

TOGETHER

THE ELMRIDGE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM B 2020 NEWSLETTER

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A message from Mr Edmundson

At the end of a very unusual and challenging term, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our school community in securing the best possible outcomes for the pupils in the most testing of circumstances.

I feel immensely proud of the staff and how they have gone the extra mile to support the children, and each other through the term - it has been a superb effort. The Elmridge team has displayed incredible courage and positivity and I can't praise them enough.

Christmas has been different this year but nonetheless a magical time for the children. A wonderful nativity was performed in Nursery with parents receiving a copy on a USB. The other classes have videoed a short Christmas presentation that we will be sending out to you this week- we hope you enjoy! There will be a plenty of Christmas activities taking place in classes as usual. Thank you to the PTA for organising class raffles and a brilliant winter walk.

The pupils have been remarkable this term. They have accepted that things have been different and approached their new routines with a positive attitude. In lessons, they are working hard to catch-up any lost ground and they have showed maturity and kindness in the way they have supported one another and taken the safety measures seriously. We couldn't be prouder of them.

With the vaccination process beginning, we can now start looking forward to more normal times in the New Year. We can't wait to welcome families back into school to share our special events and celebrations. In the meantime, school will run in the same way in January with the same start and finish times, one way system and requirement to wear face-coverings on the premises.

Thank you again for your continued support- it means such a lot to us at this time. We would like to wish you all a fantastic Christmas and a happy and healthy 2021.



Attendance

Attendance at school (not including self-isolation) is currently 96.8%. This is above the national average and slightly above our attendance rate last year. Under the circumstances we are extremely pleased with this figure.

Now more than ever, a consistently high level of attendance is vital to enable us to help the pupils catch up on any lost ground. No holidays during term time will be authorised. Please book any holidays within the 13 weeks of school holidays that are available.

School closes on Friday 18th December at 2pm for those pupils usually collected at 3.10pm and 2.15pm for those pupils usually collected at 3.25pm. This is also an own clothes day.

The holiday dates for the rest of this academic year are provided below:

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020/2021

OPEN

CLOSE

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January

HALF-TERM

Friday 12th February (30)

Monday 22nd February

Thursday 1st April (29)

SUMMER TERM 2021

All schools closed on Mon 3rd May 2021 – Bank Holiday

Monday 19th April

HALF-TERM

Friday 28th May (29)

Monday 14th June

Friday 23rd July (30)

Clubs

Mr Whitham will again be running his Sports Camp over part of the Christmas holidays. Information has already been sent out via ParentMail. Please book in advance.



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Community



KS2 are full of Christmas cheer and, over the last few weeks, we have been enjoying lots of wonderful Christmas and winter themed activities. To spread this festive feeling of joy and happiness, we made some wonderful Christmas cards which have been passed on to the staff and residents at a local care home, Sunrise. We hope they all have a very Merry Christmas!

Staff Updates

Mrs Stevenson will be returning to Nursery next term after finishing her maternity leave. She will team up again with Miss Wood whilst Mrs Somani will move across to work with the Reception class.

We are saying goodbye to three School Direct student teachers who have completed their first practice at Elmridge during the autumn term. Miss Ruane (Year 2), Miss Steel (Year 4) and Miss Whittaker (Year 5) will be undertaking placements in other schools next term but will be returning to Elmridge for their final practice after Easter. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work in the classroom and for their help with supervision duties across school.

PTA

PTA have managed to hold some events despite the current restrictions including Quiz Night/Raffle £333, Winter Walk £158, Christmas Raffle £513 and £183.50 (inclusive of gift aid) on our crowdfunder page so far!

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/help-elmridge-primary-schools-pta-reach-our-annual-commitments?fbclid=IwAR333j65nHy754a1Zh7X4jjxzM0dCv1XAgpITRpuw5d3srdVRAa2nAFATJQ>

PTA annual commitments total £2300 and we appreciate everyone's support in our attempt to reach this goal!

Raffle Prize winners have been contacted, please ensure you collect your prize from the school office by Thursday.

Well-Being

Please see the link below to a new page which has been compiled on the Trafford Directory by our Family Information Service on support available for residents over the Christmas period:

<https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/advicewe.page?id=v1S7VKEv4F0#top>

Just Psychology Trafford Sunrise Mental Health and Wellbeing Trafford Sunrise Parent Workshops Jan 2021

- Are you a parent based in the Trafford area with a child aged 5-12 years?
- Would you like some advice, information, and resources to support your child?
- Do you want to meet other parents facing similar issues?



Our parent workshops aim to help you to support your child regarding anxiety, bullying, behavioural problems and other emotional health and wellbeing topics.

Join our Zoom Workshops for Free! Pre-registration is required. You need to be a Trafford Resident to participate in this workshop.

Anxiety
Tuesday 12th January
10:00am to 11:30am
Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJ0lc0Gogz2MhNxlFW5APxc6B-4d-6Dw5Cm>
Make sure to register early as there are limited spaces.

You can also see our event details and updates on Facebook and Twitter
facebook.com/JustPsychologyCIC/ @Just_Psychology

Parental Separation and Divorce
Monday 18th January
2:30pm to 4:00pm
Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/1J1M4deGcrakbHNSp2R1G7FynRvQeboSLeXz>
Make sure to register early as there are limited spaces.

Managing Change
Thursday 4th February
5:00pm to 6:30pm
Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/1cof-GogTtp1Hw6Nz2nsMiw-190oVNBajZ>
Make sure to register early as there are limited spaces.

Behavioural Difficulties
Wednesday 10th February
11:00am – 12:30pm
Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/1Eaf-2urT8uG92jwzywztkPox7Te-afNKh>
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Together we will
Challenge the ordinary
Promote individuality
Be advocates for change

