

# Elm Park "In Touch"



Newsletter 13: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Coming Soon ... Key Dates

08/02/19 PTFA Spring Disco  
12/02/19 T3 OPEN CLASSROOMS 8.30-8.45am  
14/02/19 T3 OPEN CLASSROOMS 3.30-3.50pm  
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  
08/03/19 Parent E-Safety Workshop (9.00am to 10.00am)  
18/03/19 Book Fair arrives  
19/03/19 Parents Evening  
21/03/19 Parents Evening  
22/03/19 PTFA Mothers Day Sale  
01/04/19 EYFS Hearing and Vision Screening  
05/04/19 End of Term 4  
23/04/19 Term 5 begins  
29/04/19 Class Photos  
24/05/19 Last day of term for children  
25/05/19 End of Term 5 (Inset Day)  
03/06/19 Term 6 begins  
23/07/19 End of Term 6  
**(new dates in bold)**  
25/02/19 Inset Day  
24/05/19 Inset Day

### Letters home this week:

E-Safety letter – Y5/6  
Book Club/Reading letter (whole school)  
Swimming letter (Y4 in Chestnut Class)

## Weekly News

EYFS learning about the Chinese New Year ... no need for too much commentary on this one. Their completely absorbed engagement and smiling faces say it all!



**Happy New Year: 新年快乐 (xīn nián kuài lè)**

### **Open Classrooms Reminder**

We look forward to welcoming you to your child's classroom next Tuesday morning 8.30-8.45am and on Thursday afternoon 3.30-3.45. The children do love to sit and talk their parents/grandparents through their work with pride .. and it is lovely for us to hear them explaining their learning to you all.

## School News ..

### Sports News

The Girls' Football Team continue to develop well as a team and this week's match against Olveston was a much more closely fought game than the last. Our squad is developing in terms of experience size as 3 more Y5/6 girls signed up to give team sports a try this week! Good luck to our Girls' team as they play TWO matches next week, against The Ridge on Tuesday and St Michael's Stoke Gifford on Wednesday.

The KS2 Schools' Swimming Gala is in early March. Thanks to Mrs Lugg, Mrs Byrne, Mrs Trott and all other volunteer parents for helping with our trials this week. AND THANKS TO ALL THE CHILDREN who took part in our trials. We'll try to select as many of you as we're allowed for the gala this year .. and more again next year from Y3,4&5.

### Furniture Available

We are so grateful to have received some very good quality furniture donations from Airbus this week. Thanks to Mrs Kellock for arranging this. Thanks also for the stalwart support of both Stuart K and Emma W, alongside Mrs Bond's wonderful dad for helping Mrs Bond and I to upgrade our school and classroom environment yesterday. After the shuffling around of various furniture, there are some useful bits that are now surplus to our needs ... we'd like to find a good home for these so please let Mrs Ingle know if you might be able to use eg a 3-door filing cupboard etc. First come, first served, small donations welcome!

### E-Safety Update

We wrote to Y5 & Y6 families this week to best ensure that we are all aware of what our children are doing on their phones and on various apps. Inappropriate and potentially unsafe posts on sites such as TikTok were reported to us by several Y6 pupils - well done them! It became quickly apparent that as parents we are ALL trying to keep up with what our children are actually doing and seeing. We thought it best to pop this reminder in the newsletter for all families this week.

**Please do make sure that your children's online activity is checked frequently and that you have appropriate full access to their devices ..** they are all still very young and what they want is certainly not always the same as what they we need from us when it comes to online matters. We are ALL in this together as parents and are largely unsupported by providers and by government .. so it is largely down to us again to keep them safe.

### The Local Pond / Water Safety

Staying on the theme of child safety ... children were reported (with kind concern) as standing on the pond when iced over recently. This week similarly concerned reports of pupils trying to fish out wind-blown recycling with a green box (wrong but for all the right reasons) were passed onto us. PLEASE do remind your children of the worst-case scenarios around being near water.

### Ofsted Parent View

Parents are encouraged to feedback on your school using the Ofsted web-link ...

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>