



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 1st March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Thanks to Mrs Booth, our reading lead in school, we have a really exciting week ahead, where children in every year group will get to meet and work with an author and illustrator. This is part of a Gloucester Schools Partnership 'Really Wild Reading Festival' where all events will take place at school so there is no cost or travelling involved!

We are looking forward to celebrating 'World Book Day' next Thursday 7th March. All the children can come to school wearing something they love (as long as it is comfortable and practical) and children in Years 2 and 3 will also be able to come back to school in the evening for our 'stories for bedtime'.

On 15th March, it is Comic Relief Day and children will be able to wear something red if they would like to (more details to follow) and children will also have the option to wear non uniform on Friday 22nd March which is the last day of term.

I would like to emphasize there is no expectation or pressure for children to wear different clothes for any of the above days and events. We understand and appreciate that some families and their children do not want to wear different clothes and would prefer to come in their school uniform which is absolutely fine.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

Online Safety

One in three 8-year-olds in Britain own a smartphone and that proportion rises to more than 90% by the time children reach 12.

More than half of parents (52%) surveyed by Ofcom admitted to worrying about their child being bullied via their mobile phone - and with hazards like scams, screen addiction and inappropriate content to consider, that's far from the only risk around.

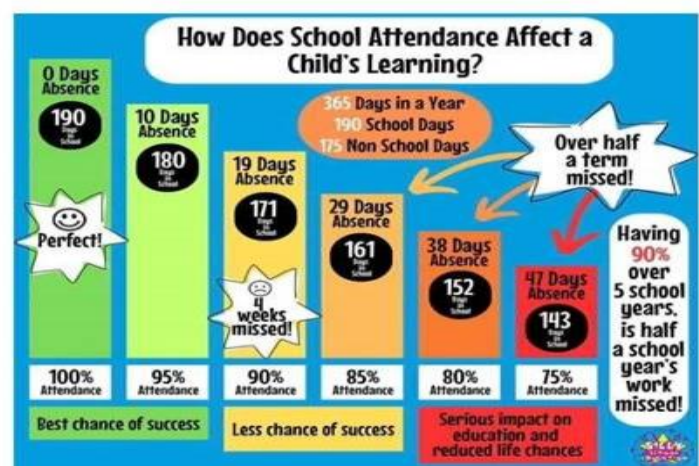
If you would like help or support in keeping your child safe, please contact Mrs Toppin.

Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently
95.35% Remember:

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!



Cross Country—County Championship

On Sunday 25th February, two Elmbridge Primary Year 5 boys represented Gloucester City in the Year 5/6 Boys race at the County Cross Country Championship at Newent Community School.

They were up against teams from Cheltenham, the Forest of Dean, Stroud, Tewkesbury, North Cotswolds, Cirencester and Wootton & Dursley.

Both did amazingly well—Ben came in first place, which is an incredible achievement and means he is through to the National Primary Schools Cross Country Finals!

William came in 15th place (three places off qualifying for the nationals!)

For the first time in 18 Years, the Gloucester year 5/6 boys team won overall! A very loud shout went out for that presentation!

Overall, the Gloucester girls' team finished 3rd, one place higher than last year.

In total, 9 children running for Gloucester got through to the national finals.

Huge congratulations again to Ben and William.

Police Dogs

Last week, Reception had a few very special visitors into school! We were very lucky to have a police officer, PC Cole who is a dog handler, and his dogs (Dara and Marshall) come to visit us.

PC Cole uses his dogs to find criminals and rescue people. He showed us his radio, handcuffs, torch and even a taser. He told us that his police dogs are good at finding money and dangerous things by sniffing the scent. Then PC Cole hid some money in the hall and Marshall used his nose to sniff and find it!

Then we met Dara, the police dog, who showed us her loud bark. Finally, we took a walk around the police car to take a closer look. Inside the boot, we spotted the police dog's crate, leads and lots of balls.

What an exciting morning!



RE Update

At Elmbridge Primary we strive to ensure that our religious education lessons reflect the changing religions and worldviews of our children and families.

To this end, we have decided to rename Religious Education, 'Religion and Worldviews'. We will now approach the subject from the perspective of individual worldviews incorporating both religious and non-religious beliefs.

PTA—Meet the Team



Alex Wright

Hello! This is my 3rd year on the PTA, I've been in Gloucester for 5 years now and have 1 girl at Elmbridge & 1 at Tewkesbury. Very happy to be involved in the PTA and ensure we continue to support the school and enrich the experience that all children get thanks to the work this team does and the donations from all parents and the local community. If you see me around, please do say hello, especially if you're interested in getting involved!



New Apparatus on Trim Trail

We are very pleased to announce there is a new piece of apparatus on our trim trail—a fantastic new climbing structure for the children to enjoy at playtime.



Please ensure that if your children are playing on the trim trail equipment before or after school that they do so safely and under your supervision.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Year 5/6 Girl's Netball Festival

The netball B team consisting of a lot of players who have never played an official match, took part in a netball festival at Oxstalls sports centre. The girls played lots of matches and they ended up in 3rd place against 6 schools in total. Darcie was chosen as the player of the festival for her fantastic shooting skills. The girls did amazing and should be really proud of themselves!



A Message from the Pastoral Team

If you are in need of short term support for essential items, please contact the school office and ask for Di Howard or Cathy Richardson.

Your request will be triaged by the Pastoral Team and we will let you know the outcome for temporary help.

If longer term support is required, we will be able to signpost you to other local services.



Letters sent home

28/02—Year 3 Multi-Skills Trip to Crypt School

27/02—World Book Day & Book Week

27/02—Dual Language Books

21/02—Year 3 Archery

21/02—Year 4 Archery and trip to Wagamama's/Gloucester Cathedral

Diary Dates

Monday 4th -Friday 8th March	Really Wild Reading Festival & Book Week
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - Dress Up
Thursday 7 th March	Year 2 & 3 Stories for Bedtime - Junior Hall 6pm
Tuesday 12th March	Year 3 Multi-Skills Trip to Crypt School
Tuesday 12 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 14th March	Year 1 trip to Oxtalls Sports Park
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief Day
Wednesday 20 th March	Colorfoto Class Photos
Thursday 21 st March	Spring Concert - Junior Hall 6.30pm
Friday 22nd March	End of Term 4 - Non-Uniform Day
Monday 25th March — Friday 5th April	School Holidays
Monday 8th April	Start of Term 5
Tuesday 16th April	Y2 Trip to Bristol Aerospace
Wednesday 17th April	Y2 Trip to Bristol Aerospace
Thursday 18th April	Y2 Trip to Bristol Aerospace
Thursday 18th April	Class 10 trip to Wagamama's & Gloucester Cathedral
Thursday 25th April	Green Day—Whole School
Thursday 2nd May	Class 11 trip to Wagamama's & Gloucester Cathedral
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday Monday—No school
Thursday 8th May	Class 12 trip to Wagamama's & Gloucester Cathedral

Please click [HERE](#) to view the full list of all 2023/24 Diary Dates

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