

Elm Green Newsletter



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Autumn Term Issue 1

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! Throughout the previous half term we were very grateful for the commitment and hard work of each staff member, the support, patience and understanding of our parents and the incredible energy, enthusiasm and resilience of our children! All of our Kindergarten and new children seem to have settled well into the Elm Green community despite the lack of 'Shadows', the usual transition mechanisms and the many restrictions to keep us as COVID safe as we can be! Thank you and well done everyone!



Hopefully, half term proved to be an enjoyable break and everyone is looking forward to another busy half term despite the news that another national 'Lockdown' will start on Thursday 5th November although early years providers, schools, colleges and universities will remain open. Therefore, it is very important that everyone follows guidelines to protect the well-being of the entire school community. Remember that we have a large number of staff to monitor the children's safety each morning so please use the 'Drop and Go' and the morning lines wherever possible and allow older children to walk to school independently. Remember that dismissal is staggered so please do not arrive too early, maintain your distance from other families and staff, avoid congregating and leave promptly once your children have been collected. Remember to keep the school informed of any illness, testing or self-isolation. We continue to spend as much time as possible outdoors so children will need their school duffle-coats, raincoats, beanie hats, gloves, scarves and boots for outdoor wear as winter approaches. Our classrooms must be well ventilated so it can be cold indoors as well so please remember to send in sweatshirts as a warm layer!

Remembrance Day November 11th



To commemorate Remembrance Day, poppies will be available to purchase in school. We can provide these to children who are able to bring in a donation. Recommended donations are:-

Stick-on Poppy = 20p

Zip Pull = 50p

Reflective Poppy = £1

Enamel Poppy Pin = £2.00

Thank you for your support of this annual appeal



Star of Stage, Screen & Elm Green

Congratulations to Toby in 4M who appeared on Blue Peter just before half term. Toby had a great time one Sunday at Hylands with the Wilderness Foundation and Blue Peter doing geo-caching and showing the presenters how it works! The producer said:

'We had a great day and the shoot ran to schedule which never happens. A lot of that was down to Toby being so downright lovely and easy to work with. Toby should be very proud of his ability to just hit the ground running (literally).....He was teamed up with Lindsey and they won the challenge which was to find 3 geo-caches as quickly as possible. Toby enjoyed finding out about how you film a TV programme....' Well done Toby!

Congratulations to Ethan

A large number of Elm Green children entered the BBC History Revealed 'Postcards from the Past Lockdown Competition.' The task was to write and draw a postcard from the perspective of a historical person living in a past lockdown. Ethan in 4S chose Spartacus as his character and he was one of 10 national winners. He is pictured right with his certificate and a copy of the magazine in which the postcards were printed. He also received a lovely letter of congratulations from the organisers. We are immensely proud of his achievement and we believe we may have more awards yet in this competition. Well done to everyone who entered!

The Big Autumn Inter-House Art Competition

This autumn we would like to invite all of our pupils to join in with our inter-house art competition. The theme of the competition is mythical creatures. Pupils can draw any mythical creature from werewolves to unicorns, fairies to dragons on a piece of A4 plain paper and colour or paint them however they choose. Entries can be handed in to Mrs Watson or class teachers. Prizes and house points will be given out to winners in the following categories.

Best Pre-Prep Drawing Best Prep Drawing Most Colourful Best Imagination

We need all entries to be handed in to a teacher by Friday 6th November. The results will then be announced later in the autumn term. Get Drawing!
Jacob (6H) – Art Prefect



Christmas Donations 2020

Rosie Younghusband (3C and 5W) is starting to organise Christmas donations for Chelmsford and Maldon Food Banks in collaboration with Elm Green...More information to follow next time!

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