

Elm Green Newsletter



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Summer Term Issue 1

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new era in the history of Elm Green School as we embark on our programme of remote teaching and learning tomorrow. Our teachers have all worked very hard throughout the Easter break in preparation and we are immensely grateful to Mr Allen and Mr McMahon who have been relentless in resolving the many technical issues that this has posed to everyone!

We are also very thankful to the many parents and children who have shown great patience and resilience in testing out TEAMS as our on-line Learning Platform. Similarly our thanks go to those families who kindly and successfully piloted our on-line Reading Scheme for KG-Y2. We know that there will be teething problems ahead but we are committed to providing the best possible learning experiences for our children and keeping you all in close contact with the class and specialist teachers. We have sent out initial timetables for each class but would like to reassure you that some flexibility around deadlines is understandable and necessary for many families and reviews may lead to later timetable changes!

Please remember to send general enquiries or report illness by email to admin@elmgreen.essex.sch.uk, but please use the channels in TEAMS to communicate any queries or comments around the assignments. Please be aware that phone messages to school may not be picked up promptly at present.

I would like to wish everyone success in the weeks ahead. Never hesitate to contact me at any time but most importantly please take the greatest of care to stay safe and well.

Key Worker Children

The school remains open for registered Key Workers' children who cannot be safely cared for at home and I am sure that you will all join me in thanking Mrs Henly and other staff volunteers for maintaining such a safe, caring and stimulating experience for them at school. Thank you to parents for providing their children with a snack and packed lunch going forward.



Staffing News

In the hectic days before school closed we failed to let everyone know that our librarian, Mrs Robinson, pictured here with our Y6 librarians, decided to retire earlier than originally planned.

We managed to present her with a gift and some heartfelt thanks for all her work on behalf of the children of Elm Green before school closed. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her a happy, healthy retirement after more than 20 years at the school. We will really miss her.

Congratulations

Amidst the dark cloud that the Coronavirus-Covid 19 pandemic has generated over our everyday lives, I am sure that you will all join me in celebrating the birth of Kieran Speller. A bundle of joy for the family and a very welcome brother for Katie in 4C. Kieran is thriving and is now almost 1 month old (although the photo was sent when he was just 1 week old). A warm welcome to the newest member of the Elm Green community.



Elm Green's Birthday Celebration for the Queen

The Queen will be 94 years old on Tuesday 21st April—the first day of our summer term. She has cancelled all celebrations but we would like to send her a special birthday message! Can you design a card, create a collage, paint or draw a picture, bake or decorate a cake, design a birthday hat, write a poem or special message for her? This is **entirely voluntary** but if you can, please ask your parents to help you to photograph your creation and email the photo to the school office and we will make a special birthday celebration pack to send to her for her 'official birthday' on 13th June 2020. Thank you.



Missing School

Alice (Y5) and Emilia (Y1) cycled to school with their parents one day and sent this photo and a kind message to reassure me that all is well there.

Meanwhile many children left some lovely Easter messages and decorated stones and shells to say 'Thank you to the NHS'



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