

Elm Green Newsletter



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Spring Term Issue 1

Welcome Back—Happy New Year!

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and feel refreshed and ready for another busy school term! Thank you for the many beautiful Christmas cards, gifts and kind words from children, parents and friends of the school. These were all greatly appreciated and enjoyed! We would also like to take this belated opportunity to wish you all a very healthy, happy and successful New Year!

Once again the children made us all very proud at the annual Carol Service in Chelmsford Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity on the day; £722 was raised at the service and this will be shared between the Year 6 Charities. Below are some images from the whole school Christmas party buffet lunch.



Our Choir Members

Did a great job on Sunday 8th December when they were chosen to sing at the BBC Essex Carol Service in Chelmsford Cathedral. This was broadcast on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. They received some wonderful comments from the congregation and the BBC producer said "The children were AMAZING and behaved perfectly. I have to say their two performances are my favourite parts of the whole service." Well done and thank you to everyone involved!

School Uniform

Please ensure that children have the correct school uniform and that it is clearly named and is in good repair for the new school term. Class teachers and PE staff will be carrying out uniform checks at regular intervals this term and we hope that all parents will help us to ensure that children wear their Elm Green uniform smartly and with pride. Unfortunately we currently have a number of non-uniform duffle coats; we also have missing art aprons and plimsolls that are compulsory items. Thank you for your help and support.

Advance Notices

Year 5 Parents' Drop-in Meeting – Friday 14th February 8.45am—Library

This is the first in a series of meetings where the process of secondary transfer and the CSSE 11plus applications process will be described. Further meetings will be held in the summer term and will cover applications to Chelmsford County High School for Girls (CCHS), applications to Independent Senior Schools and Holiday Homework—Advice and Expectations. We will advise parents of these later dates as soon as they are confirmed. We look forward to seeing Y5 parents on 14th February.

Elm Green World Book Day—Friday 28th February

This is a very popular and enjoyable day when we celebrate books and their authors. All children (and adults) are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book and the day is spent in related activities and events.

Elm Green Toy Sale and Non-Uniform Day—Friday 27th March

For those parents who are new to the school this traditional and very popular event is an opportunity for all families to send their unwanted toys, books, games and puzzles etc into school where Y6 will organise a massive sale for the children. For a £1 donation children can also come to school in non-uniform. All proceeds go to the Y6 Charities....so plenty of time to start sorting! More information will follow.

School Diary

Music lessons and clubs start this week

Mon	13th	Jan	8.45 KG Curriculum Meeting—Library
Thu	16th	Jan	Inter-school General Knowledge Quiz
Fri	17th	Jan	Y2 Parents' Growth Mindset Workshop Chess Clubs (lunch and after-school)
Mon	20th	Jan	Y2 to Westcliff Synagogue
Tues	21st	Jan	School Council Meeting
Fri	24th	Jan	Y4 to Chelmsford Museum 2.30 U11 F/Ball & N/Ball v Widford (A)
Mon	27th	Jan	Second Hand Uniform Shop is open
Tues	28th	Jan	4C Assembly

Request from the Office!

The school office would be extremely grateful if all correspondence (including emails) contained your child's full name and class to assist them in dealing with your requests. Thank you!

Snacks!

Please avoid snacks that contain nuts or nut traces. We have a number of children with severe nut and other allergies. We would also be grateful if you could remind your child not to share their tuck with their friends.

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