



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 11th February 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of attendance and punctuality at school. Please aim to arrive at school by 8:45am as this is when the doors of the school are open for children to go into their classrooms. At 8:50am, registration starts so please avoid coming into school later than this time. It really helps children feel settled and ready to learn if they are on time and it is a good life skill for the future. Please also refer to the attendance policy on the [website](#), which outlines how attendance is linked with progress both academically and socially. I fully appreciate the challenges that COVID has had on attendance and re-scheduling of holidays, for instance, but it is absolutely crucial that pupils attend school regularly in order to thrive in all aspects of their life. Since the pandemic, absence amongst our pupils has increased, even after taking absence due to COVID into account. I would like to ask all of you to ensure that your children attend school every day, unless they are too ill to attend (including testing positive for COVID). The DFE are concerned about increased absences in schools generally, and have launched a consultation about how the support schools get can be improved. You can take part in the consultation here: [School attendance: Improving consistency of support - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)

On Monday, pupils from Years 2 to 6 will be taking part in our annual 'Elmbridge Has Got Talent' auditions. I am excited to see which acts go through to the final on Friday as I am always so impressed with the children's talents. Parents of finalists will be invited in to watch and we will announce the winners in a subsequent newsletter.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming parent consultation evenings on 22nd & 23rd March (except class 13 who had theirs this week). I also look forward to 'World Book Week' starting on 1st March as we have some exciting things planned. We have the stories for bedtime evening (Y2&3) and dress-up as a favourite character day on Thursday 3rd March (World Book Day). We will provide more details of these events nearer the time.

Best wishes Glen Tharia – Head Teacher



World Book Day Outfits on Hire from PTA

Did you know you can hire a costume for world book day for £1 from the PTA? The PTA have a catalogue in the lending library off the Reception courtyard and an online catalogue on their Facebook page.



Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently 95%

Well done everyone! Remember:

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!



Netball Match 8th February

Match report by Sameen & Sophie

"We started off well. We scored first followed by Churchdown. Each team continued to score throughout the quarters with the final score of 7-6 to Churchdown. We all played very well."

A special thanks to Mrs Barthorpe for arranging the match. Our star player is Ramyah."

Well done to Tilly, Izzy, Sameen, Ramyah, Hibbah, Olly, Florence, Sophie & Marlana.



Road Safety



You may have noticed there are traffic wardens currently monitoring the parking around the school site. Please be aware that parking fines will be issued to any member of the public parking on zig zag lines.

Family Support

Breathe is open to people who are currently living with an abusive partner as well as people who have left abusive partners. It is anticipated that by completing Domestic Abuse related work in a group setting, people will feel less isolated and benefit from the support of others. The Breathe Programme offers a safe space in which people can talk about their experiences and gain knowledge to empower them and support the formation of non abusive relationships in the future.



If you would like further information regarding course content or would like to discuss the suitability of making a referral then please contact the Breathe organisation on: groupwork@gdass.org.uk

Polite Reminder

Please be reminded there should be no bikes and no scooters used in the playground or the walkway from the main roads through to the gates at either end of the school day.



Thank you for your co-operation.

Benefits of 'Fit 15'



Click [here](#) to see Elmburgh Primary School featured on this short video promoting the importance of 'keeping active', one of our 5 ways to wellbeing.

Girls' Football Club Festival - 3rd February

Match report from Ellie & Fatima:

"The first game we played was against Beech Green. We wanted to win so our midfielders pushed up with our striker leading with a goal. Another goal followed resulting in 2-0 win. The second game was against Hempsted who were quite good but our defenders and goalie were better. We blocked goals and made some great passes down the line. No matter how good we were they had a good goalie and the final score was 0-0. The third match against Field Court seemed to go very quickly and ended 1-1. The final match against Calton started off well but our goal was disallowed and the result was 0-1 to Calton."

Well done to all the team Zahraa, Tilly, Amira, Ellie (midfielders) Olivia (striker) Fatima, Chloe (defender) Molly (goalkeeper). A great team effort.



Year 4 Girls' Football vs Upton Primary School 8th February



A very enjoyable game and well contested by both sides. A brilliant first half display saw Elmbridge dominating most of the ball and holding firm at the back with a very well deserved 2-0 lead as the first half ended.

In the second half of the play, Elmbridge had to work and play very hard to keep the lead. It was a much more open half with chances on either end.

A very well deserved 2-0 win for Elmbridge who had a great attitude and showed determination throughout the game against Year 5 opponents!

A very well done to Tayte, Luna, Myla, Layla, Olivia, Sophia, Grace, Evie, and Billie.

Year 6 Elmbridge Boys' Football Team

Match reports provided by Easah & Ben:



Elmbridge vs Longlevens 3rd February

"We knew it would be a tough two games. It wasn't long before we won a corner that we headed into the top corner followed by a free kick that was calmly guided in to the bottom corner to score the first two goals. In the second game they had us under pressure but our goalkeeper didn't let anything in. The final score was 4-0 to us."

Elmbridge vs Fieldcourt 9th February

"This was an important match. A draw or a win meant we would win the league. We created lots of chances and finally slotted one away. Final score 1-0"

"Thank you to Mr Hounsell and Mr Bailey for organising the match."

This was the last game of the season. The boys had played well all season and wanted to continue their winning run. Elmbridge has remained undefeated all season and are now **champions of the Gloucester Primary Schools Football Association league**. All of the boys that have played for Elmbridge Football team have worked hard, been excellent representatives for the school and should be extremely proud of themselves.

Mr Hounsell would like to thank all of the parents and Mr Bailey for being supportive on the side-lines and helping transport the boys to different fixtures. Well done to all of the boys. Easah, Ben, Dylan, Tobias, Reuben, Rio, Lyon, Archie & Harry.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 5th Jan—Friday 18th Feb	Start of Spring Term
Monday 14th February	Year 2-6 Elmbridge Has got talent auditions
Wednesday 16th February	Rags 2 Riches Donation
Friday 18th February	Break the School Rules Day
Friday 18th February	Year 2-6 Elmbridge Has got talent Final
Friday 18th February	2nd Hand School Uniform Sale
Friday 18th February	End of Term 3
Monday 21st—Friday 25th February	School Holiday
Monday 28th February	Inset Day - no pupils in school
Tuesday 1st March	Start of Term 4

Letters sent home this week:

- 31 Jan - C14 Covid cases
- 1 Feb - Croft Farm payment reminder
- 1 Feb - Isle of Wight reminder
- 1 Feb - Rages 2 Riches Donations
- 2 Feb - Class 15 closure
- 3 Feb - Elmbridge Has Got Talent Auditions
- 3 Feb - Y2 Mosque Trip
- 4 Feb - General Covid update
- 7 Feb - Class 14 Swimming
- 8 Feb - Spring\Summer Menu
- 9 Feb - IRock flyer
- 10 Feb - Elmbridge U5s flyer
- 11 Feb - Rags to Riches—PTA

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

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



Mobile Phones

Please be reminded mobile phones should only be brought in to school when it is absolutely necessary.

We politely ask you to consider how essential it is for their phone to be brought in to school, please be aware that the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to a mobile phone brought on to the premises.

Phones must be turned off and handed in at The Hub before the children enter the playground and collected from The Hub after school finishes.

Your cooperation is appreciated, thank you.

Break The Rules Day

Reminder it is 'Break The Rules Day' on **Friday 18th of February**, some examples of rules to break include:

Bring a healthy snack, have neat hair, no nail varnish, wear school shoes, no make-up, water only in your bottles, no temporary tattoos!



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