



THE ELMS EXPRESS



DECEMBER EDITION

Message from Mr Jacques

I can't believe that we are at the end of Term 2 already. This term has seen children attend a pantomime, Year 3, 4 and 5 shared their learning in their year group assemblies and children in Pre-school, Reception and Year 1 performed a wonderful nativity.

Year 1 took the letters they had written to their parents (inviting them to the nativity play) and posted them at a post box in Faringdon. Years 2 and 3 visited All Saints Church to support their learning in RE. Children were told the Christmas story and had a range of workshops to take part in.

PC Mike Dix lead a talk about how to remain safe when using the internet and the law around it. Children and parents of Years 5 and 6 attended – thank you to everyone who was able to come!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish The Elms community a wonderful Christmas and a happy New year.



School Values

Our school value this term is **Kindness**.

Children wrote how they have been kind or someone in school has been kind to them. We have used these quotes to update our kindness display! Please read some of the lovely messages next time you are in school.



Improving children's knowledge of finance

We feel that it is vital that our children have a good understanding of how to be financially responsible. We have worked alongside HSBC to devise a finance curriculum to support this.

The first Finance Friday saw, children think about how they would spend a pound. There were different pots set up in the school hall and children had to place their pound in. Across the school, most children (74 children), chose to save their pound! Children also had year group specific lessons of how to manage money. Whether that was keeping records or how to save.



Sad Goodbyes

Unfortunately, Mrs Haly (our SENCo), will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Haly has been an integral part of The Elms. I would like to thank her for her incredible hard work and dedication as our SENCo. Her unwavering support for teachers, children and parents has made a lasting impact. Please join me in wishing Mrs Haly all the best and success in the future.

Mrs McIntosh will be taking over as our SENCo combining her current her role as Assistant Head.

Emily Joyce, our home school link worker will also be leaving us in December. She has been quick to gain positive relationships with staff, parents and children and has been a valuable member of staff. We will be sad to see her leave!

Elms Excellence

Weronika produced an amazing model of Count Olaf's house from the book 'A Series of unfortunate Events'. Connie, Zac and Toby were so proud of their brilliant letters and our play leaders have been in action organising fun games for children to play at lunchtimes – it's wonderful to see different year groups playing so well together.



Safeguarding

Last term, we were visited by our Local Community Support Service adviser, Anna Crockford. At times, families may need support from universal, targeted and specialist services. Early help can make the biggest difference. When needs are identified in a timely way, children and families can be supported before problems escalate. Working with a child and their family to address their needs early can reduce risk factors (needs) and increase protective factors (strengths).

- Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mr Calum Jacques.
- The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Shelley McIntosh.

December 2024

Key Dates – Term 3

Please find some key dates below for the upcoming term. They are subject to change; however, we will try and give as much notice as possible if this occurs.

Monday 6 th January	INSET DAY – School Closed	
Tuesday 7 th -11 th of January	Year 6 Mock SATs week	-
Monday 13 th January	Reading Open Afternoon -Year 1 and 3	2pm-3pm
Tuesday 14 th January	Reading Open Afternoon -Year 4 and 6	2pm-3pm
Thursday 16 th January	Reading Open Afternoon -Year 2 and 5	2pm-3pm
Monday 20 th & Tuesday 21 st January	Martial Arts Workshop – (All years)	All day
Friday 24 th January	PC Ben Visit (Y1&Y3)	9:30-11:30
Wednesday 29 th January	Trunk Theatre – (Y2)	Visiting FVP
Friday 31 st January	Finance Friday	1.00-2.30
Friday 31 st January	National Child Measurement Programme (Reception & Y6)	All day
W/C 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week	-
Tuesday 4 th February	Arthor Visit (All years)	-
Tuesday 11 th February	Year 2 Assembly	9.15am
15 th February- 23 rd February	HALF TERM	

STAGE
COACH

CHRISTMAS ONE DAY HOLIDAY WORKSHOP



WHEN: MON 23 DEC 2024

WHERE: ELMS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TIMES: 9:45A TO 3:45P

PARENT PRESENTATION: 3:00P

PRICE: £39/£29 SIBLINGS ★
(£6.50/£4.80 AN HOUR)



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