



Term Dates 2023

Wednesday 4 January 2023 –
School opens at 8.50am

Friday 17 February –
School closes at 3.15

Monday 27 February –
School re-opens

Friday 31 March –
School closes at 2pm

Monday 17 April –
School re-opens

Welcome from the Headteacher



It has been a busy term welcoming and settling all of our brilliant new Year 7 students and new staff into Elms Bank life. Our new Year 7 have done amazingly well and we are exceptionally proud of each of them.

In October we celebrated all the great achievements and qualifications our last year's Year 11 and 14 students secured at Annual Awards Evening. It was the first time since the pandemic that we were able to hold the event at college. The evening was a great success.

Throughout the term our Elms Bank choir have been entertaining the local community and bringing joy to all. They have recently visited Millwood School and performed at our wonderful 'Winter Concert' – not a dry eye in the house! The concert also showcased many of our talented young people's drama performances and this year we were lucky to be joined by some students from Hazel Wood High School.

I hope that you enjoy reading our latest newsletter to see how much fun we have had this term at Elms Bank.

I wish you all a peaceful and restful holiday period and look forward to seeing everyone back on 4 January 2023!

Happy Holidays
Mrs Langley-Sadler

ARRR' PIRATES !



Ripon have enjoyed their start to Autumn B by beginning to learn all about Pirates. They have found out their pirate names, sung and signed to sea shanties, got certificates for performing as pirates and even found three mysterious bottles in the sensory garden by working in 3 teams. They pieced together a map which was inside, which showed the first voyage of Captain James Cook!



The Elms Bank Choir arrived at Bury Town Hall en masse to perform in the Bury SEND Event. We were joined by many parents, families and Bury residents who celebrated our beautiful singing. The choir showed great stamina by singing a set of 10 songs. We were praised for our beautiful singing, enthusiasm and professionalism. *Thank You*

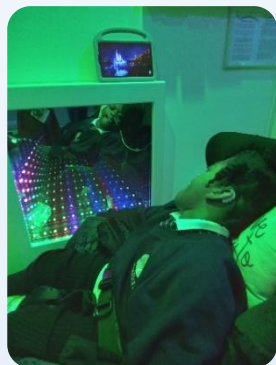


SEND Event at Bury's Elizabethan Suite

Thrive New Light Room

This year, Thrive have opened their new light room within the department. The students access the space as part of their curriculum and this term have looked at themes such as space and the circus. It's a fabulous environment in which to learn, relax and socialise.

The equipment is based around sound, light and touch response, which encourages the students to interact and explore with increased focus and independence.



**Free
School
Meals**



Are you entitled?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - and your earned income is less than £7,400 a year, after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are do not get Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income is less than £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you get Working Tax Credits you will not be eligible unless you are receiving the four week 'run on' payment after stopping work.

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Free school meals are also available for eligible households with:

- children at local authority maintained nurseries, providing they receive education before and after lunch
- students aged between 16 and 19 who go to Elms Bank College
- students who receive Income Support or Income-based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right

If you think your child may be eligible, please visit www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



As part of Elms Bank Christmas celebrations and Children's Christmas Jumper Day, Austen class held an assembly on the great work that Save the Children do in the UK and around the world. As part of this assembly Austen asked all the classes to design a Christmas Jumper to be entered into a competition to win some prizes. There were some fantastic entries, all very creative and used a range of different art materials and colours. Elms Bank office staff chose the top three designs and the winners were announced at the end of the Christmas Jumper Day assembly on Friday 9 December.



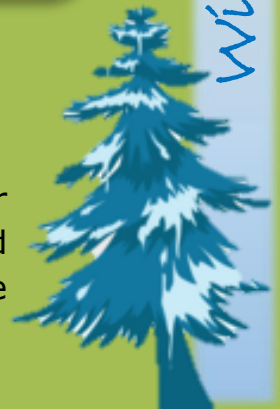
Excellence for All



Last week we had a very successful Winter Concert which was attended by over 180 friends and family. A whopping 90 pupils showcased their talents to the highest standard and performed with great enthusiasm and confidence. There were performances from the school choir and various ensembles and soloists.

We were delighted that Hazel Wood High School's Drama group joined our festivities. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening and pupils received fantastic feedback. Thank you to all the parents for attending the concert. We couldn't do this without your support.

Winter Festival 2022



Ghosts and goblins arrived at Elms Bank school on 31 October which did not put us off having a wonderful day. Pupils and staff dressed up and took part in a range of Halloween themed lessons. Pupils knocked on decorated office doors seeking treats in return for tricks including jokes, poems and songs.

The fun did not stop there...we were joined by over 50 pupils at the Halloween disco. Pupils feasted on Hotdogs and sweets and danced the night away while parents enjoyed a cup of tea and some peace and quiet.



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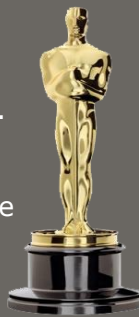
Instant Christmas at Elms Bank

The School was transformed on Tuesday 6 December into a Christmas Wonderland. The Classroom doors were decorated and windows painted to welcome the festive season and our pupils.



Elms Bank Awards Evening

We were delighted to hold our first face to face Awards Evening at Elms Bank since the pandemic. The event was a huge success in which we paid tribute to our amazing students for all their achievements. They truly make us proud. College sparkled with all glitz and glamour of the event and our hospitality students made drinks and canapes for our special guests.



The student's awards were distributed by Mrs C Reynolds, Director of Improvement, Oak Learning Partnership, Mr A Boroda, Trustee, Mrs E Cairns, QEB Member and Mrs J Eade one of our sponsors. All who attended were delighted to hear the choir sing live again and there was not a dry eye in sight.

The evening was magical and we look forward to many more.



ATTENDANCE



By law, all parents are required to make sure their child receives education. The LA requires all schools to monitor each pupils attendance.

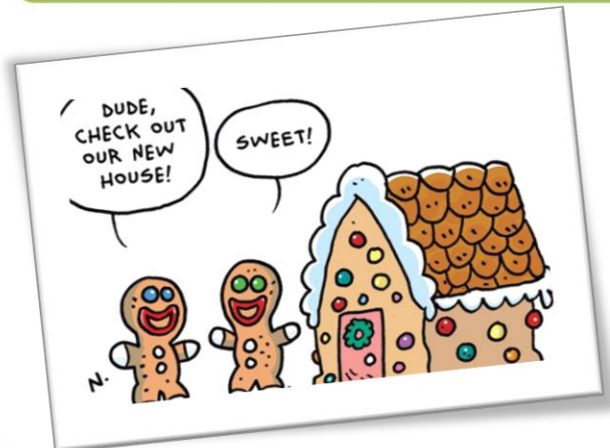
We regard regular attendance/punctuality as very important in helping pupils to learn. The only reasons allowed for absences are; personal illness, visits to the doctor or dentist or other medical appointments and important religious festivals; headteachers are now unable to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please inform school/college by 9am if your child will be absent for any of these reasons.

School 061 766 1597 - Option No. 2
College - 0161 674 0249

We shall contact you if your child has unexplained absences. Pastoral team may visit to help solve problems with attendance.

Please be aware parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from school.



I hope this Christmas brings you happiness and joy.



Merry Christmas!



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