

# Elm Park "In Touch"



Newsletter 4: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Coming Soon ... Key Dates

- 16/10/18 Harvest Assembly (9.00am)
- 17/10/18 – 19/10/18 Y5 Camp (Dean Field Studies Centre)
- 17/10/18 – How to help your anxious child workshop (2.00pm)
- 25/10/18 Cups Assembly
- 26/10/18 End of Term Disco (PTFA)
- 26/10/18 End of Term 1
- 05/11/18 Term 2 begins
- 05/11/18 Flu vaccinations YR-Y5
- 07/11/18 KS1 trip to Cardiff Castle
- 08/11/18 – 15/11/16 Book Fair
- 09/11/18 Remembrance Assembly
- 13/11/18 Parents Evening
- 15/11/18 Parents Evening
- 16/11/18 Children in Need (Spotty theme)
- 30/11/18 Christmas Fair
- 04/12/18 School Nurse with Y6
- 18/12/18 Christmas Lunch**
- 20/12/18 Jack and the Beanstalk theatre production here

### ***(new dates in bold)***

- 07/01/19 Inset Day
- 25/02/19 Inset Day
- 24/05/19 Inset Day

**Please note – there will be no assembly next Friday, due to Y5 returning from Camp. Our next assembly will be the Cups Assembly on THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> October.**

### **Letters home this week**

PTFA Christmas picture flyers (with code) – whole school

Workshop letter - whole school

## Weekly Headlines

### Harvest Assembly

Our harvest assembly will be held at 9am on Tuesday 16th October. The children will be performing a variety of songs and poems. We will be collecting donations for Yate Foodbank's Christmas appeal and we would be extremely grateful if the children could bring an item from the list.

- Chocolate bars/sweets for children
- Small boxes of chocolates for adults
- Yule logs
- Large tins of salmon
- Large tins of ham
- Pickled onions
- Christmas biscuits
- Jam or honey
- Tinned potatoes
- Custard (tins or sachets)
- Tinned fruit (all types and sizes)
- Jelly
- Evaporated milk
- Angel Delight
- Christmas biscuits

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

### Grant funding

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL PTA'S FUNDING APPLICATION TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR DAILY MILE TRACK BY REGISTERING AND VOTING ...**

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### Quiz Night

Thanks to all organising and attending tonight's PTA Quiz. On a cold, windy and dreary day what could be better than a pizza and a fun quiz to lift our spirits. See you all there at 7!

### World Mental Health Day – How to help an anxious child workshop

Mrs Bond led our school assembly to mark WMH day this week – we are delighted to invite parents to come along next Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm when Mrs Bond will be outlining some useful approaches and strategies to help us to support our children when they feel anxious or worried.

### Parent Parking

This is becoming an issue again – a small number of parents are risking the safety of all children and are letting us all down. Please park considerately around school. **Please do NOT park in front of the school's front gates, on zig zags or pavements.** This applies to late arrivals as well!

**We will now be forwarding the registrations of cars parking illegally / endangering our children and other road users to the local police support officers.**

**Please leave 5 minutes earlier rather than risk a child's life**

### Lollipop Crossing Use

A few important reminders to **parents and children** from Mrs Gainey ...

- Please make sure that your children only cross at the crossing (not down the road) because road users are looking ahead to the crossing and will not expect to see children stepping into the road before and after it.
- Please don't cross from between parked cars – your children will then do this when you're not with them!
- When you reach the crossing children **MUST** wait for Mrs Gainey to give you the OK to cross – lots of children are now trying to follow her into the road immediately and it is **NOT** safe until she has stopped the traffic.
- It is lovely to hear everyone greeting and thanking Mrs Gainey. Please keep this up, especially during the yucky weather when she's there to help us.
- Please make sure your children are concentrating on crossing safely and not trying to hug her when she's in the middle of the road with her arms out. This makes it harder for Mrs Gainey to manage the traffic .. which is always **VERY** busy.

Mrs Gainey will be in an assembly with Mr Evans after half-term ... where she will remind children of how to cross safely. We remain very grateful indeed for her amazing work for our children. Thank you Val!

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### School Journeys / Camps

Congratulations to all Year 6 pupils who attended last week's camp at PGL. Feedback has been incredibly positive with regard to all children's conduct. The new destination delivered: lots more activities, even better food, great facilities, action-packed, full days. A superb experience for all our young people.

Many thanks to Mrs Lugg, Miss Worswick, Mrs Keeping, Mrs Gwynn, Mrs Byrne and Mrs Bond for volunteering to support this from Friday – Monday.

I'm looking forward to visiting Dean Field with Y5 next week. Thanks to Miss Coates, Mrs Keeping, Mrs Byrne and Mrs Lugg for making up the team to support our children on this camp.

### Maths Homework

Maths homework has started again this year for children in Y1 - 6. We will continue to use the activities on the Active Learn website. A new activity will be added for the children each week, with a new times table activity added every fortnight. The children will each have a username and password for their account. The website is [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

Username – the first 4 letters of first name and first 4 letters of surname  
e.g Matthew Jones – mattjone

**Password – elm**

**School login - 9rhq**

Each activity begins with a Bronze challenge, then moves on to Silver and Gold when the children have mastered each level. Please encourage and support your children to use these activities. Please let their class teacher know if you have any trouble accessing the website or if you have feedback about particular activities.

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### Grateful thanks from all at Elm Park

The amazing Mrs Jones retires from our Breakfast Club today after 17 short years of supporting families at Elm Park. It is literally impossible to imagine the number of children and parents that Margaret has made a difference for during her illustrious career – but we do know that she has made that difference to every single one she has worked with. Thank you Margaret!

Mrs Jones leaves with our admiration, our thanks and our best wishes for her retirement. Margaret will still 'be around' if you haven't had the chance to thank her yet.



**Thank you Mrs Jones!!**

### **Breakfast Club Supervisor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a Breakfast Club Supervisor to work 8am to 9am, Thursdays and Fridays, term time only. If you are interested, please collect an application form from the school office.

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