



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 21st July 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well, another year has passed and it has gone so quickly. Thank you for your continuing support to make Elmbridge Primary School such a great school to be part of.

In September, we welcome Miss Abi Marsh as class teacher in Year 2 (Class 6), Mrs Jessica Roberts as SEN teaching assistant in reception and Miss Jessica Ireland as one of our cleaners.

A time for Goodbyes

I would like to say farewell and best wishes to Sally Pestrige, who has been at Elmbridge for 18 years. I know this has been a difficult decision for Miss Pestrige but she has decided that this is the time for a change and has accepted an appointment at another school. Miss Pestrige has been very happy during her time at Elmbridge; she will be sorely missed.

I would also like to wish Miss Charlotte Noble, Mrs Pip Barton, Mrs Deb Emery and Miss Courtney Woodland all the best as they leave us today to begin work at other schools.

I would also like to say farewell and wish all the Year 6 children the best of luck in their new secondary schools. They had a great time on leavers' day, thanks to all the hard work of the Year 6 staff and Year 6 parents who helped during the evening 'beach' themed disco.

Have a lovely safe summer and I look forward to seeing your children (except Year 6) on Tuesday 6th September!

Best wishes

Glen Tharia - Head Teacher

Maternity Leave

We send our best wishes to Mrs Radford, who will be leaving to start her maternity leave on the last day of term.

Good luck, also, to Mr Hounsell, who is going to be a first time dad in the holidays! Mr Hounsell will take two weeks' paternity leave early in September, when Mrs Jolliffe will take the class.

Wedding News!

Please join us in sending our best wishes and congratulations to two members of staff who will each be celebrating their weddings during the summer holidays ...

Congratulations to Miss Heyburgh (who will become Mrs Heyburgh-Page) from Class 2

Congratulations to Mr Bailey from the KS1 SEN team

Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently 93.7%

Remember:



**EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS!**

End of Term Achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have been recognised for their outstanding effort over the summer terms (5 & 6).

Each child has received an Elmbridge Primary School award (teddy bear on the infant site and school mug on the junior site) and certificate. One child from each year group will also have their name displayed on an 'honours' board on each site to celebrate their achievement.

Year Group	Class	Award for outstanding effort	Pupils nominated for honours board
Reception	Badgers	Jackson Payne	Stanley Sanderson
	Hedgehogs	Lilly Spiers	
	Rabbits	Stanley Sanderson	
Year 1	Class 1	Aliyah Bhaiyat	Abigail Gooch
	Class 2	Reuben Cowdrey	
	Class 3	Abigail Gooch	
Year 2	Class 4	Jasmine Young	Henry Read
	Class 5	Isabella Guthrie	
	Class 6	Henry Read	
Year 3	Class 7	Archie Forrest	Olivia Shaw
	Class 8	Olivia Shaw	
	Class 9	Rosie Cresswell	
Year 4	Class 10	Muhammad Chand	Muhammad Chand
	Class 11	Charlie Alcock	
	Class 12	Arissa Patel	
Year 5	Class 13	Umaymah Salehbhai	Umaymah Salehbhai
	Class 14	Timothy Yarsley	
	Class 15	Lottie Davies	
Year 6	Class 16	Will Barton	Penelope Ford
	Class 17	Penelope Ford	
	Class 18	Lily Wall	

PTA Summer Fayre




Thank you to everyone that supported the PTA Summer Fayre.
You helped to raise £1,786.80 for the PTA to help with future school projects.



Thank you to everyone for the fabulous entries into this year's 'Bake Off!' This year's competition was judged by school governor Debbie Hamilton who found it very hard to choose due to the high standards. The winners are:-

Year Group	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
KS1	Patrick Gammon	Jacob Brown	Rowan Parsons
KS2	Evelyn Wright	Fred Beavon Keenan	Erin Collins

Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets, the lucky winners are:

RAFFLE  WINNER	1st Prize	£50.00 cash	Advait Panicker
	2nd Prize	Family Fireworks tickets	Tasha Howell
	3rd Prize	Coal Meal voucher	Angelo Dragomanu

A massive thank you to the PTA for organising a wonderful community celebration and to all who gave up their time to help and visit on the day.

HAF Hampers

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the Department of Education for those in Reception to Year 6 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Please be reminded, your HAF hampers can be collected from the Junior Hall in school on Thursday 11th of August and Thursday 18th of August between 11.00am and 2.00pm.



Parents can now apply online for free school meals

As families across Gloucestershire prepare for the start of the new term, the county council is encouraging people to apply online for free school meals. The portal is a quick, easy and more efficient method for parents and carers compared to the traditional paper based system.

Anyone looking to apply for free school meals can use the online portal to check if they are eligible. Parents and carers of children that already receive Universal Infant Free School Meals are also encouraged to apply as this also entitles you to additional benefits such as reduced price for trips, music tuition and swimming lessons.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are already eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. If a child is in Year 3 and above they may be entitled and parents or carers could save up to £437 per year.

For more information and to make an application visit: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

If you have any queries regarding this or the process of applying, please contact the team by email on pupilbenefits@gloucestershire.gov.uk or by telephone on 01452 425390. Alternatively, contact the school office who will be happy to help.



Diary Dates

Thursday 21st July	End of Term 6 - Non uniform day
Monday 5th September	Inset Day - school closed for pupils
Tuesday 6th September	Term 1 starts - First day of school

Upcoming events to look forward to in September ... dates to be confirmed:

Tea with the Team
Year 2 trip to Gloucester Cathedral
Reception parents information evening
Year 4 trip to Gloucester
Year 6 residential parents information meeting
School council elections

Letters sent home this week:

Newsletters from this academic year are also on the website under the 'Parents' tab.

Any letters, including those sent via ParentMail, are available as paper copies in the school office.

12th Jul - Young Voices 2023

12th Jul - School book reading challenge

13th Jul - Current heatwave

19th Jul - Gloucestershire constabulary community sports day

20th Jul - Autumn term menu

Football Congratulations



A special mention goes to Olivia for her continued development and performances over this year, becoming a key player in the school football team. Olivia went to the Gloucester Primary Schools football trials. After two successful trials, the last trial was down to just 25 girls.

Congratulations to Olivia who made it through to the Gloucester Primary Schools Development Squad.

Charity Day

Thank you to all who contributed to the Charity Day we held for Gloucester City Mission.

The charity aims to provide shelter, hot food, drinks, clothes and friendship to our wider community. It gives beds to people living on the streets, when the weather is bad. Your contributions raised £135.00.



New school uniform

While the holidays are about to begin, July is almost over which is why we must encourage you to book your 1:1 store appointment with our uniform supplier Monkhouse before August to avoid the last minute rush. You can book your appointment now at www.monkhouse.com.



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