

# Elm Park "In Touch"



Newsletter 8: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Coming Soon ... Key Dates

- 12/12/18 EYFS Nativity (2.30pm)
- 14/12/18 Cups Assembly (2.45pm)
- 17/12/18 KS1 Christmas Production (2.30pm)
- 17/12/18 Y6 to Winterbourne International Academy to see Buggy Malone
- 18/12/18 Christmas Lunch
- 18/12/18 KS1 Christmas Production (5.30pm)
- 19/12/18 KS1 / KS2 Visit to Salem Church (9.00am – 11.45am)
- 19/12/18 Carols by Candlelight (6.00pm)**
- 20/12/18 Jack and the Beanstalk theatre production here
- 21/12/18 End of Term 2
- 07/01/19 Term 3 Begins (children return on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan)**
- 07/01/19 Inset Day
- 18/01/19 Y6 Bikeability Training begins (Y6)**
- 24/01/19 and 31/01/19 Y5 Pedestrian Training**
- 06/02/18 Y6 and Y3 Road Safety Workshops**
- 08/02/19 PTFA Spring Disco
- 15/02/19 End of Term 3**
- 25/02/19 Term 4 begins (children return on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb)**
- 25/02/19 Inset Day**
- 05/03/19 Y6 to Lifeskills Centre**
- 18/03/19 Book Fair arrives**
- 19/03/19 Parents Evening**
- 21/03/19 Parents Evening**
- 22/03/19 PTFA Mothers Day Sale**
- 05/04/19 End of Term 4**
- 23/04/19 Term 5 begins**

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

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

### **Letters home this week:**

- Carols by Candlelight letter
- Y5/Y6 Food Technology letter
- Y6 Buggy Malone letter

## Weekly Headlines

### **Menu Change – last week of term**

Tuesday – Christmas Lunch (see flyer coming home with your child)

Wednesday – Sausage and Mash

Rest of week, as menu.

### **Dinner Money**

If you have outstanding dinner money would you please ensure this is paid by the end of this term. Polite reminder – Dinner money should be paid in advance or at least on the week the meals are taken. Thank you.

### **Chess Club**

Thank you to all the children from Years 2 – 6 who have regularly been part of Chess Club this term. It has been a pleasure to observe the children develop their tactics and skills whilst supporting and including each other. The children are always so enthusiastic and keen to learn new strategies.

Thank you also to Thornbury Chess Club who donated lots of equipment. If anyone has any further donations of chess sets, they would be gratefully received. *Mrs Millett*

### **Sports News**

Our school football teams have been in action again over the last two weeks. Congrats to the Girls team who were 2<sup>nd</sup> in a 6 school tournament at St Michaels last week. Beaten finalists is a great start to the season for our girls. Looking forward to the Bristol Rovers Wildcat club starting later this year .. sure we'll get more girls in training and involved for next season.

Our boys battled well but had a goal disallowed, a stick-on penalty not given and also hit the woodwork twice to lose 6-4 away earlier this week .. they then nearly snatched a 4-3 late winner last evening at school in the dark .. only for St Michaels to snatch an even later equaliser. It was as good as Arsenal vs Spurs last weekend BUT of course the children were far better behaved than all the millionaire 'role models' (!)

### **Author in the midst – remember the name!**

Congratulations to William in Maple. The whole school is buzzing around not only your great Komodo Beast Quest story but also around the letter and praise you received from the REAL Beast Quest publishers. We are all so proud of your writing and it just shows what can happen if you have a brilliant 'can do' attitude. Well done William!

### **Mrs Bond**

Mrs Bond is grateful for all the 'get well' messages she has received. She is looking forward to returning to work after illness in January. Mrs Bond sends all at Elm Park her very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. I'm sure all will join me in wishing the same to Carol and her family. It's just not the same without Mrs B x

### **Frome Valley 10k News**

Please see below re the 2<sup>nd</sup> running of this amazing event. This raised so much £ for our school last year and we hope to have a school fun-run in the week before it this year ...so that all our children can feel part of the warm-up to the BIG RACE DAY! As ever, thanks to Tory and her superb team.



**Our highly successful multi-terrain 10k returns raising funds for Elm Park!**

Runners will return to the streets of Winterbourne and stiles, kissing gates and rolling fields along the Frome Valley walkway on 12 May 2019 for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Frome Valley 10k. Entries open on Saturday 15 December at 10 am at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-frome-valley-10k-tickets-52603170499>. We only have 250 places available, so be quick!

If you don't fancy strapping on your running shoes, we are also in search of our invaluable squad of cheerleaders/marshals along the route. If you can help on the day, please email [elmparkptfa@gmail.com](mailto:elmparkptfa@gmail.com) and/or 'Like' our Facebook page and send us a message that way: [www.facebook.com/thefromevalley10k/](http://www.facebook.com/thefromevalley10k/).

And...do you work for a company that may be interested in sponsoring our race or is able to matchfund in any capacity? If so, please get in touch!