and Matilda's. We even had a few Golden Tickets! Thank you so much to all parents for their time and effort with this.

There was a real buzz around school and the children had a lovely day doing their book-based activities which included making fish, writing stories, composing dream music, acting out parts of the story, drawing characters in the style of Quentin Blake and writing descriptions of these to name just a few. Thank you to all of the teachers and teaching assistants who ensured the children had a fun, enriching and memorable day.





Reading Rainbow

We have a winner! Congratulations to Year 4 who have worked hard to earn their 100 counters for the rainbow. The children have decided on a treat which they will have next week. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home with your child. We'll now start again and see who gets the next treat!

Mrs Danni Gibbon – English Leader

'Keep reading - it's one of the most marvellous adventures that anyone can have' (*Lloyd Alexander*)



Book Fair

The book fair will be open from Monday 20th March to Friday 24th March. Do come along and have a look after school (3:30-4pm each day). The school receives a good amount of commission on all sales, which we use to keep topping up the book corners in each classroom.



FREE Online safety Parents' Meeting – 13th March

We have arranged for a visitor – Mrs Jo Briscombe - to come to the school to lead a session for parents about how to keep your child safe online (e.g. when they are using mobile phones, tablets, computers etc). Mrs Briscombe is an ICT advisor for South Gloucestershire, an Ofsted inspector and one of our Governors, so she really knows her stuff! This session will take place on Monday 13th March from 2.30-3:30pm. As an incentive to attend, all children whose parents/carers attend will have their names entered into a prize draw.

We would encourage all parents to attend if they can. It will be especially helpful if your child has use of a mobile phone or other device already, or if you plan for them to have such items in the future.

Please contact the school office to book your place by 10th March.

KS1 Dodgeball Tournament

Well done to the children who took part in the KS1 dodgeball tournament at St Ursula's Academy. They were fantastic and showed great skills. They made it to the Semi-finals Miss Kelly was very proud of their performance. Well done to Alisha who at one point took on the opposing team on her own! A special mention to Ruby who Shine selected as a super star player.





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.

- During World War II, Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy in northern France. The first day of these landings is called D-Day.

Deanfield assembly 2016-17

The year 5 children would like to invite their families to an assembly to share with them the happy memories of Deanfield. During this assembly, the children will share their stories and show pictures of all the activities they completed. The assembly will take place at 9:00am on Monday 20th March.



Changes to the reporting of First Aid Procedures:

In an effort to become more efficient at recording and notifying parents/ carers of accidents and injuries at school, we are improving our procedures.

We will notify parent/carers when a child has bumped their head. We will do this in one of the following ways: by text, if it is a minor bump which requires monitoring but no treatment or via a telephone call if the bump becomes red, swollen or the child feels unwell. All children who bump their head will be given a "head bump" label which will detail the time of the bump and their name. These labels give us a visible reminder that the child has bumped their head and that they require monitoring whilst in our care and a reminder to parents at the end of school to continue to monitor.

In the case of a serious injury, which requires treatment from a doctor or hospital a 'serious injury form' will be completed. The parent/ carer phoned and a copy given to the parent/carer when they collect their child from school to seek appropriate first aid.

In the case of minor injuries (such as grazes and small cuts) these will be detailed in the school accident book but no notification will be sent home with the child. Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Karen Lockyer

Health and Safety Co-ordinator

Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchbreak Supervisor to work one hour on Wednesday (12.00 until 1.00pm) and one hour on Friday (12.00 until 1.00pm). The salary is Hay 13 (£7.85 per hour). As this is a two day per week post, there are further opportunities to do overtime if/when required.

Elm Park Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Candidates are expected to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to vetting, including a DBS check.

Please contact the school office for further information.

St David's Day Lunch

The children enjoyed a St. David's Day lunch this week. Mrs Moore made the dining hall look very special.





Parent Teacher Friends Association News

Pie and Quiz Night - 17th March

Entry forms are now in reception. Apologies for the delay, we have been in negotiation with **Pieminister** for them to supply pies. As you can probably guess we are happy to report they have agreed, yummy!

Mothers Day Sale - 21st March

Children may bring £2.50 into school (in a named envelope) to purchase a gift for a loved one (mum, grandma, nan, auntie, sister). Children can choose from a selection of presents and write their own label.

What's happening with our PTFA and the Summer Fair (1st July)?

We are happy to report that a lovely bunch of people have stepped forward to help us run the Summer Fair as well as our existing events. We will need a Chairperson in September but for now we are simply sharing responsibility for events. Who knows, maybe this could be the future model for PTA's, no need to commit to a whole year, just help out at events that fit in with you and your family's needs.

More information will be available on our Facebook page so keep an eye out there for details.

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: **Benjamin Szeki, Macy-Mai Philpott, Jack Bufton, Thomas Litwinowicz, George Lightfoot, Maddie Clark, Agibail Kellock, Kia Woodman, Keira Woodison, Jessie Porter and Amelie Wong - 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 – **Dougie Harding** for making an amazing 'tiddler' fish on World Book Day! 😊
- Acorns - **Noah Corin** for having a fantastic 'can do' attitude towards his learning 😊
- Pine – **Ethan Cox** for being enthusiastic in his learning all week 😊
- Beech – **Lyla Grice** for bringing enthusiasm and knowledge into Beech Class every single day! 😊
- Maple – **Will Hart** for his enthusiasm to learn new things everyday 😊
- Willow- **Michael Gilheaney** for giving superb answers in literacy this week 😊
- Chestnut – **Callum Wintle** for having a super attitude to learning and persevering with telling time 😊
- Oak – **Tianna Mann** for working hard in all areas of her learning 😊
- Hazel – **Lily Corder** for a fantastic effort with her editing this week and being very kind and helpful 😊
- Cedar- **Sophie White** for working extremely hard in all lessons this week - you have been amazing! 😊
- Elm – **James Murphy** for superb effort in all lessons this week. Well done! 😊

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

- KS1 **Noah Corin** - For good reading 😊
- Edison Sturgeon** – For always being happy and cheerful 😊
- KS2 **Kailum Hulin** - For always being polite, considerate and cares for others 😊
- Trinity Cox** – For always having a healthy lunchbox 😊

This Week's House winner is: SHERWOOD (Green)-well done! 😊

Dates 2016 / 17

DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
Term 4				
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
20/03/17	Monday	9.00am	10.00am	Dean Field Assembly
21/03/17	Tuesday			PTA Mothers' Day sale
24/03/17	Friday	2.45pm	3.20pm	EYFS (Reception) Sharing Assembly
31/03/17	Friday	2:45pm	3:20pm	Cup assembly
04/04/17	Tuesday			Elm Park charity event for Air Ambulance (further details in a separate letter to follow)
07/04/17	Friday			End of term 4 NO ASSEMBLY TODAY
18/04/17	Tuesday			Parents notified about primary school places for September 2017
Term 5				
24/04/17	Monday			Term 5 begins
27/04/17	Thursday			Morfa Bay (June 2017) Deadline for final payment
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
Term 6				
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 th – 16 th 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
Term 1				
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