



## Dates for your diary

13.12.2022 – Whole School Wow day at 3:30pm

13.12.2022 Year 5 and 6 to WA to watch Mary Poppins

15.12.2022 – Christmas Jumper Day, KS2 Carol service and Christmas Lunch Day

Lego Robotics team start their first challenge!

16.12.2022 – Last day of term 2

3.1.2023 – INSET day

3.1.2023 – Start of term 3

## 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 everyone who helped and supported our PTFA Christmas Fayre!

Thank you to PC Paula and PCSO Jacqui for organising the mini police visit.

Thank you to Father Malcolm for inviting us to St Michael's Church for the Christmas Nativity.

Thank you to all of the staff for supporting our talented performers over the course of the past term!

Thank you to Mrs Kidger for an amazing Carols by Candlelight service.

Our new school update: We have a roof!!! The crane was removed from the site this week as the roof was fitted! It has been incredible to see the changes to the building over the course of the last term.

Note from Mrs Bond... Oh my word! What a wonderful few weeks it has been at Elm Park. Our school has been a buzz of excitement.

**Inspiring:** Last Friday saw our PTFA Christmas Fayre. The school felt truly magical with fairy lights glittering in the courtyard and the presence of a very special visitor in a red suit! The school was filled with smiles as families walked around the incredible stalls and games. Dinner of burgers, hotdogs, chips and pizza was enjoyed by many families and some even partook in a cheeky glass of wine! By the end of the evening, the sound of change was ringing in the buckets. It took quite a time to count up all that we have raised and it is with great pleasure that I can announce that we raised £1621.15. This is a remarkable total and we are so thankful for everyone's contributions!

**Enriching:** As part of our community project, our team of Year 5 'mini-police' went to the Operational Training Centre for Avon and Somerset Police. The children had the opportunity to explore the training facilities and process that officers have to go through and were able to find out more about the different units within the police force. The children learnt more about how communication works for the underwater search unit; how the mounted police officers train the horses; the benefits of using drones; the different expertise of the various police dog breeds and finally the importance of road safety. What a privilege to have been able to experience this day. Thank you to the Avon and Somerset Police for their time.

**Achieving:** Term 2 is one of the busiest terms. The calendar is full of Christmas activities, fundraising and visits. As this term has progressed, it has seen our youngest children demonstrating their incredible singing and acting skills during their Christmas Nativity. The church was full to the rafters as Acorns class retold the Christmas story. A huge well done to all involved.

We also welcomed a shrew to the school this week as Year 1 and 2 performed Prickly Hay. With a few last minute stand-ins, the children were spectacular in their performance. They projected their voices, sang and performed with confidence and brought a tear to many people's eyes. Congratulations to our very talented children.

Finally, we ended the week with an incredible bang! Last night, the hall was full of twinkling candles as the Elm Park Choir and Musicians all joined together for our Carols by Candlelight concert. Readers young and old joined in to tell the Christmas Story and mince pies and a hot cuppa helped to make the evening extra special. It really was a treat and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who came and an extra special well done to all who performed!

Sending very best wishes to all of our families during this cold weekend. Please remember, we have a pot of money from the incredible Comfort and Joy appeal, which our local churches provide for us to help families. This can be to support with heating, lighting, food or anything else that may help. If you want to know more or if you can think of someone that this could help, please just speak with me.

### House Team News

The children have been earning lots of house points again this fortnight. They have been awarded for following our Golden Rules in all sorts of different ways. Red team have overtaken Blue team again this week but the scores are quite close.

Our current totals are:

1<sup>st</sup> = Red - 1921

2<sup>nd</sup> = Blue - 1876

3<sup>rd</sup> = Green - 1721

4<sup>th</sup> = Yellow - 1693

### PE and Sports News

Our Y5/6 football team have had two matches in the past fortnight. They began with a league match against St Peters, which they won 4-0. On Monday, they played away to Shield Road in the next round of the cup and lost 4-0. Well done to all the players who have shown skill, teamwork and enthusiasm, even in the very cold weather.

Swimming lessons for Year 5 will be starting after Christmas so please look out for information about this. Year 4 will also be swimming later in the year.

### WOW Day

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding a WOW day event after school. The classrooms will be open from 3:30 – 4:00pm and we invite you to come and see the Connected Curriculum learning that the children have been busy with during Terms 1 and 2. It will be a great opportunity for the children to show you what they have learned so please come and enjoy!

### Our Mini Police Team



### Year 1 and 2 Prickly Hay performance

