

Elm Green Newsletter



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Autumn Term Issue 2



The ever-changing landscape of Elm Green

No, Speech Day has not arrived very early! The children were excited to see a new classroom, dining room and play area arrive over the half term break! The marquee provides more space undercover whilst also maintaining excellent ventilation when several of the doors are opened. This will stay in place for as long as we need it over the winter months and is already proving to be a very useful addition to the school each day!

Good News about Swimming at Elm Green

After extensive research and considerable hard work to ensure that it is completely COVID-SAFE, we are now able to open our swimming pool at Elm Green. 1C will be the first class to swim early on Tuesday morning 10th November. KGB will swim first thing on Wednesday morning. Please ensure that children in these 2 classes are able to join an early morning line and arrive wearing costumes under their normal clothing so the classes can get off to a prompt, early start. Please remember that children should wear their red school costumes and will need to have school swim hats. Please ensure that children in these 2 classes have underwear packed in their swim bags to change into. Y2 will swim after break on Wednesdays, Y4 on Thursday afternoons, Y5 and Y6 will swim at school on Fridays until Riverside is able to re-open. Y3 will swim on Fridays. Y2-Y6 will change in the pool changing rooms.

Staffing Update

We have been very fortunate to welcome some new members of staff to the Elm Green Team. These are:-

Mrs Tina Franklin—has joined us to support swimming at Elm Green and may already be well be known to many parents as a very experienced, highly regarded swimming teacher. She has also been working with Y5 at Riverside .

Miss Beth Greenyer—joins the music department teaching voice. She has considerable experience in other settings and can teach across a wide age range. She has been highly recommended to us.

Mr Andrew Liddell— also joins the music department teaching violin. He has great experience as both a performer and in teaching across the age range and is similarly highly regarded.

This means that our peripatetic music team is now complete and we look forward to making music together!

Christmas 2020—A message from Rosie Younghusband (5W and 3C)

We are starting a movement! We would like to make Christmas special for those in need with a school Christmas collection. Coronavirus has left an impact. It has created fear, uncertainty and changes to our daily lives. There is no denying that we've all been affected, even in the smallest of ways. In the wake of the adaptations and further challenges that it has presented us with, it has also given us time to reflect, time to connect and most importantly, time to think outside our box.

Throughout the country volunteers have rallied to help those in need and inspired acts of kindness. This, to me, is the core of humanity. And now it's our turn, as a school community to unite, support and care for our wider community. For those who haven't seen the Facebook page, we are starting a collection for Maldon and Chelmsford food banks. Chelmsford has advised us of the items they need to make Christmas extra special this year. They've had overwhelming generosity over this pandemic so the items on their list will add Christmas magic to their customers. Please give one or two items from the list to your children to take into school where they have kindly set up donation points. The children can feel part of the collection and watch the donations and goodies grow!

For any excess I will be in the car park every Friday morning between 8-9am throughout November. I will store these, and take the collection from school for delivery in early December. Dates are as follows:-

Friday 13th November

Friday 20th November

Friday 27th November

If that time isn't convenient for you, you will find me waiting on the field at the last pickup everyday. Feel free to ask questions or ask for updates. Your offers of assistance, support and encouragement on Facebook have already overwhelmed me. I will be reaching out for volunteers when we see how this progresses. Until then thank you!

Rosie Younghusband



Congratulations to Caitlin

Caitlin (5W) is also one of 10 national winners in the BBC History Revealed 'Postcards from the Past Lockdown Competition.'

The task was to write and draw a postcard from the perspective of an historical person living in a past lockdown. Caitlin chose Henry VIII who was locked down in Rochester Castle waiting for the arrival of his future 4th Queen, Anne of Cleves! The judges commended Caitlin, (pictured left with her certificate and a copy of the magazine in which the winning postcards were printed) for her excellent knowledge of Tudor times. We are immensely proud of her achievement. Well done Caitlin and the many other children from Elm Green who entered this fascinating competition.

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