

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 that were received 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 and we are especially grateful to Mrs Cussell for all her hard work in organising the programme and preparing all the children so well. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Griffin-Olukoya, Miss Elwell and many of our instrumental music teachers for successfully preparing the choir, the orchestra, the various ensembles and instrumentalists as well accompanying many of the musical pieces. Thank you for your generosity on the day; £710 was raised at the service and this will be shared between the three Year 6 Charities; these are 'Thandi House,' 'Bowel Cancer UK' and 'Make a Wish.'

Christmas Jumper Day and Poppy Appeal!

The Christmas Jumper and Hat Day raised £168 for the Y6 charities (some KG lunchtime photos overleaf) and the Royal British Legion have also written to congratulate our children for raising £458 for their Poppy Appeal. A special thank you to our two head prefects Erin (6H) and Joshua (6E) who did an amazing job selling poppies in some very cold, wet and muddy conditions on the sportsfield each day!

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Peripatetic Music Lessons

All music lessons and extra-curricular clubs and activities will start next week i.e. 15th January. We welcome Mrs Barton who will be joining us to teach violin on Fridays.

Belated Congratulations to our Cross Country Runners

On 29th November our Y3, 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country runners (pictured below) took part in the Cut Hedge Cross Country Run at Gosfield School. This is an arduous cross country course where they competed against a large number of schools! Our team once again did us proud but the trophy was presented to another school! We were subsequently advised that this was an error and Elm Green actually gained 1st place and have been awarded the Cut Hedge Shield once again. Congratulations to Thomas (6E) who gained the overall 1st place and well done to everyone involved.





School Uniform

Please ensure that children have the correct school uniform and that it is clearly named and 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. Thank you for your help and support.

Advance Notices

KGP Curriculum Meeting – Tuesday 23rd January 8.45am—Library

This is an opportunity for KG parents to hear about the way the Kindergarten curriculum changes as the academic year progresses and voice any queries. We hope that you will be able to join us that morning.

Year 6 Curriculum Meeting—Friday 26th January 8.45am—Library

We hope that Y6 parents will be able to join us on 26th January. This is an opportunity for Y6 parents to hear about the range of events (including SATs exams) for the children's last 2 terms at Elm Green.

Elm Green Toy Sale and Non-Uniform Day—Friday 22nd March

It seems a long way ahead but, 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 and raffle for the children. For a £1 donation children can also come to school in non-uniform clothes. All proceeds will go to the Y6 Charities....so there is plenty of time to start sorting! More information will follow in due course.

School Diary

Music lessons and clubs start next week 15th Jan

Fri	12th	Jan	Y5 parents —Secondary Transition
Mon	15th	Jan	1.00pm CSAC Athletics (Indoor)
Tue	16th	Jan	Y5 Field Trip—Epping Forest
Wed	17th	Jan	Y4 to Chelmsford Museum
Thu	18th	Jan	Y5/6 to Melbourne Park—athletics
Tue	23rd	Jan	KG Parents' Curriculum Meeting
Wed	24th	Jan	EGPA Bags to School Collection
Thu	25th	Jan	Y3,4,5 & 6 Cross Country
Fri	26th	Jan	KG-Y2 Mid-year Reports out Y6 Netball v New Hall (AWAY) Y6 Parents' Curriculum Meeting
Mon	29th	Jan	Y2 to Westcliff Synagogue
Tues	30th	Jan	2G Class Assembly
Thu	1st	Feb	3.30pm KG-Y2 Parent Consultations

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 children with severe nut and other allergies. We also ask that you encourage the children to bring fruit or a healthy choice of snack and avoid crisps, chocolate and sweets! However, KG children find it very difficult to manage packed or loose raisins that tend to spill very easily in class or the playground!

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