



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 17th March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

You may recall that in October, we had proposed extending the school day after Easter. After consultation with the staff, governors and parents, we have decided to postpone any changes until the end of the academic year. We will, of course, update you of any changes to the school day well in advance.

I would like to remind parents that pupils should arrive at school at or before 8:45am, when the cloakroom doors will be open, ready to register them by 8:50am. When the external gates are locked at 9am, children will need to come into school via the reception hub. Lessons start at 8:50am so it is really important that children are on time to maximise their learning; I am sure you can appreciate how unsettling it is for the children and the staff if they are late.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the parent consultations next week; they are extremely important as it provides an opportunity for your child's class teacher to discuss progress and next steps. We will also invite you to complete our annual parent questionnaire at these meetings.

I also look forward to seeing many of you at the forthcoming spring concert on the 29th March, where children will be able to showcase their musical talents.

Finally, we say goodbye to Kate Williams, our school administrator and Rory Haynes, one of our Year 2 Teaching assistants, at the end of this term as they pursue new careers. Sam Poyser, one of our SEN TAs in Year 3 has also decided to leave at the end of this term to spend more time with her family. All will be sorely missed but we wish them well in their new chapters.

Best wishes Glen Tharia – Head Teacher

Behaviour and Relationships Policy

As stated in a previous newsletter, please refer to the school [website](#) to view this updated policy. I have attached a one page summary (Behaviour Policy Blueprint) for your perusal. Please contact Manda Holliday, Assistant Head and Pastoral Lead, if you have any questions regarding the policy.

Online Safety

Did you know that there is a website to help you determine whether a website is safe or unsafe?

<https://www.scamadviser.com/>

This site includes guides on how to get your money back, how and where to report a scam and how to recognize common types of scams. There are also detailed articles showcasing different kinds of scams and example cases.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to all who took part in our Red Nose Day activities



You have raised a terrific £369

Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently **95.07%**



Remember:
EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Benchball

On Wednesday 8th March, 8 children from Year 4 took part in a Benchball festival.



Report by Neeti & Emma:

"We had lots of fun at Longford School; they had a big area to play Benchball. We played against lots of schools, 8 schools in total including Elmbridge. We won 5 matches and drew 2 which meant overall we came in 2nd place."

Well done to all who took part:

Frankie, Tommy, Daral, Erin, Zaki, Catherine, Isla, Emma, Neeti and Yunus

Gloucestershire Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert

Saturday 18th March 7.30pm
St Barnabas' Church, Gloucester



Scan the QR code for tickets

Tickets £12 per adult

Children are Free

Spring Orienteering Festival

Teams from Year 1, 2 and 3 took part in the Orienteering Festival earlier this week.

They had a fantastic time completing various challenges at Robinswood Hill Country Park.



Cultural Arts Week

Next week, we are celebrating the Greek culture as part of our annual cultural arts week. On some afternoons, children from Years 1 to 6 will be able to do some Greek art as well as learn some Greek dancing. We will even have some Greek food tasting activities! Hopefully, the children will be able to tell you all about it as it will be a lot of fun.



Letters sent home

Newsletters from this academic year are also on our website under the 'Parents' tab. Any letters, including those sent via ParentMail, are available as paper copies in the school office.

7th Mar - Vacancy for School Administrator

7th Mar - Parent consultations 21st & 22nd March

7th Mar - Young Voices charity single

7th Mar - Co-Opted school governor vacancies

9th Mar - Teacher strike action

9th Mar - Vacancy for Year 2 Teaching Assistant & MDSA

10th Mar - Eco Council Book Swap Shop

14th Mar - Red Nose Day



Family Quiz Night

Tickets are still available for our Family Quiz Night being held on Thursday 30th March.

6.30pm to 9.00pm

Cash prize and Firework tickets

Tables seat a maximum of 8 people

Pre orders are required for food available:

£2.00 for a Jacket Potato with either cheese, beans or chilli

Tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks are available on the night

To confirm your place please email:
elmbridgeprimaryschool@yahoo.com



GSP ART COMPETITION!

On May 6th 2023, King Charles will have his coronation. We would like to mark this special occasion by asking you to make your very own portrait of our King. You can use paints, pens, pencils, collage, clay – basically anything you would like! Be as creative as you can. Your artwork will be judged and prizes awarded in categories: first, second, third:



EYFS; Year 1 and 2; Year 3 and 4; Year 5 and 6.

All winning entries will go on to be displayed at the Gloucester Schools Partnership art exhibition later on in the year. Have fun and good luck!



Artwork can be any size.

**Closing date for the
competition is Friday
28th April 2023.**

Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22nd March	Parents' Evening
Monday 27th March	Climbing Wall and Caves
Monday 27th March	Showtime production for parents - Infant hall 4pm
Wednesday 29th March	Spring concert - Junior hall 6.00pm
Friday 31st March	PTA Easter fundraiser
Friday 31st March	End of Term 4 - Non uniform day
Monday 17th April	Start of Term 5
Thursday 27th April	PTA Disco Y2 - Y5
Monday 1st & Monday 8th May	Bank Holidays—school closed
Tuesday 9th -Friday 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th May	Year 5 Watersports activities (non residential)
Monday 15th-Friday 19th May	Year 6 Isle of Wight residential trip
Monday 22nd May	Charity assembly launch
Wednesday 24th May	Green Day - whole school
Friday 26th May	End of Term 5
Monday 5th June	Start of Term 6
Wednesday 7th June	Charity Presentation Assembly
w/c Monday 12th June	Year 5 Bikeability week
Tuesday 13th June	PTA AGM (tbc)
Tuesday 13th June	New Reception Parents' Information Evening - Infant Hall
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June	Sports Week
Monday 19th June	Year 2 - 6 Sports Morning - School field
Tuesday 20th June	Year 2 - 4 Sports Morning (including parents) - School field 9.30am -to 12.00pm
Wednesday 21st June	Reception - Y1 Sports Morning (including parents) - School field 9.30am to 12.00pm
Thursday 22nd June	Year 5 & 6 Sports Morning (including parents) - School field 9.30am to 12.00pm
Friday 23rd June	Panathlon Sports Event Y2-Y5 9.30am to 12.00pm

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