



Dates for your diary

- 24.11.2023 – Christmas Fayre 5-7:30pm
- 30.11.2023 – St. Andrew's Day Lunch
- 5.12.2023 – Reception Nativity 2:15pm
- 6.12.2023 – Wow day 9am
- 7.12.2023 – Flu Vaccines
- 7.12.2023 Carols By Candlelight 6-7pm
- 8.12.2023 - Panto
- 12.12.2023 – Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2:15pm
- 12.12.2023 – KS2 visit to Salem
- 13.12.2023 – Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch
- 14.12.2023 – Last day of school for children due to new build move.
- 2.1.2024 – School closed for children
- 3.1.2024 – School closed for children
- 4.1.2024 – INSET day school closed for children.
- 5.1.2024 – 1st day of term 3 – in new school building!

Important notice

Please can you remind any children, who walk home alone or with their friends to cross safely on Park Avenue as there have been several near misses.



To our amazing PTFA for their hard work organising the Christmas fayre.

To everyone who is parking responsibly and keeping our children safe.

Dear Families,

Inspiring:

Today, the hall has been filled with excitement as the PTFA get ready to host their first Christmas Fayre. As I write this letter, they are busy sticking on prices, organising the tombolas and getting the grotto ready for a very special visitor. If you have not paid online for entry, please do not worry as you are able to 'pay on the day'. We really look forward to welcoming all families for a fun-filled evening!

We are really looking forward to welcoming families to the fayre this evening from 5pm – 7:30pm. Don't forget your tickets!

Enriching:

Today, Y6 participated in an Engineering workshop. They challenged stereotypes about who engineers are and learnt about the different skills that successful engineers have. Some of the skills they were surprised at and they quickly realised that all strengths can be applied to different roles within engineering. Becoming engineers themselves, they put some of these skills (imagination, creativity, communication) to the test and designed inventions to solve real life problems! A huge thank you to the library for inviting our children to join the talk.

Achieving:

As a school, we have worked incredibly hard to revamp our phonics and early reading programme. This week, we invited a phonics specialist to come and see the provision we have established at Elm Park. Emma Bowman (Phonics specialist) used words such as seamless, inspirational and incredible to describe the teaching and learning the children are receiving. I wanted to share this message with you and say well done to all of our incredible staff for all of their hard work. I wanted to say a particular thank you to Mrs Johnstone as she has worked incredibly hard to establish our new phonics programme (including working on her days off!).

New build:

Finally, a quick new build update. You may have noticed some significant progress has taken place over the course of the past few weeks. Lighting is nearly completed, painting is very nearly finished and the outside of the school is almost finalised. I had a meeting with the team from South Gloucestershire Council yesterday. They have confirmed that we are moving into the new build on 2nd January. As you are aware from the previous newsletter, the school will be closed from 3:30pm on Thursday 14th December and will reopen in the new building on 5th January 2024 at 8:40am. Further details of how you will access the school, which classrooms the children are in and where they will be collected will be provided by 4th January 2024.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Carol Bond

Head Teacher

Children in Need

We had a brilliant time last Friday raising money for Children in Need when each house team was challenged to complete 1000 bearpees. We are delighted to say that this total was easily achieved and the house teams completed between 2800 and 3000 bearpees each. Thank you so much to you all for sponsoring the children – we raised a huge £400 for this amazing charity. Thank you for your generosity. Well done everyone!

House Team News

Well done to all the children who have earned house points in the last fortnight. They have been earned for excellent learning in school and at home, as well as super behaviour choices. The totals are very close at the moment!

Here are the current totals:

1st - Yellow – 1874 2nd – Green – 1829 3rd – Red – 1769 4th – Blue – 1709

PE and Sports News

At the end of Term 1, we held our first inter-house sports competitions of this year. Maple Class and Willow Class took part in a multi-skills competition, showing a range of physical skills and teamwork. Oak Class used the skills that they have been learning in their PE lessons to play against each other in mini tennis games. Cedar Class and Hazel Class played in a netball tournament. All the adults involved in running the games were very impressed by the effort, teamwork and skills that were shown.

A huge congratulations to Blue house who came 1st place in all three competitions.

In the last few weeks, our new Year 5 playleaders have started their training with Mr Williams. They have been learning how to create and facilitate a variety of active games for younger children. With great excitement, this week they have begun their playleader role in the KS1 playground at lunchtimes and afternoon playtimes. We are so proud of their maturity, respect and kindness. Well done Year 5 – you are doing a great job.

Year 3 have been doing Forest School with Miss Bell on a Wednesday afternoon. The children have been doing whittling, making mud animals and mud potions. It has been very muddy but a lot of fun! The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Last Term the KS2 Art Club had a drawing focus. The group developed their knowledge of how to draw a variety of different Manga characters. Over the term they used different skills and drawing techniques such as finding proportions and shading. The group were fun to teach and it was a pleasure to help them develop their skills and confidence. What a talented group of young artists. Miss Jones

