

Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to hear the joyful singing as the children practise their Harvest assembly this week.

The children have been engaging actively in their P.E. lessons as well as out on the playground. Did you know that 3-5 year olds should be out of breath several times a day? We are committed to this at Elmtree.

As the weather starts to change please ensure your child has welly boots in school as they will go out in all weathers and they will need them for Wild Woods. The children are already enjoying their sessions down in our Wild Woods as they immerse themselves in nature. We are so lucky to have this opportunity.

Thank you to all our parents who helped to support our uniform and cake sale last week– watch this space to see how much we raised! You are always welcome to join our Elmtree Friends and Family group.

Please do check the dates for your diary as there are lots of exciting things coming up!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Warmest regards,

Mrs Ohene



Together we reach for the stars



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CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday

Aiyla - Oak

Florence - Cherry

Aisha - Cherry

Ayla - Nursery

Mahnoor - Nursery

Michael - Nursery

Haniya - Beech

Harriet - Beech

Aiza - Birch

Well Done Assembly Certificate

* **Mason - Maple**

* **Florence - Cherry**

* **Jessica - Maple**

* **Ashleigh - Cherry**

• **Abdul Raheem - Cherry**

• **Marnie - Oak**



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CELEBRATION



Michael, Leo and Eddy did an amazing job working together as a team to complete this 100 piece puzzle in nursery.



Autumn 1

Dates for the diary

23rd-27th September Harvest Donation Week

27th September Year 1 to DCHS Sports Festival 9.30-11.30 children to be at school at 8.20am to leave at 8.45am

30th September Harvest Assembly Reception/Yr1/Yr2 9.05am Parents can attend

1st October Year 2 to deliver Harvest donations to local residents

2nd October Nursery Harvest Assembly 9.05am and 1.05pm Parents can attend

9th October New Reception tours for 2025-2026 intake 9.30am

10th October 5-5.30 EFF AGM

15th October School Photos (individual /sibling)

17th October New Reception tours for 2025-2026 intake 1.30pm / EFF fancy dress costume sale 3.00-3.30pm

21st – 25th October **Wonderful World week** (Me, My community, My world, Marvellous Me)

24th October Wonderful World Week international dress Mufti Day—3pm EFF Cake sale

25th October Winning house team colour mufti day

Please do check your MCAS App for Autumn 1's Parent Curriculum

28th October - 1st November Half Term





Dear Parents and Carers of Reception, Year 1
and Year 2,

you are invited to our Harvest assembly on
Monday 30th September at 9.05am.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We look forward to seeing
you in the school hall.





Dear Parents and Carers of Nursery,
you are invited to our Harvest assembly on

Wednesday 2nd October

9.05 morning parents

1.05 afternoon parents

HARVEST FESTIVAL

*If your child attends Nursery all day, then you
can choose which session to come to.*

*We look forward to seeing you in our
Nursery.*





EFF NEWSLETTER

SEPT 2024

Get in touch - friendsfamily@elmtree.bucks.sch.uk

WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer break! Here are the key dates this term for EFF events in the hall:

Friday 13th Sept 2.30-3.30pm

Headteachers Welcome with Uniform & Refreshment Sale

Weds 16th Oct 5-6pm

EFF AGM (*also on Zoom*)

Thurs 17th Oct 3pm

Costume Sale

Thurs 24th Oct

Wonderful World Week Mufti Day
Cake Sale at 3pm

See you there! Aimee, Sarah & Emma
(Chair, Treasurer & Secretary)

WE NEED YOU!

To ensure a smooth transition we need parents/caregivers of children in Nursery/Reception to come forward this term for the following roles:

Chair - to lead the EFF and help organise events

Vice Chair - to assist in the running and organising of events

Secretary - to help with the administration side of the EFF

They can then shadow our current committee until they leave at the end of the school year. Please email!

It's wonderful that last school year we raised just over £4000! This meant we were able to pay for a ticket for every child from R - Yr 2 to go for a school trip to the Panto, pay for the farm visit for Nursery and contribute to school trips. Thank you for everyone's donations last year and to our volunteers help at each school event!



WHO ARE WE?

The EFF is the school's PTA - our volunteers organise events throughout the year to fund exciting activities & buy additional resources for the children at Elmtree.

DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

If you would like to get involved in helping the EFF please get in touch. It really is a fun, social way to get to meet other parents. You will also really be making a difference to enhancing the children's education! If we have no new uptake by the end of 2024 unfortunately we will have to dissolve the PTA at the end of the school year.



ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

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

Attendance matters!

Below 90%
Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern. Low
Attendance.

At least 96%
Expected
attendance.



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Sickness Policy

Infection	Exclusion period	Comments
Athlete's foot	None	Athlete's foot is not a serious condition. Treatment is recommended.
Chicken pox	Five days from onset of rash and all the lesions have crusted over	
Cold sores (herpes simplex)	None	Avoid kissing and contact with the sores. Cold sores are generally mild and heal without treatment.
Conjunctivitis	None	If an outbreak/cluster occurs, consult your local Health Protection Team (HPT).
Diarrhoea and vomiting	Whilst symptomatic and 48 hours after the last symptoms.	
Diphtheria *	Exclusion is essential. Always consult with your local HPT	Preventable by vaccination. Family contacts must be excluded until cleared to return by your local HPT.
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered	Report outbreaks to your local HPT.
Glandular fever	None	
Hand foot and mouth	None	Contact your local HPT, if large numbers of children are affected. Exclusion may be considered in some circumstances.
Head lice	None	Treatment recommended only when live lice seen.
Hepatitis A*	Exclude until seven days after onset of jaundice (or 7 days after symptom onset if no jaundice)	In an outbreak of hepatitis A, your local HPT will advise on control measures.
Hepatitis B*, C*, HIV	None	Hepatitis B and C and HIV are blood borne viruses that are not infectious through casual contact. Contact your local HPT for more advice.
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted /healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period.
Measles*	Four days from onset of rash and recovered	Preventable by vaccination (2 doses of MMR). Promote MMR for all pupils and staff. Pregnant staff contacts should seek prompt advice from their GP.
Meningococcal meningitis*/ septicæmia*	Until recovered	Meningitis ACWY and B are preventable by vaccination (see national schedule @ www.nhs.uk). Your local HPT will advise on any action needed.
Meningitis* due to other bacteria	Until recovered	Hib and pneumococcal meningitis are preventable by vaccination (see national schedule @ www.nhs.uk) Your local HPT will advise on any action needed.
Meningitis viral*	None	Milder illness than bacterial meningitis. Siblings and other close contacts of a case need not be excluded.
MRSA	None	Good hygiene, in particular handwashing and environmental cleaning, are important to minimise spread. Contact your local HPT for more.
Mumps*	Five days after onset of swelling	Preventable by vaccination with 2 doses of MMR (see national schedule @ www.nhs.uk). Promote MMR for all pupils and staff.



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Sickness Policy

Infection	Exclusion period	Comments
Ringworm	Not usually required.	Treatment is needed.
Rubella (German measles)	Five days from onset of rash	Preventable by vaccination with 2 doses of MMR (see national schedule @ www.nhs.uk). Promote MMR for all pupils and staff. Pregnant staff contacts should seek prompt advice from their GP or midwife.
Scarlet fever	Exclude until 24hrs of appropriate antibiotic treatment completed	A person is infectious for 2-3 weeks, if antibiotics are not administered. In the event of two or more suspected cases, please contact local health care provider.
Scabies	Can return after first treatment	Household and close contacts require treatment at the same time.
Slapped cheek /Fifth disease/Parvo virus B19	None (once rash has developed)	Pregnant contacts of case should consult with their GP or midwife.
Threadworms	None	Treatment recommended for child & household.
Tonsillitis	None	There are many causes, but most cases are due to viruses and do not need an antibiotic treatment.
Tuberculosis (TB)	Always consult your local HPT BEFORE disseminating information to staff/parents/carers	Only pulmonary (lung) TB is infectious to others. Needs close, prolonged contact to spread.
Warts and verrucae	None	Verrucae should be covered in swimming pools, gyms and changing rooms.
Whooping cough (pertussis)*	Two days from starting antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of symptoms if no antibiotics	Preventable by vaccination. After treatment, non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks. Your local HPT will organise any contact tracing.

***denotes a notifiable disease. It is a statutory requirement that doctors report a notifiable disease to the proper officer of the local authority (usually a consultant in communicable disease control).**

The PHE guidance can be found here:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities>



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Healthy Lunches at Elmtree



YES PLEASE



NO THANK YOU

Chapattis/ wraps/ sandwiches with healthy fillings such as: chicken, cheese, tuna, cucumber, potato.	Chocolate, chocolate biscuits, chocolate spread/ jam, any other chocolate.
Fruits and vegetables (some may need to be chopped up).	Cakes/biscuits of any kind.
Yoghurts	Sweets
Breadsticks	Crisps
Chicken bites/ veggie bites	Smoothies/ Yoghurt drinks
Spaghetti/ pasta/ noodles/ rice (in a thermos); wholegrain would be even healthier!	Flavoured water/ juice (Fruitshoots of any kind).
Cucumber/ carrots sticks and Hummus.	Junk foods: pizza, nuggets, chips, fried chicken.
Mini cheddars/ crackers	NUTS

At Elmtree, we want the very best start for our children. This includes ensuring they eat healthily. Providing healthy lunches is essential for several reasons. Here is our rationale for wanting our children to eat healthy lunches:

1. Nutritional Needs

- **Growth and Development:** Children are in critical stages of growth, requiring balanced nutrition to support physical and cognitive development.
- **Energy Levels:** Nutritious meals help maintain energy throughout the school day, improving focus and learning.

2. Academic Performance

- **Concentration and Focus:** Proper nutrition is linked to better concentration, memory, and overall academic performance.
- **Reduced Absenteeism:** Healthy eating can lead to better health, reducing absenteeism due to illness.

3. Healthy Habits

- **Lifelong Skills:** Schools can play a crucial role in teaching children about healthy eating and making nutritious choices, fostering lifelong healthy habits.
- **Social Norms:** When healthy options are promoted in schools, it normalizes these choices among peers.

4. Preventing Health Issues

- **Chronic Disease Prevention:** Healthy lunches can help combat childhood obesity and reduce the risk of chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease. Did you know that 10% of Elmtree children were obese or overweight in 2022-2023?
- **Mental Health:** Nutrition affects mental well-being; balanced meals can support mood regulation and mental health.

5. Food Education

- **Culinary Skills:** Exposure to different foods encourages children to explore and develop their tastes, promoting culinary skills.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Offering diverse foods can enhance cultural appreciation and inclusivity among students.

6. Behavioural Benefits

- **Reduced Behavioural Issues:** A well-nourished child is less likely to experience mood swings and behavioural difficulties, leading to a better learning environment.
- **Better Relationships:** Healthy eating can contribute to improved social interactions and cooperation among peers.

7. Community and Environment

- **Waste Reduction:** Emphasizing healthy, whole foods can reduce food waste and encourage mindful consumption.

Healthy lunches at school create an environment that supports not just academic success but also the overall well-being of children, laying the foundation for a healthier future.



**NUT FREE
ZONE**

Communications App



My Child at School app

A convenient way to stay connected with your child's school experience.

The app provides access to important information such as attendance, reports, timetables, and school messages.

To get started, please download the app from your app store and use the unique login details provided by the school.

If you need help or haven't received your login information, please contact the school office.

Thank you for staying engaged in your child's education!

A screenshot of the 'my child at school.com' login page. At the top is the logo with a red checkmark. Below it is a blue button labeled 'PARENT LOGIN'. There are two input fields: 'Email' with an envelope icon and 'Password' with a lock icon. A checkbox labeled 'Remember Email Address' is on the left, and 'Reset Password' and 'Sign Up' links are on the right. A blue 'Login' button is at the bottom. At the very bottom, it says 'v5.2023.8721.30501' and 'Powered by Bromcom'.