



Elm Green Newsletter



Thursday 1st December 2022

Autumn Term Issue 5

Prep Inter-house Cross Country Run—Friday 2nd December from 1.30pm

This is the first Inter-house Cross Country Run since 2019 and will take place on **Friday 2nd December**. The Y3 and Y4 students' race will start at 1.30pm approx at the entrance to Blakes Wood and ending on the Sports Field where the EGPA will be waiting with hot chocolate and refreshments for the children. The Y5 and Y6 race will start at 2.30pm approx from the same place. All support is welcomed for this event but please follow published parking guidelines to avoid congestion for Pre-Prep pick up arrangements i.e.

- ◆ Y3/4 parents in the Sportsfield Car Park
- ◆ Y5 in the Generals' Arms Car Park
- ◆ Y5/6 on the lower playground at school between 2.00 and 2.20pm

Parents may collect their child and younger siblings from the school gate after the event or children may return to class and follow their normal end of day arrangements. **All Prep children should take their PE bags home on Thursday evening. They should come to school on Friday wearing their PE kit and Y3/Y5 and Y6 should be swim ready.** Children should wear new black kit, black socks and cross country footwear or, if this is not possible, girls should wear white tops and shorts and boys should wear rugby tops, black shorts and red socks. Black skins may be worn if required. The children will need to have track suits, duffle coats and school bags. If the children are staying in school and going to Prep or After School Club they will need spare socks and clean footwear to change into.

EGPA Frost Fayre Saturday 3rd December 10.00—1.00pm

This is another event that has not been held since 2019 and members of the Parents' Association have worked hard to ensure that there is something for everyone to enjoy with a special treat of a new Santa's Grotto and Reindeer experience and Carol Singing by Y5/6 children. Information has been circulated by the EGPA via the class representatives and we hope that you will be able to support the event.

Christmas Post Boxes Monday 5th December—Friday 9th December

There will be 3 Christmas post boxes where children may post their Christmas cards for children and staff to ensure delivery by Father Christmas and our Christmas Elves on Monday 12th December. Please ensure that cards are addressed with full names, classes and in sealed envelopes and posted in the boxes that will be positioned:-

- in the lobby of the main school hall
- the entrance to the New Block
- outside the school office

Kindergarten Nativity Tuesday 6th December

We hope to start this special Christmas event promptly at 2.15pm. Access to parking on the lower playground is possible from 2.00pm. Please do not arrive earlier as there will be movement of children in the playground. We anticipate that the performance will last approximately 30 minutes and we hope that you will join us for light refreshments afterwards. Cars will need to leave the site by 3.00pm to avoid an end of day rush in the lane. Children may leave with parents/carers and siblings if required. A professional video recording will be available for purchase.

Pre-Prep Entertainer and Prep Discos Friday 9th December

The Pre-Prep children will enjoy sessions with an entertainer through the afternoon. Please be aware that Y2 First Line children may be a little late leaving school on that day. The Y3 and Y4 Disco will start at 4.00pm and finish at 5.30pm. We would like to offer Y3 and Y4 children the opportunity to change/prepare for the disco in school if required. Please send disco clothing into school in a named bag to hold uniform to bring home if you wish to take up this offer. Children will be provided with party food/drinks during the disco. **Please collect Year 3 and 4 children from the school gate at 5.30pm approx. They will be dismissed class by class.**

Please ensure that Year 5 and Year 6 children do not arrive at the Pavilion before 5.45pm. Children will be met at the Pavilion and escorted to school by staff. **Please collect Year 5 and 6 children from the school gate at 7.45pm when children will be dismissed class by class.** Please ensure that any torches used by children are clearly named.

Christmas Roast Lunch—Thursday 8th December

Turkey with all the trimmings will be served to the whole school during Thursday lunch-time.

PE and Swimming Kit

KG—Year 4 should take all PE kit/Sports Bags home on Thursday 8th December. (Y3 will need swimming kit on Friday 9th December). Year 5 and Y6 should take their PE kit/Sports Bags and swimming kit home on Friday 9th December. PE kit and swimming bags will not be needed again until the Spring term. Please use the holiday break to ensure that all PE kit is named and in good repair ready for the new year.

Kindergarten Tea Towels 2022

These are in sale at £5.50 each from the school office. Initially purchases are restricted to 3 per family but more may be available at a later stage. We also have a limited number of editions from previous years. Please contact the school office if you are interested in purchasing any of these.

The Carol Service—Wednesday 13th December 1.45pm

Further details will be provided nearer the time but please remember that this is the last day of term. Entry to the Cathedral is by ticket only. All children will be transported to the Cathedral by coach after an early lunch. Children will not need bags, hats or water bottles that day but should bring their mid-morning snack in disposable packaging that will fit into their pockets. Children should wear smart winter uniform with girls in red tights and red sweaters and boys will need their grey sweaters. We hope to wear blazers on the day (rather than duffles) but if the weather is inclement we will advise parents by text on Monday evening. All children will be dismissed from the Cathedral at the end of the service. There will be a retiring collection at the end of the service with all proceeds going to the Year 6 Charities. **Please be aware that there will be no after school care on that day; Breakfast Club will run as normal.**

Thank you to Everyone

Thank you to all members of the school community for their tremendous and generous support for the Book Fair yesterday where a huge number of lovely books were sold to some very excited children. Thank you also to Year 6 parents for their amazing donations of delicious cakes that were devoured by the children today in the Year 6 cake sale. All proceeds will be donated to the Year 6 Charities. Similarly, the local Food Bank was overwhelmed by the generous donation of food from our recent Harvest Collection and extend their thanks to everyone.

Other Christmas Events

There are many other traditional Christmas events planned for the children over the last few days of term and we will keep you informed of those closer to the time.

Extra Curricular Clubs

All after school and lunch-time clubs and instrumental music lessons will run as Normal 5th—9th December but there are **NO CLUBS** on Monday 12th December except Wrap Around Care i.e. **Breakfast and After School Club.**

Reminder from the Office

Please remember that, for the health and wellbeing of the entire school community, children who have suffered with sickness and associated stomach upsets should not return to school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

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