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## THE ELMRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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### Letter from the Minister

We are delighted to announce that Elmridge received a letter of congratulations from Nick Gibb - The Minister of State for School Standards this week for fantastic Key Stage Two mathematics results. The results put us in the top 2% of schools in the country. Well done to all the staff and pupils for their continued hard work.



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP  
Minister of State for School Standards

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27 January 2020

Dear Mr Edmundson,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2. This means that for achievement in mathematics, Elmridge Primary School is in the top 2 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The Government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP  
Minister of State for School Standards

### Sports News

The next Sale Harriers Cross Country League fixture will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. All pupils from Key Stage Two are welcome to attend. The boys' team are currently in fourth place in the team competition after two rounds. Please see Mr Edmundson for more details.

### Attendance (Reception to Year 6)

The school's average attendance (R-Y6) last term was 96.5%.

Year 4 have the best attendance currently with 97.4% and have won Be There Bear on the most occasions - congratulations to them!

Thank you to parents for their assistance in ensuring that holidays and other absences are not taken during term time.

Please ensure that children are on the playground for 8.50am. Children will receive a "late" mark (L) if they arrive after 8.55am and a "late after register has closed" mark (U) after 9.10am.

If your child is absent, please leave a message on the absence line (option 1 via the main school number 0161 980 4941), use the ParentMail app or email school [elmridge.admin@elmridge.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:elmridge.admin@elmridge.trafford.sch.uk).

Absences that we do not have a reason for will be marked on the register as "unauthorised". This could lead to the Education Welfare Officer being advised and a fine being issued.

### Parking

Elmridge has been approached by Trafford Council for advice and guidance on how schools can create a safe parking environment around the school premises. Traffic Enforcement Officers have reported that Elmridge maintains one of the safest environments in Trafford. They have invited us to share ideas etc. that they can pass to other schools to replicate the success that we have had.

We would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued assistance in parking safely to ensure our pupils safety during dropping off and picking up times. We are working hard to keep all our children and families safe.



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Promote individuality  
Be advocates for change



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### School Library

At Elmridge we are lucky enough to have a well-stocked library in addition to our reading books.

Lots of great books are kindly donated by yourselves and the pupils really enjoy their library trip and taking a new book home. It is so lovely to hear their verdict on what they have read.

Most books are returned when asked for or paid for if they are lost but some are not unfortunately. Please bear this in mind and help your child look after these books as some are being returned wet, torn or crumpled.

Since we started using the library online system in 2015, 50 books have not been returned and the school has not been reimbursed.

### School Clubs

Thank you to all parents that complete the online form for their child(ren) to attend clubs.

Next half term's clubs will be sent before the end next week. Please check your emails regularly.

There is a strict "return by" date so please ensure that you have completed the form online in time.

### Parents Evening

The appointment system will open on ParentMail from 9am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for parents/carers to book their own appointments to see the class teacher on either Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

### Dates for your Diary

#### February

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Challenge Day (Reception – Y6)  
Please ensure that your £3 per child is paid via your ParentPay account.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Interim Reports (Reception – Y6)  
*Please note that your child's report will be handed to whomever collects your child on that day. If your child walks home, we will ask them to put the report in their bag and hand to their parent/carer. Should you wish to collect the report instead on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February from the school office, please let us know.*

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> School closes for half term  
Own Clothes Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> School Re-opens

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> PTA Movie Night – Details to follow

#### March

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> M & M Production of Wizard of Oz  
Parents Evening

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Fun Run (Postponed from October 2019)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> PTA Mothers' Day Gifts  
Class & Team Photographs

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> School closes for Easter  
Own Clothes Day

