



# Elmbridge Primary School

## Newsletter

### 20th October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

As we come to the end of our first term, I would like to thank you for your continuing support and take this opportunity to thank the staff, governors and the pupils for making Elmbridge Primary School such an exciting place to be. We are still waiting for the OFSTED report to be published but, as soon as it becomes available, I will look forward to sharing it with you.

#### Recognising Effort

You may be aware that we reward children with a 'Star of the Day' award (infants) and 'Star of the Week' certificates (KS1 and KS2). When a child achieves a 'Star of the Week' certificate, they also enjoy the benefits of sitting 'in pride of place' in the hall during assemblies; they even have their own 'Star of the Week' cushion to sit on throughout the week.

In addition to this, we will continue to present awards for the children's 'outstanding effort' at the end of each half term. One child from each class will receive a teddy bear (infants) and a mug (juniors) as well as a certificate for working so hard. The class teachers will write a piece about why these children have received the award which will be read out in assembly next Friday and included in next week's newsletter.

Finally, we say goodbye to one of our SEN Teaching Assistants, Mrs Jo Kersey, who has accepted a role at Gloucestershire County Council as SEND Travel Enablement Senior Officer. Mrs Kersey will be missed and we wish her all the best in her new role. I am pleased to announce that we have recruited Miss Claudia Evans, who worked with us last year, to help support the children in Year 2 after half term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

### Online Safety

Does your child have a VR headset? Research has shown that immersive technology is being used to harm children.

Follow the link to view a parents' guide for lots of simple ideas of how to keep your child safe whilst using VR devices.

[NSPCC - Virtual reality headsets](#)

### Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently

96.6%

Remember -



**EVERY SCHOOL DAY**  
**COUNTS!**

## Hello Yellow Mental Health Awareness Day

Thank you for supporting Hello Yellow last week. Here are some examples of work completed in Year 2. What qualities make a great buddy?



## Year 1 Trip to Holy Trinity Church

The weather was kind to us for our Year 1 visit to the church on Monday. We were greeted with an even warmer welcome from Reverend Rachel who took us on a tour around the church. Starting with the story of Jesus' baptism, she went on to demonstrate how she conducts a baptism. Reverend Rachel talked to the children about the signs and symbols of Christianity around the church and explained about the different outfits she wears at different times of the year. Finally, we saw the altar where the Eucharist is taken. It was a really informative visit to base future learning on and the children asked some great questions.



## Girls' Football

### Elmbridge 4 Norton 0

Well done to the girls' football team who recorded a resounding 4-0 win at Norton. Luna opened the scoring with a shot from outside the area and Evie made it 2-0 with a curling shot which found the far corner of the net before half-time. The second half starting with Jasmine, making it 3-0 and, with some stout defending from Nina & Amelia and with solid midfield performances from Hadleigh-Rae and Hannah, Elmbridge eventually scored number 4 through Luna after a good run from Grace. All the girls showed great team spirit and skill throughout the game.

Team: Jasmine, Luna, Nina, Evie, Hadleigh-Rae, Hannah, Amelia and Grace.

Girl of the match: Nina

### Girls 7-a-side Football Tournament

Elmbridge girls' team had an excellent tournament at Oxtalls Sports Park. They won their group and progressed into the semi finals where they lost out on a penalty shoot out 3-2. Elmbridge finished 3rd out of the 16 teams that entered the tournament! Well done to Hannah, Olivia, Evie, Luna, Billie, Grace, Nina and Danielle.

Thank you to all the parents for all their support.  
Mr Barnett



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## Ten Pin Bowling Panathlon

Some of our pupils from Year 5 took part in a Ten Pin Bowling Pentathlon event this week.

The children represented Elmbridge with tremendous enthusiasm and team spirit and I was extremely proud to take them to this event.

Our pupils not only performed to their best ability, but they cheered on their friends throughout the event and performed to the best of their ability against 18 other Gloucester schools.

Well Done - Kian, Chloe, Oscar, Jackson, Artie and Logan.

Mrs. Pearce



## Year 5 Trip to The Black Country History Museum

Year 5 had an incredible time at The Black Country History Museum in Dudley where they explored what life would have been like in the past. They visited shops and heard some amazing stories from the shopkeepers in them, watched a silent movie (and giggled a lot) and visited the Infant Welfare Centre to see how children were cared for in the past.

During their time there, they also found out what it would have been like to be taught in the Victorian era. They needed to sit up straight, have clean finger nails and recite the alphabet forwards and backwards and if they stepped out of line, well you know what would have happened! Thankfully, everyone was on their best behaviour.

At one point in the visit, darkness loomed ahead. The Year 5 children explored the Black Country caves and heard about what life would have been like down them. Luckily, everyone emerged into the light at the end.

What an amazing day they had! If you would like to see more pictures from the trip, please visit the link below.

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## PTA

Tickets for our PTA Fireworks Display are available to pre-order on Parent Pay, along with glow items and vegan food choices (non-vegan options are available to buy on the night).

### Rags2riches

We raised a fantastic amount of £186.40!!! This total is subject to change as on collection the driver noticed uniform items within some bags which unfortunately they don't accept. Once our bags have been checked we will let you know the final total. Next collection is 27th February; please make sure no uniform is included. Many thanks.

### PTA Chair—Beccy Smith



My name is Beccy Smith and I have been elected as Chair. I have 3 girls - Isabella Year 9 at Churchdown Academy, Eliza Year 6 & Martha Year 5. I have been part of the PTA committee for 6 years; I served 2 years as Secretary and have just been re-elected as Chair for a 4th year. I'm looking forward to working with all the parents, carers and teachers at Elmbridge and hope to raise loads of valuable funds.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 26th October	Colorfoto Individual School Photos
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term 1—Non uniform for PTA Tombola donations
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Holiday
Monday 6th November	INSET DAY—no pupils
Tuesday 7th November	Start of Term
Thursday 9th November	Reception Family Tree Event 9am
Thursday 9th November	PTA Fireworks Display (5:30-7:15pm)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> —24 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying and Equalities fortnight
Thursday 16th November	Reception Family Tree Event 9am
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Charity Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parents' Evening
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas Fayre—Junior Site (12—3pm)

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