

Elm Park "In Touch"



Newsletter 9: 14th December 2018

Coming Soon ... Key Dates

- 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 and Christmas Jumper Day**
- 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 8th 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 26th 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:

Christmas Party letter

The British Legion Poppy Appeal raised an amazing **£234.35**. Thank you for your support.

Weekly Headlines

Christmas Jumper Day - Tuesday 18th December

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on **Tuesday 18th December**.

Please could children bring in a donation of 50p? This year we are collecting for the Starlight Ward at Bristol Children's Hospital. Some of our Year 6 children have been raising money for the ward in recent weeks so we thought we would follow their lead and support this worthy cause too. Thank you in advance!

Walk to Salem Church – Wednesday 19th December

We still need volunteers to help with the walk to Salem Church. Please contact your child's teacher if you can help. Thank you.

New Parent Governor

We are pleased to announce and welcome Mrs Claire Hall as a new parent governor at Elm Park School. Thank you in advance for all the work you will do to support the children of our school.

STEM Morning

What a fantastic STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) morning we had on Thursday! We began with an assembly where we found out about different careers involving STEM. Thank you very much to Mr Fletcher, Mrs Hughes, Mr Turton and Dr Nabi who kindly came to talk about their jobs.

All classes then carried out Christmas STEM activities. EYFS designed and made bridges to help a polar bear cub cross between icebergs. Year 1 helped Father Christmas to safely deliver presents using parachutes. Year 1 / 2 experimented with building Christmas trees using plastic cups while Year 2 designed and made igloos for Father Christmas to live in using marshmallows.

Year 3 designed and made chutes for presents and Year 3/4 investigated symmetrical and non-symmetrical snowflakes. Year 4 also carried out scientific investigations about thermal conductors. Year 5 made lava lamps while Year 5 / 6 experimented with liquids to dissolve candy canes. Year 6 helped Father Christmas to catapult presents as his reindeer where unable to fly.

It was wonderful to see and hear all the brilliant teamwork, communication and investigation skills across the school. A huge thank you to all staff for making the morning such a success.

Mrs Lugg

