



## Dates for your diary

5.5.2023 – Coronation Celebration  
(children only) – children to wear red,  
white and blue.

Bank holidays: 1.5.2023 and 8.5.2023,

SATs week Year 6 – 9.5.2023-  
12.5.2023

26.5.2023 – Last day of term 5.

5.6.2023 – First day of term 6.

3.7.2023 – INSET DAY

## Important notice

Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school. Elm Park jumper, Team colours T-shirt either plain or with the Elm Park Logo and plain black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings.



Nick and Ben Jefferies for their kindness in choosing to raise money for our amazing children at Elm Park – Good luck!

Our incredible team of teachers for organising such a creative bang day.

Note from Mrs Bond...

As I sit here writing this newsletter, the sun is streaming through my window. The grounds at Elm Park have suddenly sprung to life with trees blossoming and flowers starting to open. The sounds of very happy children playing in the playground fill my office as we all start to look forward to a bank holiday weekend.

### Inspiring:

On your bike!

If you happen to be out and about at 5:30am on

Sunday morning, please do pop past Elm Park and



wave good luck to Nick and Ben Jefferies (Harlee's Grandad and Uncle) as they set off on a 1000mile bike ride from Elm Park to Santander. These truly inspiring gentlemen have volunteered to cycle to raise money for an outdoor classroom at Elm Park. The cost of the classroom is roughly £13000. Their initial target was to raise £1 for every mile they cycled, however, they have already hit this milestone and are now trying to raise as much as possible to help with the final cost of the classroom - £13000. At the time of writing, they have raised: £1350. I am sure you will join me in wishing both gentlemen the very best of luck on their journey!

If you are able to make a donation to this amazing cause, please follow this link or see the QR code at the end of the newsletter: <https://gofund.me/eda1c9dc>

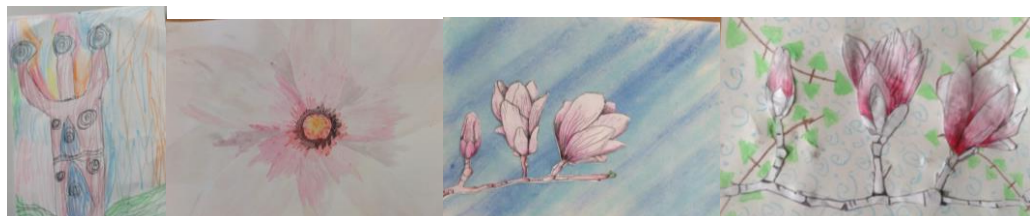
### Enriching:

As many of you know, we have the most beautiful magnolia tree in the courtyard of Elm Park. This tree provided an exciting stimulus for our children as they took part in the



Bang Day to launch our connected curriculum Arts Project. All children throughout the school had the amazing opportunity to look at different artists and look at their artist style. These included: Reception – Georges Seurat (Pointillism), Beech and Willow – Friedensreich Hundertwasser (Abstract), Chestnut and Oak – Georgia O'Keeffe (Modernism), Hazel and Elm - Helen Zughaib.

The children spent the day looking at the skills of an artist and finding out about the artists above and the style and media they used to create their incredible designs. From this, they then produced an artistic piece of work representing the magnolia tree using the style of the artist they had been learning about. As I'm sure you will agree, we have some truly incredible artists at Elm Park:



We look forward to sharing more incredible art work with you as the term progresses.

**Achieving:**

Today, we celebrated our incredible Elm Park Stars. These are children who consistently do above and beyond in everything that they do. They work hard, show kindness and respect towards each other and are simply the very best they can be.



We are all really looking forward to our school celebration for the Coronation. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, we are throwing our incredible children an afternoon tea! They will have lots of delicious food and drink. On the day, could we ask that the children wear red, white and blue to celebrate. During the morning, our children will be making crowns and will have a wonderful spread to enjoy in the afternoon, which is fit for a King!

This will be additional to their usual lunch so please do ensure that you continue to book this online or send them in with a packed lunch.

At the end of the school day, all children (and staff) will be given a little present as a memento of the occasions... look out for these next week!

**PE and Sports News**

On Tuesday, some of our girls in Year 3 and 4 took part in a football morning at Yate Academy. Many of them have never played before and it was a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills and have fun. They developed their football skills and worked brilliantly together. We are very proud of them all. Well done girls!

Our new girls' football club after school on Thursdays is proving to be very popular and it is great to see so many girls there.

We also have some other fantastic sports clubs after school which still have spaces. On Mondays, there is a gymnastics club for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. On Fridays, there is an athletics and cricket club for children in Years 3 – 6. It is not too late to start these. To book on, please use the link <https://progressive-sports-south-glos-bristol.class4kids.co.uk/>

Year 4 have started their block of swimming lessons this term. They have had 2 lessons so far and all staff have been very impressed with their effort, behaviour and respect. Well done Year 4!

**House Point News**

The children have been very busy collecting house points again since the Easter holidays. Well done everyone for your hard work and super attitudes. You will see that there is currently a tie in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Our current totals are

1<sup>st</sup> = Green - 1298

2<sup>nd</sup> = Red - 1165

3<sup>rd</sup> = Red – 1124

3<sup>rd</sup> = Yellow - 1124