

Elm Green Newsletter



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Summer Term Issue 1

Thank You to Everyone

As we embark on the final half term of this academic year with all Covid restrictions lifted, I write to thank everyone—students, parents and staff—for their patience, understanding and loyalty to the school over the last two unprecedented years. Our focus now turns to knitting the Elm Green community back together as we endeavour to restore the many events and activities that have traditionally been such a significant part of life at the school. Despite the challenges that we face on our journey back to 'normal', we are determined that Elm Green will continue to be an inspiring place where children love learning and cherish their childhood in a setting that plays an important part in their lives. We are working hard to ensure that Sports Day, our Y6 Production, Induction Day with all the traditional fun, Open Day, Prizegiving, Holiday Activity Week and the many outings, fixtures/swimming meets will go ahead and once arrangements are firmed up, we will contact everyone with details so please bear with us!

The Toy Sale

The Toy Sale is one of those traditional, popular and annual events that has been sorely missed for 2 years. This year, our Y6 students gratefully received your generous donations of toys, games, books, puzzles, cakes and Easter eggs and rapidly re-sold or raffled them to make an amazing £1,245 of which 50% has been donated to the UNICEF appeal for Ukrainian children. The remainder will go to Y6's chosen charities.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Bunting around the playground, inside the hall and classrooms with some spectacular headwear—crowns and tiaras were the order of the day—created great excitement as the children walked into school last Thursday. During the week, we celebrated our Queen's amazing 70 year reign with a wealth of activities featuring the Queen and the Royal Family including special assemblies, interactive drama workshops, theatre groups, competitions and displays. Although the strong winds necessitated an indoor Street Party, the children really entered into the spirit of the occasion in the main hall; patriotically singing the National Anthem! On Thursday 2nd June the Lancaster bomber of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight circled the Sportsfield en-route to Buckingham Palace flying directly over the school. I hope that everyone enjoyed some of the many Jubilee events and celebrations over the half term holiday break.



Staffing Update

Welcome: After 2 years without a library or anyone to care for it, we have been delighted to welcome **Mrs Bradley** to the school as our new librarian this term. Aided by some generous funding from the EGPA and school, she has sorted and updated the book stock transforming the library into a vibrant, very popular setting where children can enjoy books and so many associated activities once again.

Farewell: However, we will reluctantly say 'goodbye' to **Mrs Smart** who is moving back to her roots in the north-east of England to be closer to her extended family at the end of this term. Sadly, **Mrs Orchard** will also leave us at the end of this term as she has decided to retire and pursue her many other interests including time with the family. Whilst I am sure that you will all join me in wishing them both every happiness and success in the next step of their journey, they will both be deeply missed at Elm Green!

Class Photos

These will take place on the morning of Monday 6th June. Please ensure that children are in smart school summer uniform with blazers. Long hair should be fastened back with suitably coloured fastenings. Please discourage children from sharing combs/brushes! Thank you for your help with this.

School Diary—This week

Mon	6th	Class photos NO SCIENCE CLUB Reading Test Week
Tues	7th	Y2 to Chelmsford Superstars Termly Assessments begin
Wed	8th	Y6 First Aid Course Y6 Health Talks Y4/5/6 Swimming Meet –New Hall NO Y5/6 SPORTS CLUB
Thur	9th	5M Consultations—all day Over 70's Cricket Match on the Field NO BUDDING AUTHORS NO GYM CLUB 3.30—4.30 Y3 FITC Football Club
Fri	10th	8.15—9.15 Uniform Shop is open 5W Consultations—all day KG to Danbury Park Y2 to Colchester Castle U10 Cricket match—New Hall Termly assessments finish
Sat	11th	IAPS National Swimming Finals London Aquatic Centre—Stratford

Reminders

Sun hats etc—Please remember that children need to have their sun hats in school every day as the summer sunshine arrives. We currently have no water fountains in school—they were de-commissioned due to the pandemic—so children need to bring their water bottle into school each day. Children can refill their bottles in school and water is always available at lunch time but it is important that the children stay hydrated through the day.

Over 70's Cricket Match—Please try to collect siblings on second line and remember that an area near the car park will be cordoned off for collection. On this day children can also be collected at the entry point to the sportsfield. Please leave the car park promptly once you have collected your child/ren to reduce congestion. Thank you for your help with this.

Good Luck—to our amazing Y5/6 swimmers who have reached the National Finals next Saturday. We are really proud of you all.

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