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NEW SCHOOL BUILT
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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 6

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Dear Families,

Inspiring Learners, Enriching Lives, Achieving Together

I wanted to start this newsletter with a celebration. On Thursday 19th November, we closed our first bubble at Elm Park. Our incredible year 5 and 6 children filed out of the school with reading diaries in hand, ready to start home learning. Parents were incredible in the speed that they were able to pick the children up, with all children safely at home within 2 and a half hours of closing the bubble. Staff set to work, ensuring that they had all required to put our home learning plan into action. What a success it was! Morning Microsoft Teams meetings were a real treat for staff, children and parents alike. 'What's in the box?', scavenger hunts and name that tune were all highlights described by the children. The recorded PowerPoints the teachers produced daily to support learning also had a huge impact and the use of the Seesaw App to share home learning with feedback was incredibly well received.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the teachers and teaching assistants, who put so much effort into ensuring that children had fun and engaging learning opportunities throughout the week. I also wanted to thank all parents for their open and honest comments and the incredible support they provided helping with home learning. Finally, I wanted to say how A-MAZ-ING our year 5 and 6 children were in engaging with their learning. Myself and all of the teachers were thrilled with how they embraced home learning and engaged with the morning meetings. Thank you to all of you! As a 'well done', I would like to ask that all Year 5 and 6 children (and staff) wear non-school uniform on Friday 4th December. During the afternoon, the child will have a little surprise as a thank you.

It seems very strange that we have entered December. Staff have started to brighten up the school with incredible Christmas lights all around and are also trying to outdo themselves with their Christmas jumpers! Children are currently in the process of making decorations to hang on the magnolia tree in the courtyard to spread a bit of seasonal cheer. Nativity plays are well underway and bringing a sense of normality to the school. On Wednesday 16th December 2020, our reception nativity photograph will be in the Bristol Post.

COVID-19

Please help us to keep each other safe.

We have noticed that many people, who were previously wearing masks into school have recently forgotten to wear them. Please could we ask that all people coming into the school site wear a mask (unless medically exempt). A huge thank you to all of you who do wear masks.

Also a reminder to contact the school office via email or phone if you need to pass a message onto the class teacher. Many people are talking with teachers at length on a morning and it makes the flow of people coming in and out of the site rather tricky. I truly am sorry that I have to ask this but it is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children, staff and families.

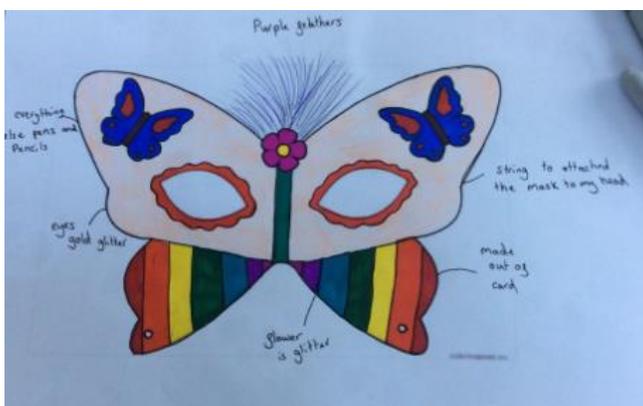
Thank you for your understanding and support. 😊

Christmas cards

With the festive season fast approaching, we have put in place a system that will reduce the risk of transmission but will still allow children to give and receive Christmas cards. If children would like to send cards, we ask that they bring them in either on **Friday 4th December** or **Friday 11th December**. The cards will be put into Christmas post boxes and will then be given out the following Mondays after a period of isolation. Please ensure that all cards have the recipient's first name and surname on the envelope, as well as their class name. Many thanks for your support with this.

Year 5/6 Home Learning – a note from Mrs Lugg

It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and engagement that our children in Years 5 and 6 have shown this week with their home learning, while they have been isolating. The quality of work that they have produced has been incredible and it has been brilliant to see their smiling faces at the online class meetings every morning. We are very proud of all of the children. We would also like to thank parents/carers for the support that the children have had with their learning.



St Paul's Carnival Fact File

INTRODUCTION
This is a fact file about the carnival in the St Paul's area of Bristol which has made a positive impact on people to learn and explore different cultures.

HISTORY
St Paul's carnival started in 1968 by people from the West Indies, Europe, Africa, and Asia who settled here after the Second World War.
They wanted to change how people saw and thought of them so they created a community event with lots of home cooked food sold from people's homes.

PRESENT DAY
Over the years it has grown, attracting thousands of people from across the City with its colourful parade, food stalls and loud music.
It has been cancelled in the past because it has grown so big and has been difficult to control. Many believe that it is too big and needs to go back to its Community roots.

Fundraising:

Church funding

Firstly, a huge thank you to Winterbourne churches for their incredible contribution to the school. The church community has raised a huge amount of money to support families, who have been affected in some way by COVID-19 and the lockdowns. If you or someone you know within our school community have been affected financially, please do get in touch. We are able to help with shopping vouchers, funding school uniform, funding school meals for children. If we can be of help in any way, please just get in contact with me via the school office.

A very generous young man

Harry in Willow class is due to turn 8 in December. Instead of asking family and friends to buy him birthday presents, Harry has asked them to donate to a local homeless charity. His initial target was £50. However, on his first day of fundraising, the total soared to an incredible £400. Harry, you truly are an inspiration! I hope the total continues to rise!

Christmas Window Trail

A huge thank you to Rachel Tothill for helping to organise the Winterbourne School's Christmas window trail. Please see the flyer below and help us to raise valuable funds for local schools.

WINTERBOURNE SCHOOLS'
CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL
DECEMBER 2020

Made with PosterMyWall.com
Getty Stock

Decorate your windows in any way you like for Christmas;
lights, baubles, snowflakes, paper cut outs

Please donate what you can to
gofundme.com/f/christmas-window-trail-for-winterbourne-schools

Check out the trail map on our Facebook Page
"Christmas Window Trail for Winterbourne Schools"

Save the Children:

This year Mr Ramshaw (Hazel Class Teacher) has kindly organised a Christmas jumper day to raise money for Save the Children. On Friday 11th December, please could families join us in wearing a festive jumper to school and contribute £1. All proceeds will go to helping a charity incredibly dear to our hearts.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe week.

Carol Bond

Head Teacher

Important Dates:

16th December – Video of Reception Nativity uploaded to Tapestry

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

16th December – 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