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NEW SCHOOL BUILT
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IN DURING 2021-22.**



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'Pupils love learning because teachers make it fun.'

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Inspiring Learners, Enriching Lives, Achieving Together

Dear Families,

A new addition to the Elm Park Family.

Last week, Mrs Payne broke the exciting news that she has had a beautiful baby boy. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Mr and Mrs Payne and baby Quinley every joy as they grow as a family.

With only one week left of Term 3, I wanted to write to say thank you for all of the incredible support you have given to your children and our school. It has been incredible to see the progress children have made with their learning and their enthusiasm for the activities.

A way forward could be in sight! On 22nd February, the nation will be informed of the Government's proposal for reopening schools. As a school, we already have several reopening plans in place. We will send a letter to all families by 3:30pm on Tuesday 23rd February to update you on how (if we are allowed) we will reopen the school.



The National Teaching Awards



This year, we truly wish that we could nominate all of you for one of these awards. The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. If you're feeling shy you can send a card anonymously! Anyone can send a card all year round. To nominate someone, please click on the link below and complete the form. When staff receive them, it really does bring a smile to their face.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

Fortnightly Family Fun Challenge

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme is **Express Yourself**.

Our challenge this fortnight is to choose an activity as a family that enables you to express yourself, either individually or as a group. You could choose from the ideas here or create a different activity that shows who you are and what makes you special.

Create some artwork that expresses how you are feeling	Choose a song to sing/dance to which is special to your family	Have a meal together that is significant to your family
Create a hopes and dreams jar and put in ideas of what you would like to do together in the future	Take photos of each other that express your personalities and talents	Write a letter to yourselves, which you will read in a year's time
Choose a colour/theme which is important to your family and all dress like this for a day	Build a den and decorate it with objects that are important to you	Create a model that expresses what is special about your family

Please remember that this is an optional challenge, but if your family would like to get involved, please share what you have done with us. You could send it via Seesaw, Tapestry or the school email.

Most importantly, have fun together and express yourselves!

Detective Trail:

It has been lovely to see and hear about families completing the Detective Trail around Winterbourne. We understand, through popular demand, that the trail will continue during half term. Don't forget that any money raised will be shared between the three local schools - <https://gofund.me/9404c144>

Stay safe and well.

Carol Bond

Head Teacher