

Elm Park "In Touch"



Newsletter 14: 15th February 2019

Coming Soon ... Key Dates

25/02/19 Inset Day

26/02/19 Term 4 begins

28/02/19 St David's Day Lunch

05/03/19 Y6 to Lifeskills Centre

07/03/19 World Book Day

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)

24/05/19 Inset Day

Letters home this week:

Beech Class update

Whole-school World Book Day Reading letter

Fundraising Friday Stall:

Look out for a fundraising Friday treats stall (hot choc etc) appearing in the KS2 playground next term (every other Friday). We're always really pleased to support families who are working together to raise money for charity.

End of term message from Mr Evans

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" wrote Shelley. And as I write this end of Term 3 newsletter with the sun streaming through my window, the snow of Feb 1st seems a such a long time ago!

I'd like to thank all the staff team at Elm Park for their tremendous hard work to support children's learning and welfare in order to stand us in good stead for the rest of the academic year. On top of our improved pupil data outcomes last year, our refreshed staff team have settled quickly and delivered improved, consistently good learning provision throughout the school this year.

It was great to have this recognised in our Local Authority Review in December.

Some of the highlights of our report were as follows:

- *"As a result of an improvement in the quality of teaching across the school, pupils were observed to be on task and engaged with learning."*
- *"Additional adults are consistently used to support learning across the school."*
- *"There is a greater level of consistency with both English and maths across the school and it is evident that the school has capacity for further improvement."*
- *"Governors understand the school's strengths and areas for further development."*
- *"It is clear that senior leaders have an accurate understanding of the current position of the school; they are able to effectively judge the quality of teaching, learning and assessment."*
- *"Behaviour observed was never less than good."*

Elm Park has ambitious and clear termly school improvement plans in place. We hold a sustained focus to provide the highest quality teaching and learning experiences to secure improved outcomes for all our children. We have a shared determination (and clear planning in place) to enable our good school to be sustainably better still as we progress forward. It is a privilege to educate the children of our school and to work alongside such an aspirational and committed group of colleagues. Many thanks to all parents for your positive partnership in supporting your children's learning.

Wishing everyone a good half-term before we 'kick-on' again in Term 4!

School News ..

Sport at Elm Park

- Our Girls' Football Team scored their first goal in the league this week! It has been tremendous to see the team developing over the weeks of lunchtime training and over the four matches they have had this term. We need more players so please let Chris know if you'd like to join in Y4,5 & 6 girls.
- Boys' Football fixtures are confirmed for March 12th and April 1st (both at home). Further matches vs Frampton and a few other schools are currently being arranged.
- South Glos Schools' Gala is on Saturday 2nd March 2019 at Kingswood Leisure Centre, 5.30pm - 7.00pm (Yr3&4) and 7.15 - 9.00pm (Yr5&6). Letters to squad members have already been sent out. Thanks to Mrs Lugg & Mrs Byrne for leading our swimming.
- Watch out for some more sporting opportunities in Term 4 .. girls' football training with Bristol Rovers (see below), tag rugby and a few other added activities are being offered within KS2.

STOP PRESS ...

FA Wildcats Girls' Football & multi-sport Club will be offered at Elm Park after school 3.30-4.30 on Wednesdays from Term 4 (week 2) onwards. This club will be delivered by Bristol Rovers Community Trust.

- There are 20 places for Girls Y3-Y6.
- **Please place your daughter's name on the list in the office by 10am on Friday March 1st.**
- Places will be drawn if oversubscribed.

World Book Day & Extreme Reading

Please read today's letter from Mrs Johnstone our Reading Leader. Lots of brilliant ideas for WBD and we hope parents will be able to join us. Don't forget this week's EXTREME READING CHALLENGE photos .. I once saw someone reading The Twits when halfway up (or down?) a climbing wall!

Ofsted Parent View

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

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

School Lunch Menu

The lunch menu for the first week back to school has slightly changed to accommodate our St David's Day lunch - Tuesday: as menu, Wednesday: Sausage and bacon brunch, Thursday: St David's Day menu (overleaf), Friday: Fishfingers.



St David's Day

Thursday 28th February 2019

Menu

Chicken & Leek Pie
Glamorgan Sausages (V)

Roast Potatoes

Carrots and Broccoli



Welsh Cakes

