



Dates for your diary

Term 6 – 3.06.2024

6.06.2024 – PTFA meeting at 6pm

8.06.2024 – South Glos Festival of Youth Sport

10.06.2024 – Phonics assessments start Y1 and Y2

11.6.2024 – Fathers' Day sale

17.06.2024-21.06.2024 Sports Week!

17.06.2024 – EYFS height and weight check

17.06.2024 – 18.06.2024 Road 2 Paris workshops

18.6.2024 – New reception welcome meeting

20.6.2024 – Sports Day

21.6.2024 PTFA Summer BBQ

28.06.2024 – English assessments for Year 6 are submitted to the LA

More dates are available on the school website



Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Henson for organising our author visit.

Mrs Lugg and the team for the incredible inter-house competition.

Debbie and Lisa for an amazing Year 5 parent lunch.



Elm Park Cup



Points so far...

1st – Blue -1564

2nd – Green - 1391

3rd – Yellow - 1260

4th – Red - 1159



Dear Families,

Well, we have been treated to a real mixture of weather over the past two weeks! The cold weather hasn't dampened the spirits of our children as they finish term 5 with a BANG!

Inspiring

It is at this time of year that I always take a moment to reflect on the progress of all of our children in our school and the milestones they achieve.

September seems only a few months ago, when we welcomed our

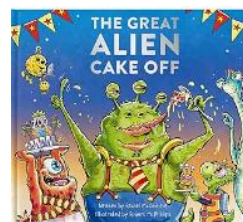
Reception class wearing slightly oversized jumpers that they are now outgrowing. They looked nervous but excited and eager to learn. Yesterday, they sat with confidence and cheekily smiled at the photographers toy monkey! How they have all grown. As each year group walked past my office door, I was reminded of how much each and every child has changed this year. The corridor became full of excitement as our Year 6 children walked through, ready to enjoy dressing in the most incredible head dresses as they had the fun of the year 6 leavers photograph.

I think about all of the knowledge our children have gained over the course of the past year and am reminded of all we have learnt from them as well.

Enriching

It may be the end of term but our learning doesn't stop! Today saw our inter-house sporting competition. Throughout the school, laughter, encouragement and pride filled the air as the children took part in a variety of sporting activities ranging from speed bounce to hockey.

All scores will be added together and the winning team will be announced in the first assembly back after the holiday.



Rachel McCoubrie, author of 'The Great Alien Cake Off', visited our school to share her book with Reception (and their Year 6 buddies) to Year 3 children. Rachel asked the children if the head teacher in the book looked like our head teacher. Pine Class didn't think it did, as he had two mouths and three eyes... I am rather relieved that they could not see a similarity! The children really enjoyed listening to the story, especially the bits about the aliens eating lots of delicious cakes and the planets being made of cake – can you imagine if Earth was actually made of chocolate cake!



"While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about."

ANGELA SCHWINDT

Cross country event

Yesterday afternoon, 9 children from Year 4 – 6 took part in the South Gloucestershire cross country running event. They have been practising all term at running club and they showed wonderful energy and enthusiasm at the competition. Well done to all our runners – you were amazing! A special well done to Nancy who was 4th in the Year 5 race and Cora who was 7th in the Year 4 race.



Achieving together



These events can only take place if people help us. I know time is very precious however, I also know first hand how important these events are to the Elm Park community. Please sign up to offer your help. Businesses are able to provide staff with time off for charity work. If you speak with your employer, you may be able to get an afternoon off fully paid to support one of these initiatives!



Friday 21st June

5:30-7:30

Volunteer forms were sent out via a teachers2parents text message. Please let us know how you can help!

Tombola prizes: On Friday 14th June, we will be having a non-school uniform day. Please bring tombola prizes for the donations.

Raffle prizes - If you work somewhere that may be able to donate a raffle prize, please do ask your employer! It makes a huge difference to our fayre if we have some incredible prizes!

Academic Year 2024/25

Term	Start	End	INSET
Term 1	Monday 2nd September 2024	Friday 25th October 2024	Monday 2 nd September 2024 Monday 30 th September 2024
Term 2	Monday 4th November 2024	Friday 20th December 2024	
Term 3	Monday 6th January 2025	Friday 14th February 2025	Monday 6 th January 2024
Term 4	Monday 24th February 2025	Friday 4th April 2025	Monday 3 th March 2024
Term 5	Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025	
Term 6	Monday 2nd June 2025	Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Monday 7 th July 2024