



Dates for your diary

- 29.9.2023 – PTFA Cake Sale after school
- 3.10.2023 – Year 5 and 6 at Bath Literature Festival
- 5.10.2023 – PTFA meeting 6pm
- 9.10.2023 – Individual photographs
- 10.10.2023 – Reception Intake 2024-25 open morning
- 11.10.2023 – Harvest Assembly – all welcome
- 13.10.2023 – Year 6 at PGL
- 20.10.2023 – End of Term 1
- 30.10.2023 – Term 2 starts

Important notice

Please can we stick to a one way system at drop off and collection times. Enter the playground via the Nicholls Lane Gate and exit via the carpark gate. Many thanks



Thank you to Mrs Lugg and Mrs Keeping for staying overnight with me and our Year 5s. We all had an amazing time.

Thank you to Miss Green, Mrs Kidger, Mrs McIntyre and Miss Gurnett for looking after our Year 5s at Deanfield.

Thank you to our AMAZING year 5 children for simply being incredible and so much fun to be around.

Dear Families,

It's been a busy fortnight at Elm Park Primary, and we're excited to share some of the highlights with you in this edition of our newsletter.

Inspiring: Reception children in Full Swing

Our youngest learners in Reception are now in full-time attendance. It's heart-warming to watch them grow and embrace the exciting world of learning here at Elm Park Primary. This week, I have had the opportunity to work with a lot of the children in Pine class and have been so impressed with their knowledge of the world!

PTFA AGM: A Collaborative Effort

The Parent-Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) held its Annual General Meeting, bringing together our dedicated parents and teachers to discuss upcoming events and initiatives, including tonight's cake sale. Don't forget to bring along a pound or two at the end of the day to buy a delicious cake and help raise money for our school. Your active involvement is truly appreciated and essential to our school's success.

Enriching: A Splash of Fun: Year 5 and 6 Take a Dive

Our Year 5 and 6 students had a splashing good time as they took the plunge into the pool for their swimming lessons. It's wonderful to see them building their water confidence and swimming skills.

A Zip wire, Pizza and a campfire... What a day (and night).

For our Year 5 children, a memorable overnight camping experience took place in the school hall. Children spent the day at Deanfield Activity Centre, enjoying river walks, leap of faith, zip wires and tunnelling. As our sleepy travellers returned to school, they were greeted with a hearty (and much needed) feast. They finished the evening with songs around the campfire. It truly was an incredible opportunity for them to bond, explore the outdoors and challenge themselves!

Achieving: House Team News

We are so pleased to be able to announce our new House Captains for this academic year. It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 6 children put themselves forward for the roles and present to the rest of their house team. Well done to them all for expressing themselves with enthusiasm, respect and clarity.

Huge congratulations to our new captains.

Yellow	Emily	Ollie Y
Blue	Kristina	Seb
Red	Indie	Harry
Green	Evie	Sam

And finally...

We are all really looking forward to welcoming family and friends to our annual Harvest Service at 9am on Wednesday 11th October. We will be taking donations for the Yate Food Bank. Please follow this link

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/make-a-donation/> to see what types of donations they require. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

Children in all classes have been very busy earning house points since the start of term. These are awarded for great learning and effort, both in school and homework, as well as positive behaviour choices.

The current totals are pretty close.

1st – Yellow – 448

2nd – Red – 439

3rd – Green – 383

4th – Blue - 372

PE and Sports News

After school sports clubs have started again and it has been great to see the children enjoying them. Football for girls in Y5/6 runs on Tuesdays and football for boys in Y5/6 runs on Thursdays. We have entered the league for both and we are looking forward to finding out which other schools we will be playing against soon. Dodgeball Club for Y1 – Y4 runs on Wednesdays. There are still some spaces for all three clubs so please book at <https://progressive-sports-south-glos-bristol.class4kids.co.uk/> if your child is interested.

We are delighted to have been able to offer extra swimming lessons for some children in Year 5 and 6 in the last fortnight. They have each taken part in an intensive block of afternoon lessons and we are really proud of the progress that they have made. The swimming teachers at Bradley Stoke pool commented on the positive behaviour and respect that the children showed. Well done swimmers!