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Dear Families,

Welcome back:

The excitement levels in our school have significantly increased with the news that our children will be returning to a real life classroom from Monday 8th March. Our plan for school return was emailed to all families on Tuesday 23rd February. If you haven't received it, please email the school office using: Elmparkparents@gmail.org.uk and we will resend it, alternatively, you can access it via the school website.

Further information about PE days and what to bring to school will be sent out via the class newsletters on Wednesday through email as well as being uploaded for the children on Seesaw/Tapestry.

To support our children's transition from virtual schooling, we would like to hold individual parents meetings via Microsoft Teams. These meetings will form our 'parents evening', which usually takes place this term. It will be a two way discussion with key questions about:

- How has your child felt during lockdown?
- Academically, what have they enjoyed or found easy during lockdown?
- Academically, what has your child not enjoyed or found challenging during lockdown?
- What is your child most looking forward to about their return to the school?
- Do they have any worries or concerns about returning?
- Has there been any changes at home during lockdown?
- Has there been any trauma during lockdown?

Teachers will share, from their perspective, how your child has been progressing academically during lockdown.

The parents meetings will take place on Thursday 4th March and will run as a 10 minute slot with availability throughout the day starting with the first available appointment at 8:30am and the last appointment at 5pm.

Cedar class will be having their parents' day on Wednesday 3rd March so that Mrs Kidger is able to attend both Cedar and Hazel parent's days.

Please note, there will be no class meeting on the parents' day as staff will be meeting with parents instead.

The appointments are now live and you can book them in the usual way via teachers2parents. Booking will be closed on Monday 1st March at 12:30 so please make sure that you sign up for your slot before this time.

World Book Day 2021

Thursday is a busy day at Elm Park as World Book Day is taking place. Staff have been working tirelessly to provide an exciting virtual day for all children. Activities will be uploaded onto Seesaw/Tapestry for the children to join in and enjoy.

Detective Trail:

Kayleigh Harris, the lady who very kindly organised a Detective Trail around Winterbourne for families to enjoy, has dropped in the money raised for Elm Park. She kindly raised £76.66 for our school. A huge thank you both to Kayleigh and to all of our families and the local community for raising this money.

Yate Rotary Club and BBC computer appeal

A huge thank you to the two organisation named above for their incredible donations of laptops for families. We have now been gifted 12 laptops in total. If your child does not currently have access to a laptop and you feel they would benefit, please contact the school office via email. We will hand the remaining laptops out on a first come/first served basis.

STEM update – looking to the future

Mrs Lhotsky, one of our incredible lunch break supervisors, has set up a project, which is being launched at Elm Park. Children will be given a box full of exciting technology and instructions for how to make some of the brilliant designs from the pictures below. Further information about this exciting project will be shared during the course of this term.



Stay safe and well.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and see you all on the 8th March!

Carol Bond

Head Teacher