



# Elmbridge Primary School

## Newsletter

### 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for your support and understanding on Wednesday when most of the school was closed due to the strike. We will keep you informed of any further potential disruptions, going forward.

I would like to thank Mrs Danvers and all the parents, staff and children who attended the Young Voices event in Birmingham last Friday. It was another huge success and I am sure will be an unforgettable experience for our children. Check out the [website](#) for some great photos!

At Elmbridge Primary, Personal, Health and Social Education (PHSE) is known as 'Wellbeing'. It is at the centre of all that we do. Through our curriculum, our school environment and our school ethos, we promote pupils' physical and emotional wellbeing.

Our 'Wellbeing' curriculum at Elmbridge not only teaches the statutory guidance for relationships and health education (RHE) but also includes financial education and citizenship. Wellbeing education is learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, relationships and health.

We have now reviewed our 'Wellbeing' curriculum policy with staff and governors and would like to share this with parents/carers. Please take time to read the policy and do not hesitate to ask any questions about its content. We aim to hold a parent information evening to discuss the policy in more detail; we will let you know when this will take place.

Please visit the school website to view the policy [here](#) or ask the school office for a paper copy if you prefer.

We are delighted that we will run the 'Elmbridge Has Got Talent' show that we normally hold at the end of term 3, from Years 2 to 6. I am very excited to see what talents the children will present and I hope to see as many children as possible having a go in our auditions on Monday 13th February. As always, we will invite parents of these acts to watch on the last day of term.

Finally, we welcome 3 new midday supervisors, who will join us on the 13th February: Mrs Jodi Holborough, Mrs Rachel Bird and Miss Amber Williams. We also welcome a new cleaner, Miss Chloe Wilson, and Miss Katherine Duffus as SEN TA in Year 6, who will join our team after half term.

Sadly, we also say goodbye to Mrs Karolina Edwards, Year 5 TA, who has been at Elmbridge for 8 years! She will be sorely missed but we wish her well as she begins her new career with the police force next week. We are delighted that Mrs Amanda Kerr will be joining the Year 5 team after half term.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

## Young Voices 2023

An amazing time was had by everyone who went on the Young Voices 2023 trip this year. Over 6000 children came together to sing their hearts out in a spectacular concert. They were joined by guest artists Heather Small, Anna Phoebe, The Beatbox Collective and Urban Strides! The children represented the school brilliantly and even got a shout out during the rehearsal from lead conductor David Lawrence! Well done to the children for their commitment to the club which started back in September! A big thank you to all the adults who accompanied the children on the long day too. Thank you parents for your fantastic support and enthusiastic concert participation We are looking forward to next year already!



Please check our website, under the curriculum tab (music) or click [here](#) to view the gallery of this fantastic event.

## Girls' Football Tournament



On Thursday 2nd February the girls' football team went to Oxstalls Sports Centre and took part in a tournament. "We tried our best against Churchdown but they were the best team and beat us by 6 - 0. Next we played Calton, we did great with some good passes and good defence and held them to a 0 - 0 draw. The last team we played was Upton, we tricked them a lot and we were very good and won 1 - 0. Thank you to Mr Barnett for coaching us."

Well done to the all the team: Ayaat, Billie, Evie, Grace, Olivia, Nina and Danielle.

## School Photographs

Thank you to those parents who completed the recent school photo survey. We received 49 responses in total and have forwarded the results and comments provided to Colorfoto and have since spoken with our Account Manager. As the survey indicated that the majority of parents are satisfied with the quality of photographs and service provided we have decided to confirm our booking for the autumn term on the understanding that your comments and suggestions will now be taken into consideration by Colorfoto. We will closely monitor the quality of photographs and service provided in the Autumn term and make a decision on whether to use an alternative company if this is not to our satisfaction.

## Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently **95%**

Remember:



**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**



## Children's Mental Health Week 2023

A message from Young Minds Matter:

Young Minds Matter (YMM) is a safe and confidential mental health support service developed for children and young people up to 18 years of age in schools across Gloucestershire. As part of Children and Young Peoples Mental Health Week we're launching the YMM listening events in your school and we want you to join us and share your views. Help us to shape our services to better support your needs by telling us:

- How you'd like to receive support from YMM
- What's stopped you from seeking help from YMM before now
- What would make you feel safer to reach out and ask for help
- What mental health and wellbeing support you'd like to see more of at school

Email [camhsschoolsymm@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:camhsschoolsymm@ghc.nhs.uk) and please remember to tell us which school you are from and the year group you belong to. Thank you!

### Children and Young People's Mental Health Market Place

One Gloucestershire are holding drop-in information sessions for all staff working with children and young people

Monday 6th February 2023

4.00pm to 6.00pm

Sanger House, GL3 4FE

Register your interest here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/childrens-mental-health-week-2023-sanger-house-marketplace-tickets-511572797007>



### 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.

- 23 Jan - NSPCC PANTs Rules
- 24 Jan - Rags2Riches collections
- 25 Jan - Your child's record needs updating
- 26 Jan - Strike day Wednesday 1st February
- 26 Jan - Three Choirs Festival
- 27 Jan - French language play
- 1 Feb - Y2/Y3 Stories for bedtime
- 1 Feb - Y5 South Cerney trip

**MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**  
**BRING YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS**



Please drop your items Monday morning  
8.45AM-9.00AM

Year 3/4 Playground covered area.

### ACCEPTED ITEMS



### NON ACCEPTED ITEMS



**THANK YOU**



## Diary Dates

Monday 13th February	Year 1 - Year 6 Elmbridge Has Got Talent auditions
Tuesday 14th February	Internet safety day
Thursday 16th February	Year 2 Mosque Trip
Friday 17th February	Year 1—year 6 Elmbridge Has Got Talent
<b>Friday 17th February</b>	<b>End of Term 3</b>
<b>Monday 27th February</b>	<b>Start of Term 4</b>
Monday 27th February	Book Fair—Junior crush hall: 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March	Book week
<b>Tuesday 28th February*</b>	<b>Stories for Bedtime (Y2 &amp; 3)*</b>
<b>Friday 3rd March*</b>	<b>World Book Day - dress up*</b>
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief Day
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 6.30pm
Friday 31st March	PTA Easter fundraiser
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	<b>End of Term 4 - Non uniform day</b>
<b>Monday 17th April</b>	<b>Start of Term 5</b>
<b>Thursday 27th April*</b>	PTA Disco Y2 - Y5
Monday 8th-Friday 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 8th-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
<b>Friday 26th May</b>	<b>End of Term 5</b>

**\*please note the change in date to avoid potential strike day on 2nd March.**

Please click [HERE](#) to view the full list of all 2022/23 Diary Dates

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