



Elm Green Newsletter



Thursday 28th November

Autumn Term

Inter-house Cross Country Run

This popular event takes place on Friday 29th November with the Y3 and 4 students race starting 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 the published parking guidelines to avoid congestion for Pre-Prep pick-up arrangements. Parents may collect their child and siblings after the event or the children can stay in school for the usual end of day arrangements.

The Frost Fair—Saturday 30th November

This will take place between 10.00am–12.00noon on Saturday 30th November with members of the Elm Green Choir singing at 11.00am. Please remember that there is no parking at the Generals Arms that morning! Members of the EGPA have worked tirelessly to arrange this event ensuring that there is something for everyone. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible on the day!

School Post Boxes—Monday 2nd December

Christmas cards for staff and children can be posted in one of three Christmas post boxes from Monday. 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 Monday 9th December for delivery by our Christmas Elves.

Kindergarten Nativity - Tuesday 3rd 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 visitors 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 6th 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 5th Dec. Y5/6 should take their Swimming/Sports Bags home on Friday 6th Dec. 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 ready for the new year .

Winter Woodland Walk - Y1 and Y2- Monday 9th 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 - Tuesday, 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 our Christmas Elves deliver Christmas cards in school.

Wednesday 11th December - 1.45pm - 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. Please note that all children should be collected from the Cathedral; there is no after school care available that day.

Kindergarten Tea-Towels 2019

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!

School Diary

Mon	2nd Dec	NO STAFF CLUBS THIS WEEK Second Hand Uniform Shop is open Christmas Post Boxes out Last Speech & Drama Session this term Last After-School Swimming this term Last Dance session this term KG Nativity Dress Rehearsal to the school 3.45 Book Fair—Library NO HOCKEY CLUB
Tues	3rd Dec	Last Speech & Drama session this term Last After-School Swimming this term KG Nativity Performance to parents/families 3.45 Book Fair—Library NO MULTI-SKILLS, NETBALL, RUGBY, GYM CLUBS
Wed	4th Dec	8.20 Choir Practice Last After-School Swimming this term NO RUGBY, NETBALL or SCIENCE CLUBS 3.45 Book Fair—Library
Thurs	5th Dec	8.00 Elm Green Ensemble Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings! All Y3-4 and Pre-Prep PE kit home 3.45 Book Fair—Library—Final Day NO MULTI-SKILLS, HOCKEY, RUGBY, or BUDDING AUTHORS CLUBS
Fri	6th Dec	Prep Discos: Y3/4 4—5.30pm Y5/6 6—7.45pm NO GYM or CHESS CLUBS

Clubs and Activities— Reminder

Please remember that after-school staff clubs will not run next week.

Speech and Drama, Tennis and After-School Swimming will continue to run this week. Lunchtime Beginners' Chess will take place. Ensemble will also continue for this week.

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

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

Spring Term 2020

Breakfast, Prep/Creche and After-School Care will all run as normal from the start of term on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

After school clubs will start on the week beginning Mon 13th January.

The Book Fair 3.45-4.30pm

Please visit the Book Fair in the School Library. It is open each evening next week and has a great range of books for children of all ages. Any purchase also earns funds for the school to buy new books!

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