



Elm Green Newsletter



30th November 2020

Autumn Term Issue 3

Thank You to Everyone

Thank you to all members of the school community for the tremendous support, patience and understanding that has been shown over this term. Each member of our staff team has worked very hard and remained determined to provide the best possible pastoral care, a level of routine and normality as well as academic opportunities for all the children throughout this time and I am also immensely grateful to them. Seeing so many children skipping into school each day, usually with bright smiles and cheerful greetings despite many damp, grey mornings has brightened each day! I hope that all of our families will have the opportunity to enjoy some festive time in the weeks ahead.

Term ends on **Wednesday 9th December** and our staff will escort the children to the Sportsfield at **the usual time at the end of the day**. Once again we ask for your help and co-operation in maintaining social distance from each other, collecting your children swiftly and clearing the car park promptly for each year group in the days ahead. Our actions now could help to ensure that everyone remains safe and well over Christmas and the New Year.

The new school term begins on **Wednesday 6th January 2021!**

Christmas Appeal for Chelmsford and Maldon Food Banks

Thank you to the many families who have kindly sent donations into school for the Christmas Appeal on behalf of the Chelmsford and Maldon Food Banks (see photo below). These will be taken to the Food Banks on **Tuesday 1st December**. The children have been an important part of the collection and seen the donations of goodies grow!

Christmas Post-Boxes

Children may post their Christmas cards in one of the 3 post boxes around the school. There is one outside the Main Hall, one in the New Block and one in the Marquee. The absolute last day for posting will be **Friday 4th December** and the cards will be sent home with the children on **Tuesday 8th December**.

Other Christmas Events

Our traditional Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 3rd December in the marquee. A Christmas buffet will be on offer on Tuesday 8th December. This may be served in the relevant classrooms or in the marquee and some fun activities including an on-line pantomime, kindly provided by the EGPA, have been arranged. Sadly, we are not able to hold our Carol Service in the Cathedral but the children have been practising their carol-singing and similarly KGB have been practising their traditional Nativity play. We hope to record some, if not all, of these 2 events.

On the last day of term i.e. **Wednesday 9th December** children may wear non-uniform...Christmas jumpers are allowed..... for a donation of £1 each. Ewan in Y6 recently gave a presentation to his class on the difficulties that many older people are experiencing and the class decided that they would like to have a fundraising activity on behalf of AGE UK. All proceeds from this non-uniform day will therefore go to AGE UK. Please remember that children will also need warm outdoor clothing such as duffle coats, beanie hats, scarves and gloves on that day!



Reminder—Tuck and Packed Lunches

Please remember that we have a number of children with severe allergies in school and we would like to remind you that all snacks and any packed lunches should be completely nut free. Similarly we would also be very grateful if you could remind your child that they should not share their tuck/packed lunches for these reasons. We will always help children who have forgotten their snack or packed lunch; they just need to talk to an adult!



Remembrance Day

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, silence reigned across the school for 2 minutes to commemorate Remembrance Day. During the week, children also wrote some very touching poetry and made poppies like 45 pictured above, or participated in other activities to commemorate the day. We also raised an amazing £433 for the British Legion selling poppies. Thank you for your generosity and support.

The Art Competition

Thank you to Jacob, our Y6 Art Prefect, for organising the recent successful competition. We had over 100 entries from all age groups and some fantastic work meant that the judges had a very difficult job choosing the winners. The main winners were:

Overall Winners

Lucy Tollisen—KGB

Zara Crewdson—Pre-Prep

Kian Liyanage—Prep

Colour

Alexander Cowan—Pre-Prep

Imagination

Jack Latham—Pre-Prep

Kitty McBriar—Prep

Katie Speller—Prep



Maths Homework

Maths homework on ratio generated some very delicious results as you can see in the photo above. Well done Y5!

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