



# Elm Tree Newsletter

Welcome to our monthly newsletter, take a look at what our school have been doing during December. From everyone at Elm Tree, we hope you had lovely Christmas and a wish you the best for 2020!



## Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

On the 18th December, we had our annual Christmas lunch for all pupils and staff. Everyone wore their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed a fantastic Christmas lunch. This was then followed by a school disco for the children! Please take a look at some of our children and staff getting into the Christmas spirit!



## Christmas Pantomime

On the 11th December, the whole school went to St. Helens Theatre Royal to watch Aladdin. Everybody had a wonderful time shouting "He's Behind You!".



## Cold Weather

Please can we remember to send children in with a warm coat now we are into the winter season. It is a lot colder at break time and lunch time.





Dear Parents/Carers,

The latest news from the Lancashire SEND Partnership is now available to read on our [homepage](#). This news is also shared with, young people, parent/carers colleagues in health, education and the county council.

#### [Latest news](#)

In this edition, we share the SEND Partnership Ways of Working document that was agreed by the SEND Partnership Board to set out our shared understanding about working together. There's an item about the Lancashire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) One Year On Event and a questionnaire for young people on the redesign of the [Short Breaks Offer](#).

We continue to promote the Personal Outcomes Evaluation Tool (POET) survey by [In-Control](#) which is part of a national pilot to help local areas understand the impact of the SEND reforms and help improve services in the local area.

#### [Improvement Plan](#)

The 2019/20 SEND Partnership Improvement Plan, updated in September to capture progress, can be viewed [here](#) and includes a handy link for sharing it with others.

Please contact [Shakoofeh.Shah@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Shakoofeh.Shah@lancashire.gov.uk) if you would like to include a news item about SEND in the next edition. **The deadline for this is Friday 17th January 2020.**

Kind regards

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# Important Information

## Transport

Please can you ensure that your child is ready for the arrival of the bus in the mornings as they can only wait a few minutes because the bus needs to carry on with the route to pick the other children up. Any changes with the address of pick up and drop off need to be told in advance and within 1 mile radius  
Thank you.



## Dinner Money

The cost of a school meal is £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week. Dinner money should be paid on a Monday. Dinner money cheques should be made payable to Elm Tree Community Primary School. Please ensure all money sent into school is in a clearly labelled envelope or on our new SchoolMoney System. Thank you.

School Dinners

## Sickness

If your child is absent due to an illness please contact the school in the morning to inform them of the reason for the absence and how long you expect them to be off school.

Just a reminder that children with sickness bugs should not return to school for 24 hours after the vomiting stops and 48 hours after . For any further information please contact school on 01695 50924, or refer to the school website.



## Letters

Please can you ensure letters that need completing and signing are returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



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