



# Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. As you are aware, we have been very busy and will continue to have new experiences and enhance our learning further over the next few weeks on the run up to Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for the Learning Together Sessions that have taken place so far, we hope that you enjoyed sharing a little time in the classroom with us, and gained some invaluable insight into how we carry out our learning. For those classes still to hold their sessions, we look forward to you joining us.

| Learning Together Sessions |   |
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| Year Groups                | Date & Time   |
| Years 5 & 6                | Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2:45pm, main hall |
| Year 1                     | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2:45pm, main hall    |

## Maths Information Evening

As we are all aware, new learning methods are made available all the time, and we have received numerous requests from parents and carers to hold information sessions on how we carry out our learning in maths, especially as the courses run by Inspire Learning all tend to be within the school day. With this in mind we are proposing to hold age relevant information sessions on the evening of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, dependant on the number of parents/carers wishing to attend. Therefore, we will be sending out a short survey on Parentmail for you to indicate whether this is something you would be interested in attending on the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup>, however if there is insufficient interest for us to hold the sessions we will endeavour to advise parents who wish for more information in smaller groups or information packs we can send home. We would be grateful for your responses so that we can action and organise accordingly.

## Harvest Celebrations Assembly – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

We will be holding our Harvest Celebration Assembly this Friday in school, with this in mind we would like to support the Basic Life Charity this year in favour of their "Pop-Up Shop", available locally. If you would like to donate any tinned or packet food items towards the appeal, your donations will be gratefully received and passed on to Basic Life on behalf of the school. Please send items into school on or before Friday, many thanks.

## British Legion Poppy Appeal & Remembrance Day Service

Children in Years 5 & 6 have been invited by the Trimley Churches community to join them in a very special Remembrance Service on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The children will join in the service, lay poppies and messages on behalf of the school at the War Memorial.

The Royal British Legion are once again doing their amazing work to raise funds for their charity providing financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants. If you would like to make a donation to this year's funds, we do have a supply of poppies available at morning break from the main office, of course these may be worn up to and including Remembrance day itself.

This year the Royal British Legion also have a supply of stationery items – pens/pencils/erasers at a suggested donation of 50p each, and rulers at a suggestion donation of £1 each, should you wish to make a donation and obtain any of these items.

## **\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\* Kitchen Closure – Week Commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Our caterers are working to upgrade the school kitchens in this area at the present time, and have informed us that they have scheduled the works to take place on our school kitchen for the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The school has been liaising with Vertas to request that the work be carried out within school holidays, but as this is not an option for us, we have requested that Vertas carry out the works with as little

disruption as possible. However, as the kitchen will be completely closed, and unfit for purpose throughout the duration of the works, **they will not be able to offer any hot meals for the entire week of the 12<sup>th</sup> November.** School dinners will still be available for that particular week, but please be aware that there will only be the option of a cold menu, details below:

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| <p><b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b><br/>Ham or Cheddar Cheese Sandwich<br/>Veggie Bag with cucumber/carrot &amp; cherry tomatoes<br/>Apple Flapjack &amp; Fruit Cuplet</p>     | <p><b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b><br/>Cheddar Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap<br/>Veggie Bag with cucumber/carrot &amp; pepper sticks<br/>Vanilla Crunch &amp; Fruit Cuplet</p> | <p><b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b><br/>Egg Mayonnaise or Ham Sandwich<br/>Veggie Bag with cucumber/carrot &amp; cherry tomatoes<br/>Iced Carrot Cake &amp; Fruit Cuplet</p>     |
| <p><b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b><br/>Ham or Cheddar Cheese Wrap<br/>Veggie Bag with cucumber/carrot &amp; pepper sticks<br/>Jammie Doughnut Muffin &amp; Fruit Cuplet</p> |   | <p><b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b><br/>Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich<br/>Veggie Bag with cucumber/carrot &amp; cherry tomatoes<br/>Chocolate Cracknell &amp; Fruit Cuplet</p> |

All meals listed above will be charged at the normal school meal price of £2.30 per day and payable via Parentmail. As normal, children in EYFS, KS1 and in receipt of Free School Meals will not need to pay.

Finally, in order for us to assist Mrs Jeffrey as much as possible, as these lunches will be prepared off-site, we would appreciate it if we had a rough idea of numbers who may wish to have one or more of these meals. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you could indicate on the separate Parentmail survey to follow. We apologise on behalf of Vertas for any inconvenience that these works and the amendments to the menu may cause, and trust that we will be back to normal from the week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Book Fair: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Following the success of recent fairs, we are pleased to be offering our Autumn Book Fair starting from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 3:30–4pm. This is a great way to come and look at new releases and old favourites, fiction and non-fiction with your child, and where you can be flick through and peruse the books before choices are made.

Please come and browse as there will be plenty of bargains in the huge selection of books on offer – there may even be a few ideas to be added onto Christmas wish list letters!!

As usual, any commission the school receives will be paid in books which will be available to all the children through our three libraries. We would like to thank you for your continued support, without which our libraries would not be so full, varied and enticing.

### **Elmer the Elephant and the St Elizabeth Hospice Appeal**

You may have seen the pigs around the Ipswich area, or even joined the search for all of them along the trail, but we're sure you'll all know about the amazingly, fun decorated pigs that have been placed around the Ipswich area to raise funds and awareness for St Elizabeth's Hospice.

Next year, instead of pigs, "Elmer the Elephants" will be springing up everywhere from the Suffolk Show and throughout the summer, we thought it'd be fun for our school to join in, whilst raising funds and supporting the fantastic St Elizabeth's Hospice appeal. You will gradually be seeing more about the project as the year goes on, but I am pleased to inform you that our own Elmer will be arriving around Easter time, ready for us to decorate, in time for the Suffolk Show! Miss Rowe is currently working very hard organising his forthcoming arrival – so keep an eye out for various activities as we ask for ideas on how to decorate him. In the meantime, St Elizabeth's Hospice will be our chosen charity this year for all retiring collections at our Christmas performances and future dress down days.

### **PTA Disco – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

The PTA will be holding a disco for the children in KS 2 on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Years 3 & 4 6–7pm, whilst Years 5 & 6 will be 7:15–8:30pm. Tickets will be purchased on the door at £1.50 each, and children may bring pocket money up to £1 to purchase snacks if they wish.

## Christmas Festivities

Now we are back in the second half of the Autumn Term, we cannot completely overlook the fact that there will be many festivities and celebrations at the end of the term! With this in mind we have a few dates for your diaries and calendars - more details will be following through nearer dates.

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| <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | EYFS & KS1 Nativity – “Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star”<br>Will be performed to parents and carers at 10am & 2pm  |
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| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b><br> | <p><b>“Woolly Pully Day”</b> – in aid of St Elizabeth’s Hospice<br/>Non Uniform and if you wish you can wear your Christmas/festive jumpers!!<br/>Donations welcome</p> <p>“Elmer’s Christmas Munchbag Lunch”<br/>Hot-Dog or Veggie Hot-Dog with Potato Wedges<br/>Elmer Cookie &amp; Apple Juice – enough to satisfy any little elephant!!</p> <p>KS2 – <b>“Christmas Around the Tree”</b> from 6pm<br/>Parents &amp; carers of children in KS2, are invited to join us in our Christmas celebrations and carolling around our tree, on the playground. We will be celebrating, whatever the weather, supported by our wonderful PTA who have arranged for refreshments to keep us warm &amp; a few craft stalls will be available to browse too! We are hoping that this will be a truly magical evening, with our own Christmas grotto and hopefully, if we’re good enough, a special delivery may be made!!</p> |
| <b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | “Christmas Day in School” – Mrs Jeffery will be offering a Christmas Dinner to help complete the celebrations (details to follow soon)  |
| <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | Last Day of Term<br>Reports Home<br>“Festive Fun Meal-in-a-Bag”<br>Fish or Veggie Burger with Chips<br>Festive Cupcake & Milkshake  |

Week Commencing 29<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Celebrations

Week Commencing 12<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week

Week Commencing 19<sup>th</sup> November – Road Safety Week

### Don't Forget:

Week Commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November – **NO HOT MEALS AVAILABLE**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – EYFS, Yr1, Yr2, Yr3, Yr4 & Yr5 – Flu Immunisation Day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Non Pupil Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – “Woolly Pully Day” in aid of Elmer & St Elizabeth’s Hospice

| Date   | Event   |
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| Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October             | Yrs 5 & 6 Learning Together Session 2:45pm - end of school day<br>Closing Date for Yr6 CAF1 Applications to Admissions<br>PTA Family Photos - Details to Follow |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November              | Yr6 "Crucial Crew"  |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                | Yr1 Learning Together Session 2:45pm - end of school day  |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November               | Maths Information Evening 6-7pm   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November              | Yr 3 & 4 - Stone Age Day  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November               | KS1 M&M Productions "Sleeping Beauty"<br>PTA Disco 6-7pm Yrs 3&4, 7:15-8:30pm Yrs 5&6   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November            | School Nursing Immunisation Team - Flu Vaccinations   |
| <b>*** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November ***</b> | <b>Non Pupil Day</b>  |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December            | Last Day of Autumn Term   |