



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 20th September 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a busy three weeks since the term started. It was lovely to see some of you at the 'Tea with the Team' event. I would like to apologise if there was any miscommunication with this event as I know that some of you did not receive a separate parent mail reminder.

It is also lovely to see the Reception children settling in so well to school life. We are very proud of all our pupils.

Following the meeting of the full Governing Body held on Monday 9th September, Mr John Vallender has been elected as the new Chair of Governors. Mr Vallender has been the Vice Chair of Governors over the last two years and we look forward to working with him again this year.

Thanks to the huge goodwill of the staff, we are delighted with the range of clubs on offer this term. Hopefully, your child has been allocated at least one club of their choice; you should have received a letter sent by the club leader to confirm your child's place. I would also like to thank any parent helpers who have offered to help support clubs this year.

It has been lovely to see children using bicycles and scooters to arrive at school (and during our track days) but please do not allow your child to use them on the playgrounds at either ends of the school day. Children **must** dismount at the school gates and walk their bikes/scooters to the bike racks in order to avoid injuring themselves or somebody else. Thank you for your continued support.

Finally, a calendar of key events and term dates for the year is attached with this newsletter—we will do our best to stick to these dates although we will endeavour to give you advance notice if anything changes.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Glen Tharia — Head Teacher

Online Safety

In a recent survey, only 28% of children said they talk a lot to their family about what they do online. We encourage you to talk to your children about what they do online - it doesn't matter their age. Make it a family tradition to share!

Each newsletter will have helpful tips and advice for you - please take the time to read it and upskill yourself in your children's world!

Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently

96.71%

Remember:

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS!**

25 Years of service in Gloucestershire Education

Today, Mr Tharia proudly presented a certificate to our Assistant Head, Mr Riddle, celebrating his 25 years of service working in education for Gloucestershire County Council.

Mr Riddle has been at Elmbridge Primary School for 22 years and he has made a huge contribution to the children's education and wellbeing during his time here. What an amazing achievement!



Every school day counts!

If you need to make an appointment (e.g. Doctor's appointment) for your child, please try and make it outside of school hours. We understand this isn't always possible and, at times, appointments are during school hours. If this happens, please do bring your child back to school after the appointment when possible.

Messages from the PTFA—Dates for your diary

On **Thursday 3rd October**, we have a 'rags to riches' collections - collection bags are going out in book bags next week. We need your unwanted clothes in good order (no uniform or company logos) so please bring them in the morning of 3rd October!

Thursday 7th November is our fireworks display - we need volunteers for this event. If you would like to help out, please email us at ptfa@elmbridgeprimaryschoolpta.onmicrosoft.com Tickets will be on sale soon!

...And don't forget join the Asda cash pot! Please see our Facebook page for info!

Wheelie Club

This week we started our Wheelie Club during break times for Year 1 - Year 6.

During break times, children will be able to bring in bikes, scooters or roller-skates (nothing electric!) to use around the track. We won't be able to let children take part if they do not have a helmet, so please make sure they bring these in.

Please check the timetable below to see which days your child can take part in Wheelie Club!

Mondays and Wednesdays: Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Tuesdays and Thursdays: Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6)



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Diary Dates

Monday 23rd September	School Council Elections
Thursday 26th September	Year 6 IOW Parent's Information Meeting - Junior Hall 5pm (letter to follow)
Thursday 26th September	Reception Parent's Information Evening (Phonics) - Infant Hall 4pm
Monday 30th September—Friday 4th October	Black History Awareness Week (as part of Black History Awareness Month)
Monday 3rd October—Friday 11th October	Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday 7th—Wednesday 9th October	Flu Vaccinations Reception - Year 6
Monday 7th October	Year 1 Trip to local church (letter to follow)
Wednesday 9th October	Colorfoto Individual School Photos
Thursday 10th October	'Hello Yellow' Day (Mental Health Awareness)
Friday 18th October	'Show Racism the Red Card' event
Friday 25th October	End of Term 1
Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November	School Holiday
Monday 4th November	INSET DAY—no pupils
Tuesday 5 th November	Start of Term
Thursday 7 th November	Reception Family Tree Event 9am
Thursday 7th November	PTA Firework Display (5-7pm)
Monday 11 th to Friday 22 nd November	Anti-Bullying and Equalities fortnight
w/c 11 th November	Parent Consultations (My Plan pupils)
Wednesday 13th November	Prospective Parent Tour for 2025 Intake 9.30am
Thursday 14 th November	Reception Family Tree Event 9am
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Charity Day
Tuesday 19 th November	Parents' evening (except My Plan pupils)
Wednesday 20 th November	Prospective Parent Tour for 2025 Intake 9.30am
Wednesday 20 th November	Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils)
Friday 22nd November	Year 5 trip to Black Country Living Museum
Wednesday 27th November	Prospective Parent Tour for 2025 Intake 9.30am



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