



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 6th January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas break and happy New Year! As you may be aware, over the last year we have been reviewing our behaviour and relationships policy. 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.

We have noticed that some children are bringing 'high value' items to school, including Pokémon cards. I am sure you can appreciate the issues that this has created in school and with upset families, especially if they go missing! Therefore, please remind your child not to bring in such items.

There will be a new list of after school clubs on offer this term. A ParentMail letter will be sent out with all the details next week with most clubs due to start week commencing 23rd January.

Finally, we say goodbye to Mandy Corp, one of our Teaching Assistants, after being at Elmbridge for just over 5 years. Miss Corp will be sorely missed but we wish her well as she starts her new job at the National Star College.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher



## Online Safety

Although virtual reality is quite a new technology and is still developing, it is becoming more popular. On Christmas Day 2021, Oculus was the most downloaded app on the Apple App Store and 15% of 5-10 year olds have used VR, with 6% using it daily. Whilst this is quite a low percentage, these are very young children, especially considering the lower age limit for VR headsets is 12. Does your child have a VR headset?

Follow this [link](#) to view a parents' guide of lots of simple ideas of how to keep your child safe.

## Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently **94.89%**  
Remember:



**EVERY SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS!**

## Advice and Guidance - Should I keep my child off school?

The NHS have provided updated guidance for infectious diseases and when you should keep your child off school.

### Yes

#### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Please click [HERE](#) to access the guidance leaflet for full details and further advice.



## Fundraising Efforts

Two of our pupils have been very busy during the holidays and have raised some much needed funds for the Gloucester Foodbank.

Ellie and Evelyn planned, organised and took part in a sponsored dance-a-thon to raise a fantastic £300 towards baby formula and nappies which were gratefully received by the Gloucester Foodbank.

Well done Ellie & Evelyn we are very proud of your efforts.

## 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.

- 3 Jan - Class 12 supply cover
- 4 Jan - Menu change for 4th January 2023
- 5 Jan - Young Voices parent coach reminder
- 5 Jan - Class 18 swimming
- 5 Jan - Sportshall athletics event

WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

BRING YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS



Please drop your items Wednesday morning  
8.45AM-9.00AM

Year 3/4 Playground covered area.

### ACCEPTED ITEMS



### NON ACCEPTED ITEMS



THANK YOU



## Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd January	Inset Day - school closed for pupils
<b>Wednesday 4th January</b>	<b>Start of Term 3</b>
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
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day - dress up
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief Day
Tuesday 21st March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22nd March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23rd March	PTA Y2-Y5 Disco TBC
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>
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 click [HERE](#) to view the full list of all 2022/23 Diary Dates

Contact us



[www.elmbridgeprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.elmbridgeprimaryschool.co.uk)

