

Elm Green Newsletter



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Staffing Update—Retirements and Departures

After more than 32 years working at Elm Green, Mr Burney has decided to retire at the end of this summer term. As many of you know, he led the PE department of Elm Green for many, many years teaching far more than the technical skills needed for every area of sports, games, swimming, gymnastics and PE. With the calm, professional manner that he brings to every aspect of his work he instils strong values including a true sense of respect for others and great sportsmanship in every youngster. In a later, part-time role of Senior Master he maintained an overview of pastoral care and in more recent years, he has been a very active member of the school's management team with responsibilities for Health and Safety and an overview of the premises. As he moved towards retirement, working for 2 days each week, he continued to teach with huge commitment in the PE department until Lockdown! We are hoping to celebrate his huge contribution to Elm Green with the whole community when some semblance of normality returns next year but in the meantime I am sure that everyone will join me in thanking him for all that he has done for the school and wish him a very healthy, happy and well-earned retirement!

Madame Browes will also retire at the end of this year. She has been an extremely loyal, long-standing member of the Elm Green community teaching French to all year groups since joining the school part time in 1993. We are also hoping that she will be able to return to school to wish everyone goodbye and celebrate her contribution to the school community. In the meantime, I am sure that everyone will similarly join me in thanking her and also wishing her a very healthy, happy and well-earned retirement!

Miss Chaplin will also leave us at the end of this term. She recently took over the instrumental teaching of all string instruments and singing. She has continued to successfully teach our students remotely during Lockdown and we will miss her energy and enthusiasm for music! We also wish her every success in her new position at Alleyn Prep.



LOST—Percy the Peacock has disappeared! We are all missing him. Have you seen him?

Phased Return to School

Although many families continue to shield and others prefer to continue remote learning at home, we now have a very high proportion of our children back in school, mainly on a part-time basis, and it has been good to see their cheerful, smiling faces. We have gone to great lengths to follow all Government, DfE and our insurers' guidelines but continue to need great vigilance from our parents to follow government restrictions in order to protect the health, safety and well-being of the entire school community. Thank you for your continued support with these measures.



Congratulations

To the Sunassee family on the birth of their baby girl last week. As you can see Lakme in 2T, pictured left, is already enjoying being a very lovely, caring big sister.

Congratulations also to our cyclists in 4C. Please see the comments from Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

"I am writing with our grateful thanks to a group of your Year 4 students; Kian, Samuel, Josh, Edward and Jake. The boys raised the wonderful sum of £2,038.75 in support of Southend Hospital's MRI Apollo Suite Appeal. The group took part in a 125km cycling challenge, each cycling a distance of 25km for the NHS. Thank you to the boys for their achievement"

History Postcard Prize Winners

- 2E Hallie Hughes, Louis Fruchard
- 2T Lakme Sunassee, Zachary Mullins
- 3C Ava Collins, Albert Baldock
- 3S Sophie Beckerleg,
Zane Djanie-Carlisle
- 4C Emily Boreham, Edward Franks
- 4M Alfie Allum, Sebastian Bhinda
- 5E Alex Wiseman, Ewan Harmer
- 6H Grace Wiseman, Harry Daniels



Congratulations to Alice in 5E who wrote to the Queen at the start of the pandemic in March. She explained that she hoped everyone would be safe in such troubled times. Alice was very proud when she received a reply back from the Queen.

Congratulations also to our families who completed some spaghetti challenges after a recent assembly!

Thank you—We have been so grateful to our amazing mums who have kept our spirits up and our tummies full of amazingly delicious cakes over recent months. Each week, we have been treated to scrumptious cakes and delicacies! THANK YOU!



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