



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



Dear Families,

Sports Week:

Over the course of the past two weeks, Elm Park has turned into a mini version of the Commonwealth Games! Mrs Lugg planned an incredible sports week for all of our children to enjoy. They have:

- 'Trained Like and Athlete' on Monday with a team of coaches from Progressive Sports.
- Learned how to play Boccia and New Age Kurling with Mrs Lugg on Tuesday
- Taken part in Sports Day 2022 on a very hot Wednesday
- Become dance champions on Thursday
- Taken part in a lap of hope to support Sports Relief today.

The smiles on our children's faces have simply been priceless to see. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Lugg (our remarkable PE leader) for organising such exciting events.

Our New Home:



I'm sure you cannot help but have noticed the change in colour of our fencing on Park Avenue. Yesterday evening, the bright yellow turned to a rather vibrant green as our new build contractors (BAM) begin to set up their site compound. This morning, more fencing arrived and on Monday the plant machinery will be moving on site to begin building our new school. Just to reassure you, the site compound will be totally secure and children will be unable to access the site. Additionally, the people working on the site will have no access to the school grounds as soon as the additional fencing is secured. We are really excited that this time next year, our new home will be nearly finished. As the weeks go on, I will keep you updated on the progress.



Friday 1st July 4:30pm – 6pm

We are really looking forward to Elm Park Summer Fayre 2022. Don't forget that there are many ways you can help to raise vital funds for the school:

Donate between now and 1st July:

- Preloved Teddies
 - Preloved books
 - Tombola items e.g. hand cream, bubble bath, unwanted gifts, alcohol, new toys etc.
- All of the above items can be dropped into school during the course of the next few weeks.

On the morning of 1st July

Please donate:

- Cakes
- Plants

During the day of Friday 1st July

- Help set up the fayre – this takes a long time but as the old saying goes, 'many hands make light work'.

Helping at the fayre:

- Give your time to help run a stall. This is a lot easier than it sounds. All you will need to do is collect the money. You can run the stall for a short time – 30 minutes or you could run it for a longer period of time. The choice is yours.

During the fayre:

4:30-6pm:

- Come along
- Enjoy spending time at a traditional school fayre with family and friends.
- Spend some money! We are trying to keep the costs down as we know how expensive everything in the world is so prices will start from 20p.
- Stay for dinner and perhaps even a cheeky Friday evening Gin at the Elm Park Tavern!
- And... dare I say it... Come and throw a sponge at me as I get soaked in the stocks!

Thank you to all families, who have already sent in donations and contributions. Your offers of help are greatly received but we still need people to help. Please sign up in the main office or contact our PTFA through their Facebook Page or through the school office.

Parking

This week, we were presented with 3 rather charming little characters. No, not our local beat team (Paula and Jacqui) and our local councillor (Nic). The Think Parking signs! They are parking signs asking everyone to take responsibility for parking safely. As a school, we are very fortunate to have a wide area of parking available relatively close to the school. Please remember to follow the highway code and not stop/park on the Zigzag lines, the double yellow lines or at the entrance to the school carpark. This is to ensure that we keep all members of the community safe. If you have a disabled badge, I would like to remind families that you are not allowed to park on the Zigzag lines during the displayed times. If you require disabled parking, please drive into the front car park and use the space located by the school office.



And finally, we have an action packed 4 weeks left of this academic year. I have listed all of the incredible events that we are hosting in the Enriching section below. Please check the dates and join with us to celebrate a truly wonderful year at Elm Park.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Carol Bond
Head Teacher



Sports Week News:

Wow! What a week it has been! The children have thrown themselves into all the activities with energy and enthusiasm. On Monday, Progressive Sports ran 'Train like a Champion' workshops where the children ran, cycled, boxed and practised their cricket skills. It was wonderful to see them developing their skills and having lots of fun. Staff then had their own workshop after school too. On Tuesday, we learned two new sports – Boccia and New Age Kurling – which required concentration, accuracy and teamwork. The sun shone for Sports Day on Wednesday. The children worked in house teams to collect points for a variety of activities before competing in the traditional races. Thank you to all the families and friends who came to watch and support the children. On Thursday, the children had a dance workshop with a local dance teacher, Georgia. The choreography was quite challenging and the children were fantastic. Today, we ended the week with a 'Lap of Hope' to raise money for the many projects that Sports Relief support. The children wrote pledges for a better world and wore these while completing the run. There were so many smiles, and we thank families again for your support with this fundraising. It has been a fantastic week and we are so proud of the children for all their effort, politeness to visitors and enthusiasm. You are all stars!



What a way to end a year!

We are delighted to share our end of year plans with you. Most of these were on the yearly calendar but we have added a few extra treats to finish the year with a bang!

Monday 27th June – A visit from the 'Open the Book' assembly team
- New Classes letter emailed to families

- Building work begins.

Tuesday 28th June – A visit from Winterbourne Library to share the Summer Reading Challenge

Friday 1st July – Summer Fayre

Saturday 2nd July – Festival of Youth Sport

Tuesday 5th July – Elm Park transition morning for children to meet their new class teacher (day 1)

Wednesday 6th July – Elm Park transition morning (day 2)

- Winterbourne Academy transition morning (day 2)
- Reception height and weight check (in school)
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Friday 8th July – Year 6 end of year production – dress rehearsal to the school.

- Year 1 and Reception visit Winterbourne Library to see an author.

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

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.

A really big Well Done to our Year 1 and 2 children, who have taken their phonics assessments. We are so proud of their achievements. Their results will be shared in their end of year reports.

Year 4 have completed the newly launched multiplication checks. The children had 6 seconds to answer each question. They truly worked their socks off and their progress over the course of the year has been excellent. Well done to you all. Again, these results will be shared with parents within the school report.

Our teachers are busy finalising our end of year data and are writing school reports. We are so proud of our children's learning and the progress that they have made since we returned to a year without lockdown. Our children are making strides to 'catch up' on lost face to face teaching due to Covid and we are delighted with their perseverance and determination to succeed.

House Team News

The House Point totals have been flying up again in the last few weeks as the children have been working really hard to follow our Golden Rules and also collecting points at Sports Day. Well done everyone.

The house points so far are:

1st – Red – 3321

2nd – Blue – 3167

3rd – Yellow – 3040

4th – Green - 2980

