



**WE ARE HAVING A
NEW SCHOOL BUILT
READY TO MOVE
IN DURING 2021-22.**



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'Elm Park is a happy and friendly school.'
'Pupils love learning because teachers make it fun.'

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School Newsletter 5

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Dear Families,

Inspiring Learners, Enriching Lives, Achieving Together

What an action packed return to school we have had! During the past two weeks, we have had some incredible 'normal times' in the most abnormal year! It has been wonderful to welcome Miss Griffiths to our team. Miss Griffiths is an incredible asset to our school community and is already enjoying working in Willow Class whilst Mrs Payne works from home prior to starting her maternity leave.

Last Friday, Elm Park celebrated Harvest Service 2020 but with a slight twist. All children joined in a Harvest celebration in their own classes. After 72 hours of isolation, we were able to take 34 extra-large bags to our local foodbank, which were full of food kindly donated by you all to help out families when they are most in need. This is nearly double the contribution from last year! Thank you to all who were able to donate!

Friday was a very busy day as we said a fond 'see you soon' to Mrs Payne. She is keeping in touch with us all and is providing regular baby bump updates to staff and children. We are looking forward to welcoming a new Elm Park baby in the New Year.

As we moved into this week, our year 3 and 4 children helped us to mark Remembrance Day with a truly wonderful Remembrance Service. The children and staff worked incredibly hard to produce a thought provoking commemoration. At the end of the service, all children and staff stood in their bubbles on the playground and joined in with the national 2 minutes silence. It was an incredible way to mark the commemoration. I wanted to thank Oak and Willow class as well as Miss Bell, Mrs Payne, Miss Griffiths, Mrs Gurnett, Mrs Egan and Mrs Clements for their tremendous service.

More fundraising events have taken place this week. Through our Poppy Appeal sales, we have raised well over £100. The children (and staff) have also enjoyed taking up the Children in Need challenge, joining Joe Wicks daily for a 5 minute workout and then celebrating his incredible achievement of working out for 24 hours! Elm Park Community joined him live for his final 20 minutes! A huge thank you to Mrs Lugg for co-ordinating this. It was also lovely to see the wide range of Pudsey outfits being worn today. Thank you to all families for their contributions to Children in Need 2020. As soon as we have a total amount raised, I will let you know.





Children in Need in Maple

by Finley, Teanna, Avarni and Tykeira:

"This week we have been learning how to help children in need. We've been learning how to be active and we have watched the videos from Joe Wicks. We enjoyed when Joe Wicks told us about being curious. The best bits of Joe's workouts were 'climbing the rope', 'run on the spot', doing the push ups, and 'jog on the spot'. It's important to keep active because it makes us healthy, fit and happy."



The Sports Project PE by Anaiya and Blake

Last Monday, Vicky from The Sports Project team came to school to teach us some extra P.E. We learned how to work together as a team. There are many key skills of teamwork and we practised a lot of them. It was fun and we are all really looking forward to learning more every Monday this term.

This week, our year 6 children have had a 'little bit of normal' as their Leavers Hoodies arrived in school. The children look truly amazing in their hoodies. A huge thank you on behalf of the year 6 children and staff at Elm Park to Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Pocock for all of their hard work in organising this.

16th November – 20th November Anti- bullying week.



Next week, we are going to support the 'Unit Against Bullying Week'. All children will look at a specific class focus on friendship, including getting on and falling out. We would like to encourage all children to join in the week with a bang by wearing odd socks to school on Monday 16th November. Pull out your wackiest and wildest odd socks and wear them with pride!

Don't forget that we are also having our 'Virtual Parents Days' next week. This is a time for you to meet with your child's class teacher to celebrate their successes and to hear about how we will support them in their next steps to learning. A polite reminder that the sessions are 10 minutes in length. It is essential that all staff stick closely to this time to avoid delays. Please do not think that they are being rude when they stop the meeting after 10 minutes.

Thank you to all families for helping us to reinforce PE kit expectations. We saw a huge difference in what the children were wearing to school and I am very grateful to you all for your support with this. I would also like to send a reminder out for normal school uniform. Please help us to reinforce this with your child:

- Grey or black: trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Green and white check dress
- White or green polo shirt
- Jade green jumper or forest green hoodie (or Leavers hoodie for year 6 only)
- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers
- Black, white or grey socks or tights.

ALL CLOTHING AND PERSONAL PROPERTY MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME.

Jewellery

- In line with South Gloucestershire policy, jewellery is not permitted in school apart from one small stud earring in each ear and a wrist watch. These must be removed or covered on PE days. No jewellery is permitted when children take part in swimming lessons.

We are aware that there has been a delay in orders from Initially Yours, which is why we have waited a few weeks before sending this reminder out. We have a brief update from the company below. Please also remember that you can order online from My Clothing. For all items bought online from My Clothing, they will donate 5% to the school funds.

Initially Yours –

REMAINS OPEN FOR ONLINE ORDERS + CLICK AND COLLECT FROM BRANCHES

This is the same business model we have been successfully operating under since June this year. At that time, we made the decision to move all ordering online and stop the browsing/purchasing of garments at branch. Just to confirm:

- All uniform orders to be made online
- Our telephone lines and email addresses will all be fully manned and our staff are available to assist in any way they can
- All branches are open for Click & Collect of uniform orders
- Orders can be posted to home addresses if preferred
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We would like to reassure you and your parents that we are very much "business as usual" during these difficult times

Important Dates:

30th November – St Andrew's Day themed lunch

14th December – Virtual Panto for all children

16th December – Video of Reception Nativity uploaded to Tapestry

Video of Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production uploaded to Seesaw.

School Christmas Lunch

18th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party.

18th December – Last day of term 2

4th January – INSET Day

5th January – First day of term 3