



Elm Park Primary School
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Inspiring Enriching Achieving
Head teacher's Message



Dear Families,

Where do I start? There has been a flurry of activity over the course of the past two weeks, not only during the school day but also during evenings and weekends!

It was wonderful to see so many families joining us at the Summer Fayre, last Friday. I cannot remember the last time I saw so many smiling faces, covered with an interesting mix of glitter from face painting and sauce from the chocolate fountain!



As I walked around, I felt a huge sense of pride be part of our PTFA. They do so much to ensure that events like the summer fayre can take place. Our PTFA really is such an important part of our school community and I would like to extend my thanks to each and every one of them for all of the time, energy and dedication they put in to making every event such an amazing success for all to enjoy. Currently, our lovely treasurer is totalling the money and we hope to share the final amount raised over the course of the next few days!

Year 6 production:

Myself, Mrs Harris and Mrs Ingle have been treated to some truly remarkable singing from our year 6 children as they continue to practise their end of year play. We cannot wait to watch the dress rehearsal on Monday.

Year R and Year 1 trip to the library:

As I sit here and write this, I have watched our children walk back into school with very large smiles on their faces having met the author, Rob Starling. Winterbourne Library kindly extended the invitation for our children to meet with Rob and enjoy him sharing his stories. The children (and adults) were truly captivated. Many thanks to all at Winterbourne Library for inviting us!

As I am sure you will all remember, last Saturday was a rather cold and wet day. Mrs Lugg and Mrs Johnstone braved the rather dismal conditions to take some of our sporting heroes to the Festival of Youth Sport. I would like to say a rather large THANK YOU to both members of staff as well as the children and families. You represented our school with great sportsmanship and incredible skill.

Finally, if you happen to walk along Park Avenue, take a sneak peek through the gates and you will see all of the amazing work that BAM have already done in preparing the ground for the new school to be built! If you happen to see a gentleman stood on the gate, give him a cheerful hello. His name is Shaun and his role is to ensure that all families are able to walk safely along the pavement and stop deliveries from arriving during key school times.

Carol Bond
Head Teacher



PE and Sports News

Firstly, a big thank you to you all for supporting our 'Lap of Hope' at the end of Sports Week. We raised a fantastic £105.10 for Sports Relief and we know that this will be used to support amazing projects through the charity.

On Saturday morning, a group of children from YR/1/2 and Y4/5 braved the weather and represented the school at the annual South Gloucestershire Festival of Youth Sport. They took part in an opening ceremony parade before beginning their competitions. The KS1 children competed in a Multi-skills event, using their agility, speed and team work skills. The KS2 children were in the Athletics team, taking part in a 75m sprint, 600m run, long jump, speed bounce and relay. All the children showed incredible skill, resilience and encouragement, and we are so proud of them all. A big well done to Oliver, Cora, Tallulah, Daniel, Stanley, Albie, Holly, Eli, Elijah and Martha.



On Monday this week, we were given a different sporting opportunity. We were invited to Yate and District Bowls Club to learn how to play and then take part in a mini bowls competition. The children had a great time and took part with enthusiasm, energy and determination. It was wonderful to experience a new sport that involved accuracy and concentration. Well done to Harry, Asher, Marley, Martha, Caleb, Isla and Jasmine. Thank you also to Mrs McIntyre and Mrs Serjent for accompanying the children.



Although we have less than 2 weeks left until the Summer Holidays, our days are still full of excitement and learning. Please see the below dates for your diary:

Monday 11th July – Year 5 children Ukulele performance (9:30am)

Tuesday 12th July – Year 6 Production to Families (9:15am)
Year 6 Production to Families (6pm)

Thursday 14th July – End of year reports sent home to families.

Tuesday 19th July – Summer Musical Extravaganza 6pm

Wednesday 20th July – Year 6 leavers celebration evening 6pm – 7:30pm

Thursday 21st July – Last day of term, end of year picnic and early collection 1:15pm

Achieve.

On Tuesday morning, I (alongside a lot of other head teachers) waited patiently to log on to the Government website to download our end of KS2 SATs results. After nearly two hours of refreshing the page, the results finally popped up. I have to say that I had a rather large tear in my eye as I scrolled down the list of children's names. I was reminded of the challenges they, like their peers around the globe, have faced since starting in KS2. Although year 3 felt normal, lockdown soon began as they started their third term of year 4. 2 years later, after several bubble closures and a further lockdown, our children finally took part in their SATs. They took SATs week in their stride, showing positivity and resilience. It was incredible to see every child making incredible progress, not only from their starting points from the end of year 2 but also from last year and the catch up progress they have made.

These children have overcome so many disruptions and have still continued to achieve great things! Well done to all of the children, parents and all staff who have supported our team of year 6 to excel during their time at Elm Park. I am beyond proud of you all.

House Team News

The House Point totals have been jumped up again in the last few weeks as the children have been working really hard to follow our Golden Rules and be the best that they can be in so many different ways. Well done everyone!

The house points so far are:

- 1st – Red – 3527 points
- 2nd – Blue – 3404 points
- 3rd – Yellow – 3238 points
- 4th – Green – 3215 points

