



Elmridge Primary School

BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

NEWSLETTER – 4th October 2021

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Welcome from Mr Edmundson

With less restrictions and a more familiar feel to school life, the first month of the new academic year has felt even more exciting and special than usual.

When describing what makes Elmridge so unique as a school, pupils often mention the friendships they develop, not just within their own classes, but also with children in older and younger year groups. With free movement around school possible again, it has been lovely to see pupils reunited and new friendships and bonds being forged. Leadership roles such as playground leaders, librarians and monitors have returned, face to face assemblies are back and a full range of after school sports are on offer with even more returning after half term.

On a sunny afternoon watching the children having fun on the field, it's easy to forget that we are still in a global pandemic. The way that school operates must reflect that fact, particularly with several new cases of COVID occurring in the school community over the last few weeks. We definitely cannot drop our guard and must retain key measures to secure the safest possible environment for everyone.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter. This edition has plenty of sports news and some exciting updates on improvements to the premises.

Care 4 Calais

The response to the Care 4 Calais fundraising campaign in aid of refugees from Afghanistan was overwhelming. The school and Care 4 Calais would like to thank parents and staff for their generosity. The clothing and bedding was picked up last week and has already been made available to families in need.



Parking

A big thank you to parents for not parking on Wilton Drive and High Elm Drive. Keeping these two cul-de-sacs clear is vital in securing a safe entry and exit into school for all our families.

I'm sure that you noticed that double yellow lines were painted on the corners of the roads close to school over the summer holidays. This was welcomed by the school and local residents alike and will make the area around the school a lot safer for motorists and pedestrians.

On occasion the office receives a call from an upset local resident after their driveway is blocked by someone dropping off or picking up a child from Elmridge.

Unfortunately, this has happened on a number of occasions recently. Blocking a resident's driveway is obviously unacceptable and the consequences could be extremely serious eg it could stop someone getting to hospital in a medical emergency. Please park thoughtfully and be courteous to our local residents at all times.

Kitchen Improvements

The extraction system for the Elmridge kitchen was replaced over the summer break, after the school was successful in a bid for government Condition Improvement Funding.

The work done also involved the installation of new hobs and ovens as well as the introduction of a combi-oven into the Elmridge kitchen for the first time. The ceiling and lighting were also replaced as part of the project

Mrs Mason- the school's head cook- is delighted by the upgrades. She feels that the new equipment is making the kitchen a much more comfortable environment to work in and that the new ovens are making the meals even more delicious.

School successful in bid to replace heating boilers

Before the summer break, the school received the welcome news that it has been successful in its CIF bid for funds to replace the main central heating boilers.

With the existing boilers installed in the 1990s, they have done remarkably well to last this long. This work has been scheduled for April 2022.



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Sports

Football



Year 5 and Year 6 boys football teams took part in friendly games with Acre Hall and Kingsway on 16th September 2021.

The results were as follows:

Elmridge A	0	Acre Hall A	1
Elmridge A	3	Kingsway A	1
Elmridge B	3	Kingsway B	0
Elmridge B	1	Acre Hall B	4

We have a tournament arranged against other Trafford schools on Friday 8th October 1pm-4pm. Selected players will be sent a letter home in the next few days.

Netball

Acre Hall visited Elmridge on Monday 27th September with two teams for our first netball games in over two years! The girls played really well together considering their very limited practice!



The results were as follows:

Elmridge A	0	Acre Hall A	6
Elmridge B	5	Acre Hall B	3

Multi-Sports



Year 4 took part in a multi sports event at Timperley Sports Club on Tuesday 28th September. We played handball, tag rugby, cricket and some athletics.

Earrings

Pupils are only allowed simple studs in school which should be removed for PE or swimming.

Allergies

From now on, we will be a Peanut and Nut Free School.

Some students and visitors have a severe allergic reaction to nuts and peanuts. Severe allergic reactions result in anaphylaxis and can be fatal.

A person with an allergy does not have to eat nuts or peanuts to have a severe reaction, this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles.

What this will mean?

- Peanut and nut based products are not used in the school kitchen
- Students, staff and visitors **will not** be able to bring products containing nuts or peanuts into school.
- Items that are found to break this rule will be confiscated and disposed of safely.

What products will not be allowed in school?

- Peanuts and nuts and products containing peanuts or nuts.
- Peanut butter or peanut based chocolate snacks (Snickers/ Reece's pieces etc).
- Items where peanuts or nuts are listed as main ingredients.
- Nut or peanut based oils or products.

What products are allowed?

- Items that "may contain nuts" and "may contain traces of nuts" or "made in factories that use nuts" These present a low risk and are not direct ingredients in the products.
- All other non- nut based snacks and food stuff.

All pre-packaged food sold within the EU, including the UK, must declare and highlight the presence in the ingredient list of 14 major allergens even if they appear in small quantities.

To find out more information about nut and peanut allergies please follow the link below:

<https://www.allergyuk.org/information-and-advice/conditions-and-symptoms/778-peanut-allergy>