



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 20th October 2022

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.

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 are now presenting awards for the children's 'outstanding effort' at the end of each half term as well as at the end of every full term. These children have received a teddy bear (infants) and a mug (juniors) as well as certificates for working so hard. The class teachers have written a piece about why these children have received the award which will be read out in assembly. These are also on the certificates. The names of those children are listed on the next page. Well done children!

Finally, we welcome Mrs Potter as new midday supervisor, Mr Potter as new cleaner and Mrs Marshall as new Teaching Assistant in Reception. We are still currently looking for additional midday supervisors so please ask at the office for details if you are interested in joining our fantastic team.

I would like to wish you a safe and restful half term and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 31st October.

Please remember that no pupils are in on Friday 21st October (tomorrow) as we have in-service training for staff on this day.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia — Head Teacher



E-Safety



Did you know that there is a 'kids' version of Youtube?

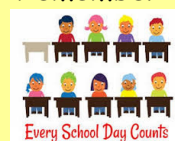
Youtubekids has been designed as a safer place for children to watch videos.

There are parental controls built into the website that allow parents/carers to view what their child has been accessing.

Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently **95.2%**

Remember:



**EVERY SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS!**

End of Term Achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have been recognised for their outstanding effort over term 1. Each child has received an Elmbridge Primary School award (teddy bear on the infant site and school mug on the junior site) and certificate.

Year Group	Class	Award for outstanding effort
Reception	Badgers	Victor Izydorczyk
	Hedgehogs	Isobel Woods
	Rabbits	Edie Kirk Knight
Year 1	Class 1	Scarlet Russ
	Class 2	Skye Cox
	Class 3	Joseph Cumming
Year 2	Class 4	Austin Burch
	Class 5	Aliyah Bhaiyat
	Class 6	Luca Riselli
Year 3	Class 7	Darcie Whitehorn
	Class 8	Leo Jones
	Class 9	Lola Baker
Year 4	Class 10	Yonela Mntonga
	Class 11	Ethan Paget Marsh
	Class 12	Zaviyar Shaik
Year 5	Class 13	Zak Howes
	Class 14	Jaxson Davies
	Class 15	Billie Grinter
Year 6	Class 16	Saskia Allen
	Class 17	Zachary McShane
	Class 18	Xavier Coughlin

Please refer to our [website](#) for the recognition details for each award

Netball

On Monday 17th October, children from Elmbridge netball club played their first competitive game of the season against Longlevens.

They played fantastically well and won 5-3!

Well done to Zak, Esme, Martha, Sara, Ollie, Lottie and Sharon!



Girls' Football Tournament

On Thursday 13th of October, the girls' football team went to Oxstalls for a football tournament. First we played against Hempstead and the score was 0 - 0 and Luna made a good block. Then we played against Kingsway. Billie ran up the pitch with the ball and made an epic try on goal. Straight after, we played against Dinglewell; they are the toughest team to beat. Even though they were good, we also did good and at the end of the match the score was 0 - 0.

We got second in our group so we had two more matches, Castlehill and Longlevens. When we played Castlehill, Nina got the ball but got tackled near the box. At the end it was 0 - 0 again. Next we played Longlevens and Danielle got the ball and kicked it up the pitch and passed it to Grace who tried to score but got tackled. The score was 0 - 0 again.

We played a friendly match against Kingsway and mixed up the teams. It was so confusing but fun at the same time. We came 4th out of 18 teams and the player of the match was Grace (written by the team).

Thank you to Mr Barnett for organising it. Well done to the team: Danielle, Nina, Luna, Olivia, Ayaat, Billie, Grace and Evie.

Benchball Festival

Earlier this month, some Year 4 children took part in a Benchball festival against other local schools. They worked well as a team and improved greatly throughout the morning. They managed to win and draw 4 games.

Well done to Poppy, Doris, Jasmine, Yonela, Sam, Finlay, Fred, Jayden, Ben and Saffron!



Ten Pin Bowling

What a wonderful morning was had at Gloucester Ten Pin on Tuesday.

The team did incredibly well up against over 20 schools from the Gloucester area. We are very proud of how they performed and represented Elmbridge. Well done to all the children that took part.



Year 2 Benchball Tournament

The Year 2 children took part in a Benchball tournament at Dinglewell School as part of the Gloucester Schools Sports Network.

The children played really well and came second out of seven schools which is a great achievement. Well done to all who took part.



Harvest Collection

A big "Thank You" to all who brought in donations for the Harvest Collection in aid of the local food bank.

In total, 21 crates of food were donated which will all help families in our local community.

Attendance Update

As you know, regular attendance at school is vital for both pupil progress and well being. We need all our parents, carers, and pupils to help maximise pupil attendance, by following these steps.

1. Attend regularly (every day the school is open)
2. Be punctual (arriving at or before 8:45)
3. Be ready to learn (having the right equipment, kit etc.)

During the upcoming parent consultation, you will be given information about your child's attendance. It is a cause for concern if attendance is below 90%, as these pupils are persistently absent and this will have a significant negative impact on them. We would also like to celebrate and acknowledge those pupils who's attendance is above 96%, as they are making the most of the opportunities available to them at school.

There will be an updated attendance policy available to view on the school website next term, which aims to make the expectations around attendance very clear and reflect new Government guidance for schools, which can be found here:

[Working together to improve school attendance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Support available to Families in Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire County Council have produced a leaflet outlining the support (food, activities and wellbeing) that is available to families during the holidays. The information is available to view on our school website and you can access this by clicking the link below.

[gcc-support-newsletter.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/gcc-support-newsletter.pdf)



Young Carers



On Wednesday 19th October, our assembly was about Young Carers and what they do. A young carer is a child who looks after a family member who is physically or mentally ill. We were given two scenarios of what a young carer could be. The first was an eight year old who had an autistic older brother. He frequently got into fights with other children because they teased his brother. The other scenario was a child who had a poorly mum, which meant she had to care for her mum and her younger brother. She was ten years old. At times her mum was okay and could do things herself but other times she couldn't do anything and needed her child's support. Both carers not only cared for their family members but also helped around the house by cooking, cleaning, ironing and taking their siblings to school. We got really excited

when we met the Young carer mascot, the bear, which appeared during assembly! We learnt a lot about what a young carer does! (Report by Freddie)

Extra support from school

Are you in need of any extra support during these difficult times due to the rise in the cost of living?

Free fresh produce is available for all families in need every **Monday** from Mrs Howard at school.

Discreet and confidential support is available

Please contact the team at:

dhoward@elmbridgeprimary.co.uk or crichardson@elmbridgeprimary.co.uk



Diary Dates

Friday 21st October	<i>Inset Day—school closed for pupils</i>
Monday 31st October	Start of Term
Thursday 3rd November	PTA Firework Display (5.00pm to 7.00pm)
w/c Monday 14th November	Really Wild Reading Festival
Monday 14th - 25th November	Anti-Bullying and Equalities fortnight
Friday 18th November	Children In Need
Wednesday 23rd November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24th November	Parent's Evening
Saturday 26th November	PTA Christmas Fayre - Junior site (12pm—3pm)
Tuesday 6th December	Year 2 Panto trip to Everyman Theatre
Tuesday 6th December	Year 4 Christmas Production—Junior hall 6.30pm
Wednesday 7th December	Year 1 Christmas Production—Infant hall 9.30am
Wednesday 7th December	Year 1 Christmas Production—Infant hall 2.00pm
Wednesday 7th December	Year 4 Christmas Production—Junior hall 6.30pm
Thursday 8th December	Reception Christmas Production—Infant hall 9.30am
Thursday 8th December	Year 5 & 6 Carol concert—Junior hall 2.00pm

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

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.

- 12 Oct - Y5&6 Let's Read
- 12 Oct - Y5 Trip to South Cerney
- 13 Oct - Year Group School activities for the academic year
- 13 Oct - Y1 & Y2 Pantomime Trip
- 14 Oct - Wellbeing Cabin
- 17 Oct - Class 13 Parent Consultations
- 18 Oct - PTA Fireworks night volunteer request



PTA Events

Please be reminded the PTA Fireworks night is on Thursday 3rd November. Tickets are on sale via your ParentPay account.

The gates open at 5.30 and the fireworks are due to start at 7.00pm. Hot dogs, burgers, hot donuts, tea, coffee, and hot chocolate will all be available to buy, and there will be a fair ride on the night.

Our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 26th November on the Junior site from 12.00pm to 3.00pm, we look forward to seeing you all there.

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