



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



**CONTINUES TO BE A GOOD SCHOOL - NOVEMBER 2019**

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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 15

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### Inspiring Learners, Enriching Lives, Achieving Together

Dear Families,

Inspiring

What a week it has been! You may have walked passed the school today and thought that it was closed due to the very small number of cars in the carpark. As I woke up this morning, instead of driving into school, I did what many of our children are currently doing, sat in my makeshift office in my bedroom and began to think about the tasks for today. 'Why am I working from home?' I hear you ask... Let me explain.

On Sunday evening, I shared the sad news with our Infant community that we had confirmation of COVID-19 within the bubble. Staff joined an evening Teams meeting where they rose to the challenge of returning to remote learning. As with the previous lockdown, it has been inspiring to see the creativity of our staff team in engaging our youngest members of Elm Park with their online learning. I would like to say a huge congratulations to our children for all of their hard work, our parents for again becoming teachers and our teaching team for the incredible learning they have provided. We look forward to welcoming the Infant children and staff back to school on Tuesday morning.

Like other local schools, we did not stop at one bubble closing this week. Instead, sadness truly fell upon our year 5 and 6 children when, the day before they were due to go to PGL, we had to close their bubble as well. The resilience and maturity our children demonstrated upon being told was simply overwhelming. I want to send out a heartfelt sorry to our year 6 children for their camp having to be cancelled. A big thank you to our year 5 children for showing such compassion to our year 6 children and a huge thank you to parents, who were able to collect all children within 2 hours of us having to shut our second bubble of the week. We know how fantastic our Upper Key Stage 2 teaching team have been during the two other occasions of the bubble closing but I again wanted to extend my thanks to each and every one of them for all their hard work in supporting our children through their third bubble closure. We really look forward to welcoming you all back on Friday.

I had spent a lot of time with some children from our Upper Key Stage 2 bubble this week, so I like many of our children and staff are now having to work from home and self-isolate. That does not mean that I cannot be contacted. Should you need to speak with me or any member of my team, please do email the school office and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

I would like to send out a very polite request. Please could I ask that if your child has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please ensure that they self-isolate. If any child or staff member tests positive, it is essential that we know about it as soon as possible to ensure that we can stop the spread of the virus. Please continue to support the school and our local community to keep safe and well.

Enriching

Sports Week:

On Monday morning, the Key Stage 2 entrance was a buzz of excitement as children spotted a he tower in the old playground. As children got closer to the school, you could hear shouts of ‘Noooooo, it can’t be!’ ‘That is so cool!’ ‘I’m not doing that.’ What was in the playground? An enormous climbing wall! Children throughout Key Stage 2 had the chance to face their fears on a giant climbing wall. It was wonderful to see them pushing themselves, encouraging each other and having a great time.

The activities continued throughout the week as children were able to enjoy a rounders tournament, badminton sessions and some Sports Day activities.

Even though the infants were self-isolating this week, there has been some lovely celebration of sports week through craft, yoga and ar

A huge thank you to Mrs Lugg and all of the children and staff for planning and taking part in such an active and enjoyable week.

Achieving:

As I sit here, I was thinking about all that we have achieved over the course of the past two weeks. One thing that truly springs to mind is how strong a community we are. Over the course of the past year, our children and families have been through so much but the strength and support we show each other is incredible. The resilience our children have shown is a testament to the support and encouragement they get from home and school working together. I want to say a huge thank you to all of the Elm Park community.

Stay safe this weekend and we hope to see everyone back in school by Friday!

Carol Bond

Head Teacher

Dates for Term 6

29 <sup>th</sup> June	Class allocation sent home
<del>1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July</del> 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> July Date change due to Year 5/6 self-isolating	Transition days at Elm Park
29 <sup>th</sup> June, 6 <sup>th</sup> July and 15 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception stay and plays
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports go home
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Arts days
20 <sup>th</sup> July 6pm – 7:30p,	Leavers Family get together on the school field
21 <sup>st</sup> July	<del>Year 6 leavers assembly</del> Whole School Family picnic on the field and school optional closing at 1:15pm

Next Year:

Term dates

2021/22

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 2 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021

Term 2	Monday 1 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
Term 3	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 18 February 2022
Term 4	Monday 28 February 2022	Friday 8 April 2022
Term 5	Monday 25 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Term 6	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022
INSET DAYS	<p>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021</p> <p>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021</p> <p>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022</p> <p>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022</p> <p>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022</p>	