



Dates for your diary

- 20.10.2023 – End of Term 1
- 30.10.2023 – Term 2 starts
- 2.11.2023 – PTFA meeting 6pm
- 6.11.2023 – Firework lunch
- 8.11.2023 – Children's books go home.
- 9.11.2023 – Children's books returned.
- 9.11.2023 Reception families stay for lunch.
- 15.11.2023 and 16.11.2023 – Parents' Evenings
- 16.11.2023 – Winterbourne Early Years coming for lunch
- 23.11.2023 – 2024-25 Reception open morning
- 24.11.2023 – Christmas Fayre
- 30.11.2023 – St. Andrew's Day lunch
- 5.12.2023 – Reception Nativity 2:15pm
- 6.12.2023 – Wow day
- 7.12.2023 – Flu Vaccines and Carols By Candlelight
- 12.12.2023 – Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2:15pm
- 13.12.2023 – Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch
- 14.12.2023 – Possible last day at our current building.

Important notice

Extensive road works will be happening on Park Avenue to widen the pavement during the first few weeks of term 2.



To all of the team, who joined the children at PGL. What an incredibly experience and what amazing children you all were.

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

Dear Families,

I am excited to write to you with an update about our new home. Working in collaboration with South Gloucestershire Council and BAM, I am delighted to share that we are due to start term 3 in our new school building on Friday 5th January 2024!

So... what does this mean?

Currently, the proposal is that Elm Park will be closed to all pupils on:

Friday 15th December

Tuesday 2nd January

Wednesday 3rd January

Thursday 4th January.

Why will the school be closed?

Anyone who has moved house will know what a huge job this is... Now think about moving 215 people's belongings... Not an easy job. Therefore, the school will need to be closed to pupils to allow staff time to pack.

Once we are packed, our construction team have arranged for movers to move all the boxes and crates during the Christmas holiday. Then... you guessed it... time to unpack!

Whilst packing will take a while, we have already made a head start. However, unpacking is something we will have to do rather quickly. As a team, we will have access to the new building from 2nd January, meaning that we will spend 2 days unpacking.

Why 4 days?

South Glos have kindly agreed the school can be closed for 3 moving days. The planned INSET day for 2nd January has now been moved to 4th January so that staff training can still take place.

Great news... I'm going to book some winter sunshine!

Please DO NOT book to go away during this time... The construction and local authority team will do everything possible to keep to these dates. However, programme dates for any large construction project are always subject to possible unexpected change. We still have 8 weeks of building work to go and things can still change.

I will keep you updated if there looks to be any possibility of changes. In the meantime, keep your fingers crossed that we start a brand new year in our brand new building!

Wishing you all a truly wonderful half term. We cannot wait to see you on Monday 30th October when a very busy term 2 starts!

Best wishes,

Carol Bond

Head Teacher

House Team News

It has been another very busy fortnight for earning house points. Well done to all the children who have been rewarded for excellent behaviour, learning or homework. The totals are already getting very big and we've only been back at school for 6 weeks. Well done everyone!

Here are the current totals:

1st – Yellow – 914

2nd – Red – 904

3rd – Green – 790

4th – Blue - 760

PE and Sports News

Both our boys and girls football teams have had their first match this week. On Tuesday 10th October, the girls played a cup match against a very experienced team from St Michaels, Stoke Gifford. They lost the match but we are so proud of their resilience, teamwork and effort. We received a lovely email from the coach from St Michaels to say –

“The Elm Park girls were a credit to their school on their first game and were well supported by parents and their coach. They made massive strides of improvement during the game.”

On Thursday 12th October, the boys travelled to Abbotswood in Yate to play their first cup game of the season. Again, it was a tough match and we lost but the boys also showed incredible perseverance and some great football. Well done boys – we are very proud of you.

A big thank you to all the parents who have supported the players this week and to Mr Williams, our football coach.

This afternoon, we are holding our first inter-house sports competitions of the year for children in Y2 – 6. The results of these will be shared in the next newsletter.

PGL:

Wow, what an incredible time our year 6 children had at PGL. The photographs on our Facebook Page show such excitement. On behalf of all of the children, thank you to the parents for paying for such a memorable experience.

Thank you to all of the children for incredible behaviour, enjoyment and fun.

Finally, thank you to Mrs Egan, Mrs Lugg, Mrs McIntyre, Miss Griffiths and my wonderful administration team for all of their dedication and time to ensure that the children had lasting memories.