



## **ELMWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL**

### **NEWSLETTER – JULY 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the recent difficult times.

These last few months have presented many challenges, a new way of delivering education through the introduction of ‘Remote Learning’ and the time provided by families to support ‘Home Learning’. We have been very pleased, as a school, to have been able to supply pupils and their families with Chromebooks to enable this to happen.

I would like to say a massive ‘Thank you’ to all parents/carers and school staff who have worked tirelessly during this time, and to the children who have responded extremely well to all the changes to routines and procedures put in place.

#### **End of Year Reports**

You will have received your child’s end of year report and I am pleased that the majority of children have made very good progress. From reading their comments, it is very clear to see how much they have enjoyed the school year, despite the restrictions imposed upon us regarding educational activities and visits.

#### **Year 2 Parents/Carers**

Our welcome to the new Year 2 parents has been through dedicated pages on the school website. All families have also been contacted by a member of staff to give a personal welcome and answer any questions about their child’s start with us. The year 3 teachers have all had a virtual meeting with their year 2 class and we look forward to welcoming them and their families to the junior school in September.

#### **Staff**

Today we say good-bye to Mrs Henfrey, who has been at the school for 7 years and thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the school.

We also say good-bye to Miss Di Michelle, Miss Wickware, Miss Exton, Miss Sullivan and Miss Price. We thank them all for their hard work and wish them well for the future.

## **Additional Teaching Staff**

We say goodbye and thank you to two of our additional teachers, Miss Stewart and Miss Brussard who have supported in year groups across the school. They have enjoyed the experience of working with us this year and we wish them both the very best in their future teaching careers.

## **Learning Support Staff**

We say goodbye to many of our Graduate Support Staff who have worked with us this year. They have been a tremendous asset to the teaching team and have worked extremely hard in supporting children's learning and improving behaviour.

Many of them will be embarking on a PGCE/Schools Direct/Teach First course this September, leading to them gaining qualified teacher status.

Our thanks and best wishes for the future go with them.

## **New Appointments**

The following staff will join the teaching team in September:

Mr Pollock, Miss Morton, Miss Harris, Miss Jimenez, Miss Staunton, Miss Ruzycki

## **The School Day**

In September, the gates will open at 8.40am and the children will go straight to their classroom for registration and the start of the school day. The first day of term is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### **School Hours**

Year 3 8:40am – 3.00pm

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Year 5 8:40am – 3.00pm

Year 6 8:40am – 3.00pm

Children in Year 3 and Year 6 should enter through the Main Gate.

Children in Year 4 and Year 5 should enter through the Dome Gate.

Children arriving after 8.50am will be recorded as late.

At the end of the school day, the gates will open at 3.00pm and the class teachers will bring the children to the playground. We ask parents/carers to collect their child using the gate assigned to their year group. To avoid any unnecessary congestion, we kindly ask that you leave the premises promptly once you have collected your child.

Please do not arrive at school before the allocated times as the gates will not be open.

Staff are available to speak to at the end of the school day. If you wish to make an appointment, please phone the school on 020 8684 4007 or email the school office at [admin-jun.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:admin-jun.croydon.sch.uk)

## **Attendance**

If you are travelling overseas during the holidays, please ensure you return to the UK in time to fulfil any quarantine requirements. Children are expected to return to school on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Any absences for

travel overseas will not be authorised except in very exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absence could result in a penalty being issued by the local authority.

### **Classes and Teachers 2021-22**

Classes and teachers for next year are detailed below. All parents/carers will have the opportunity to discuss their child with the new teachers at consultation meetings arranged next term.

Present Class	New Teacher
5S	6O Mr Ozgu (Year Leader)
5T	6P Mr Parkhouse
5H	6C Miss Cullen
5W	6S Miss Staunton
4R	5P Mr Pollock (Year Leader)
4E	5S Mrs Sebire
4K	5W Miss Weston
4B	5J Miss Jimenez
3S	4K Mrs Kirby (Year Leader)
3H	4B Miss Borden
3B	4R Miss Ruzycski
3A	4H Miss Harris
Macaws	3S Miss Sleight (Year Leader)
Ducks	3A Miss Ali
Owls	3B Miss Blessitt
Penguins	3M Miss Morton

### **The Summer Reading Challenge 2021**

The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered by libraries and produced by The Reading Agency every year. It is open to all children, free of charge. The Challenge was launched in libraries in England on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July. It will run at Croydon Libraries from Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The theme for 2021 is Wild World Heroes. The 2021 Summer Reading Challenge will be a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment. Developed in partnership with WWF, the world's leading independent conservation organisation. Wild World Heroes will inspire children to stand up for the future of our planet.

The Reading Agency, together with libraries, launched it because Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure. The

Summer Reading Challenge encourages children, aged 4 to 11, to read six library books during their summer holiday. The under threes are not forgotten with a special version of Wild World Heroes just for them. To take part in the challenge, children need to visit the library twice in the summer. On their first visit, children will receive their Wild World Heroes collector poster and stickers. On their second visit to the library, children take their completed collector posters. They are then presented with a certificate and a medal!

Children can read whatever they like - fiction, fact books, joke books, picture books and audio-books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library. It helps get three quarters of a million children into libraries each year to keep up their reading skills and helps boost their confidence. Children can take part in the online Summer Reading Challenge on the Wild World Heroes website to earn digital rewards.

During class assemblies, the children watched a presentation by Croydon Library and details are on the school website. Children can also go online to 'Croydon Libraries' Digital Collection' to find books which they can download to complete the Wild World Heroes Challenge!

Finally,

School closes today, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July for the summer break.

As we say 'Goodbye' to our Year 6 children, we wish them all the very best for secondary school.

We will keep you updated through our website if any new DFE Guidance is released during the summer break that brings any change to the start of the new term.

I wish you all a restful summer and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Ann Read  
**Head Teacher**