



Dates for your diary

17.11.2022 – New reception open morning.

Winterbourne Early Years staying for lunch.

24.11.2022 – New Reception families stay and play session.

Acorns class families staying for lunch.

2.12.2022 – Christmas Fayre

6.12.2022 – Year 1 and 2 Christmas play

Our new school update: We have a second storey! The interior and exterior of the building really are taking shape. Trees were felled last week for enabling works and the school pond has been temporarily relocated.

Important notice

Please do not park on the Zigzag lines. They are there to keep our children safe.

Help us to raise our attendance levels by only booking holidays during school closure times.

Many thanks



Thank you to all teachers for their incredible hard work with parents meetings and pupil progress reviews.

Thank you to all staff and parents who accompanied our children on the school trips – it really is a highlight of many children's time at school!

Thank you to all of our children for showing Elm Park at its very best!

Note from Mrs Bond...

Writing the newsletter is a very humbling experience for me. It gives me time to sit and reflect on our amazing community. Over the course of the past two weeks, Elm Park has come alive!

Inspiring:

What an incredible start to term 2. Our children have been a true inspiration. Yesterday, we welcomed our school challenge partner, Mrs Laver. Her role is to work alongside schools to be a 'critical friend'. As we walked around the school, she was incredibly impressed with the warm welcome our children gave her. As always, the behaviour of our children was exemplary. She met with all leaders within the school and was incredibly impressed with their knowledge of the subjects they lead and the direction and focus for continued improvement.

A true highlight of the day was when I joined Mrs Laver for pupil conferencing. 6 children from year 4-6 joined us to discuss what it is like being a pupil at Elm Park. The children were bursting to tell her so many things, including Enrichment afternoons, English lessons and the all-important fish finger Friday! It was humbling to hear our children express their love of learning and their passion for challenge.

Enriching:

Since the last newsletter, there has been so many events that have taken place to enrich our children's love of learning. Our year 6 team had an incredible time at PGL. The children enjoyed a vast range of activities - buggy building, archery, giant swing just to name a few! The children (and staff) arrived back at school very tired but full of excitement about all they had experienced.

Beech and Willow class had an incredible time on their trip to Arnos Vale. They became historians as they looked at how the area had changed over time. The children were incredible insightful in the questions they asked and showed amazing respect when walking around and exploring.

Achieving:

Over the course of the week, the senior leadership team completed pupil progress reviews. I have been truly impressed by the knowledge our teachers have of our children and their understanding of how to support them with their learning. As the week progressed, teachers were able to share this information with families through Parents Meetings. The feedback we have had from these has been incredibly positive.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mrs Carol Bond

Elm Park Community

Wow! It seems like a lifetime ago that our school hall was filled with absolute excitement as an incredible team of fundraisers braved the shave with Stan. Thank you to all of the Elm Park community for joining us to help raise money for the Grand Appeal. It was an amazing day! So far we have raised over £7000 including gift aid! Thank you to everyone for all of their kind donations!



Arnos Vale and PGL photographs:



House Team News

It has been wonderful to see so many house points being earned in the last fortnight. Well done to all the children for following our Golden Rules and striving to be the best that they can be in so many different ways

Our current totals are

1st = Red – 1415 2nd = Blue – 1409 3rd = Green – 1358 4th = Yellow - 1251

PE and Sports News

At the end of last term, we held our first inter-house sports competitions of the year. Year 1 and 2 children competed against each other in a multi-skills tournament, with a variety of activities needing stamina, balance and co-ordination. The children in Years 3,4 and 5 took part in netball competitions. It was great to see their skills, enthusiasm and encouragement for others.

The winners of the competitions were:

Year 1 and 2 Multi-skills – Green House

Willow and Chestnut Netball – Green House

Oak and Hazel Netball – Blue House

In other competition news, the Y5/6 football team played their first match of the season just before the holidays. It was a cup match against Watermore and the players were definitely excited about starting their season. They all played well and showed great team spirit. They were very pleased with their 5-3 win taking them through to the next round. The team has their first league game of the season next Monday.