

Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hot meals started this week and what a success it's been already! We have reached 112 meals being ordered which is a huge credit to the staff and Maison Chef for getting this up and running. Elmtree is committed to children enjoying nutritious and delicious food, what we like to call **good mood food!** Thank you so much for your support and patience with some teething issues earlier in the week. If you continue to experience issues with the app then please do let us know.

This week we have had more visitors from ODBST as part of our usual monitoring cycle. Feedback has been incredibly positive, **'teaching and progress is strong,' 'behaviour is exemplary.'** The children's books demonstrate their learning for both progress and addressing misconceptions/ mistakes in a timely manner. This is testament to our 'live marking and feedback' that enables them to do this so successfully.

Our 'stay and learn' sessions have been wonderful to see. Thank you to all of you who have joined your children in their learning this week. Classrooms were certainly hives of activity! Children loved having you in.

Anti-bullying week has proved fruitful in children learning about those behaviours we DO want at Elmtree: **Ready, Respectful, Safe and Kind.** In our safeguarding assembly children learned about the NSPCC's message of, **'Speak out to stay safe'** which we reinforced through speaking to their 5 trusted adults and if they don't feel something has been solved then TELL TELL TELL.

Have a lovely weekend– watch out for a cold spell next week!

Kind regards,

Mrs Ohene



Together we reach for the stars



Dates for the diary

Parent volunteers needed!

Cherry class are due to visit the library on Monday but we are short of parent volunteers. If we do not have enough volunteers then we will have to postpone the trip which would be a great shame. If you can help (even if you do not have a child in Cherry class!) then please do contact the school office.

If you are able to help with your child's Wild Woods sessions then please let your child's class teacher know. We cannot run these sessions without you and they are so important for the children.

18th November Cherry class to Chesham Library 1.30-2.30

20th November Bedtime stories 3.20-4.20 (Bring Pyjamas to school)

25th November Maple class to Chesham Library 1.30-2.30

26th November New nursery tours for October intake 9.15am/2.15pm

2nd December Oak class to Chesham Library 1.30-2.30

6th December EFF Festive Friday - Tombola, Christmas Jumper Sale and Festive Treats

10th December Dress rehearsal with Y3 Thomas Harding, siblings and local guests

10th December Elgiva Pantomime 1pm-3pm (Collection from Elgiva)

12th December Christmas performance 9.30am

13th December Christmas performance 9.30am

13th December Christmas Jumper Day / Colonel Custard performance

17th December Nursery festive stay and play 9-9.30 and 2.45-3.15

20th December EFF Lunch and class parties

20th December Last day of term collection 1.30pm



CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday

Jannat - Nursery

Leo - Nursery

Chloe - Birch

Well Done Assembly Certificate

- Lola - Maple
- Mahnoor - Cherry
- Sumaiyah - Oak
- Rayaan - Oak
- Ashleigh - Cherry
- Roxy - Cherry
- Lilly - Maple

*****BREAKING NEWS*****

Mrs Dowling is expecting a baby girl in the Spring. She will be with us until the end of January and then goes on maternity leave. Huge congratulations from all of us at Elmtree.



EFF'S FESTIVE FRIDAY

6TH DECEMBER 3.10-4PM

TOY, TEDDY & BOOK TOMBOLA
CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE
FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS

in Willow Classroom

New School Catering

Maison Chef

Following our hugely successful food tasting experience last Friday, we are thrilled to announce that from **Monday, 11th November**, our school will have new caterers, **Maison Chef** will provide delicious hot meals for our students. Maison Chef is well known for offering hot, fresh, nutritious, and varied meals that we are confident the children will love. They are already well established at Woodside Junior School.

To make things even easier, parents can set up an online account to order and manage their child's meals through the **Maison Chef** website. Below are some simple instructions to help you set up your child's account and begin selecting meals:

How to Set Up a Child Account: ***For FREE SCHOOL MEALS use the code ELMTREE***

1. **Visit the Website:** Go to the following link: <https://www.maison-chef.co.uk/school-meals/>
2. **Create an Account:** Click on the 'Create an Account' option and follow the steps to register as a parent.
3. **Add Your Child:** Once logged in, click on "Add Child." You'll be prompted to input your child's details, such as their full name, year group, and class.
4. **Select Meals:** After adding your child, you can view the available menu for each week. Simply select the meals you'd like to order for each day and confirm your choices.
5. **Check Your Orders:** You can log back into the system anytime to review or amend your child's meal choices, and you'll also receive a confirmation email after placing an order.

Note meals must be ordered by 4pm each Friday for the following week, meals can also be booked termly

Download the Schoolbitez App:

Once you have registered online, you can also manage your child's meals using the Schoolbitez app available for download on both iOS and Android devices.

1. **Download the App:** Search for Schoolbitez in your device's app store and download the app.
2. **Install and Launch:** Once downloaded and installed, open the app.
3. **Enter School Code:** You will be prompted to enter your child's school code. Please enter the school's registration code: **MC-WJS.**
4. **Log In:** Use the same login details you created when registering online to access your account.

The app allows you to easily manage meal orders, track menus, and make changes on the go!

We are confident this new catering service will provide a more enriching and enjoyable dining experience for the children, not least because meals will be hot and healthy. If you have any questions or run into any issues setting up the account, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office for support.



Bedtime Stories

Wednesday 20th November 3.20-4.20pm

£2.50/child- pay on MCAS Products

Please let the office know of any allergies

Bring your pyjamas to school and have a bedtime story read by your teacher with a hot chocolate, marshmallows & biscuit!

+ (Please let the office know if any allergies)

Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is 90% this is below our target of **96%**. We were doing well at achieving 95% these last few weeks. Please prioritise your child's attendance every day. Learning happens every day.

Let's aim to be in **#SchoolEveryDay** next week

Champion Year Group: Year 2

This weeks attendance

Reception - 80%



Year 1 - 90%



Year 2 - 94%



Remember that **#MomentsMatter**

We expect all children to attend school for at least 96% of sessions across the year.



ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off in the school year!

Attendance matters!



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



Understanding the impact of lateness and absence for your child



At Elmtree we have a soft start from 8.45-8.55am. Gates close at 8.55am. Registers close at 9.00am. If your child arrives after this, they will be marked as late.

If in a school year a child is late by-	Your child will have lost approximately this much learning-
5 minutes	3.2 days (16 lessons)
10 minutes	6.3 days (32 lessons)
15 minutes	9.5 days (48 lessons)
20 minutes	12.7 days (64 lessons)
25 minutes	15.8 days (79 lessons)

In order to achieve our expected 96% attendance success, children must be in school for at least 184 out of 190 days. This means that no more than 6 school days can be missed to ensure your child achieves their full potential and maximises their learning.

If a child's attendance during the school year is-	Your child will have lost approximately this much learning-
96%	6 days (30 lessons)
95%	9 days (45 lessons)
90%	19 days (95 lessons)
85%	29 days (145 lessons)
80%	38 days (190 lessons)
75%	48 days (240 lessons)

Please park safely and legally

The area around school gets very busy at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please leave plenty of time to get to school in the morning and afternoon.

We encourage all families to walk, cycle or scoot to school. This reduces the traffic around school. Alternatively, you can 'Park and Stride' (park a little further away and walk, scoot or cycle the rest of the journey).

If you have no option but to bring a car, please park safely and lawfully - not on any zig-zag markings/ yellow lines and not over any dropped kerbs or outside residential properties. Please do not park in the staff car park.

This week we have spotted cars parked outside residential homes, blocking residents in. Parking in these areas causes considerable congestion, and is a danger to our children and families.

Please do not leave engines running as this creates increased pollution around school, which our children and families are breathing in.

Thank you for helping to improve parking, congestion and traffic flow on Elm Tree Hill to help support the safety, health and well-being of our children.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD WEARS A SEATBELT AT ALL TIMES WHILST TRAVELLING IN A CAR/ VAN.

