



Elm Green Newsletter



Monday, 3 December 2018

Autumn Term Issue 3

The Frost Fair—Saturday 1st December

Thank you to the many families who braved torrential rain, mud and appalling weather conditions to support the event on Saturday. A sincere thank you to the EGPA who worked relentlessly to ensure that the day was as successful as possible ...well done to everyone involved!

School Post Boxes

Christmas cards for staff and children can be posted in the three Christmas post boxes from today. There will be one in the hall lobby, one in the Y5/6 building and one outside the school office. Please ensure that cards are addressed with full names and classes and that they are in sealed envelopes. The last time for posting is the morning of **Friday, 6th December** for delivery by our Christmas Elves.

Kindergarten Nativity – Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th December 2.15pm

A professional company will be recording this fabulous event and DVDs will be available to purchase. Parking is available on the lower playground **but please do not arrive before 2.00pm** since the older children will be moving around the site before then. We hope that you will join us for refreshments afterwards and please ensure that the school office knows if you wish to take older siblings home with you at the end of the performance.

Christmas Discos – Friday 7th December

The Y3 and Y4 Disco will start at 4.00pm and finish at 5.30pm. We would like to offer the children the opportunity to change/prepare for the disco in school if required. Please send any disco clothing into school with a named bag to hold uniform to bring home. 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. Please ensure that Y5 and Y6 do not arrive at the Pavilion before 5.45pm.** Y5/6 children will be met at the Pavilion and escorted to school. Please collect from the school gate at 7.45pm when the children will be dismissed class by class. Please ensure that any torches used by the children are clearly named!!

PE and swimming kit

KG-Y4 should take all PE/swimming kit home on Thursday 6th Dec. Y5/6 should also take their Sports Bags home on Thursday 6th Dec but will need their swimming kit on Friday morning. Sports/PE bags and swimming kit will not be needed again until next term. Please use the holiday break to check that all PE kit is named.

Winter Woodland Walk – Y1 – Friday 7th December

Please make sure that children are suitably dressed with duffle coats, gloves, beanie hats (optional) and wellington boots (essential) for this exciting annual event (weather permitting).

The Busiest Day – Monday, 10th December

Traditionally this is a packed day and one of the busiest of the year. The children will enjoy a super Christmas buffet lunch followed by party games and an entertainer for the Pre-Prep. Please be aware that Y2 **may** be a little late leaving school that afternoon. This is also the day that Christmas Elves deliver Christmas Cards in school.

Tuesday, 11th December – The Carol Service in Chelmsford Cathedral

Entry is by ticket only. All children will be transported to the Cathedral by coach after an early lunch. Children will not need hats or bags 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 sweaters**, and boys in **long trousers and grey sweaters**. We prefer the children to wear blazers rather than duffles **but if the weather is inclement we will advise or text parents about this before the day.**

School Diary

Mon	3rd Dec	NO STAFF CLUBS THIS WEEK Christmas Post Boxes out Last Speech & Drama Session this term Last After-School Swimming this term KG Nativity Dress Rehearsal to the school NO DANCE and BALLET 3.45 Book Fair—Library
Tues	4th Dec	Last Speech & Drama session this term Last After-School Swimming this term KG Nativity Performance to parents/families Book Fair—Library NO MULTI-SKILLS, NETBALL, RUGBY, GYM and SCIENCE CLUBS
Wed	5th Dec	Flu Immunisation Day 8.30 Second Hand Uniform Shop KG Nativity Performance to parents/families Last After -School Swimming this term NO RUGBY, NETBALL and CHESS CLUBS 3.45 Book Fair—Library
Thurs	6th Dec	8.00 Elm Green Ensemble Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings! All Y3-6 and Pre-Prep PE kit home 3.45 Book Fair—Library NO MULTI-SKILLS, HOCKEY, RUGBY, and BUDDING AUTHORS CLUBS
Fri	7th Dec	Prep Quiz and Pre-Prep Activities (pm) Prep Discos: Y3/4 4—5.30pm Y5/6 6—7.45pm NO GYM SQUAD

Kindergarten Tea-Towels 2018

We still have a number remaining. These are available from the school office at £5.50 each. We also have a limited number of editions from previous years. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase past editions.

Emergency Closure Procedures

Please check the school website for our emergency closure procedures. Should severe weather conditions occur, the school communicates with parents via text messages so please ensure that the office have up-to-date contact information. 'Snow Work' for each class is also available on the website. Hopefully it will not be needed!

Clubs and Activities— Reminder

Please remember that **after-school staff clubs** will not run this week. Similarly there are **NO** Dance and Chess Clubs this week.

Speech and Drama, Tennis and After-School Swimming will continue to run this week. Ensemble will also continue this week

Breakfast, Prep, Creche, After-School Care will all run as normal including the evening Mon 10th December.

Please note that there is no after school care on Tuesday 11th December

Spring Term 2019

Breakfast, Prep/Creche and After-School Care will all run as normal from the start of term in January.

After school clubs will start on the week beginning Mon 14th January although Tennis will start on Wednesday 9th January and Metal Fencing will start on 11th January.

The Book Fair 3.30–4.30pm

Please visit the Book Fair in the School Library. It is open on each evening this week and has a great range of books for children of all ages. Any purchase also earns funds for the school to purchase new library books! Thank you to the many families who have already visited and supported the event!

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