



**ELTHAM**  
 CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
 PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 SINCE 1814



# Summer term Newsletter

16 July 2020

## MESSAGE FROM MR BULPITT

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with your God**

I have been teaching for the last 30 years, and this is an end of a school year like no other I have ever experienced! Never-the-less, I write my end of year newsletter with pride in the resilience and commitment of the staff, children and families of Eltham Church of England Primary School as we have all faced a national crisis and adapted and changed from school, to remote learning and now back again.

Throughout this time our strength and comfort has come from knowing the God is our “refuge and strength”. We have committed the decisions that the school had to make into His hands during our Governors meetings, we have acknowledged Him in our newsletters and times of worship together, and we have supported one another by showing His love and compassion to one another. Thank you all for your prayers and words of support and encouragement throughout this time of ‘lockdown’ and I am really looking forward to seeing you all in September, when we all return (albeit in a different style) to school.

Before I outline the changes in September, may I first take time to thank and say goodbye to Miss Sinha and Miss Donnelly. They both have served the children of our school with love and care and they will be missed as they both move on in their lives and to new locations.

We welcome Miss Bruty and Miss Childs to the teaching team in September and ask for God’s blessing on them as they join our school community. We also welcome back Mrs Hayes and Mrs D’Cruze from their maternity leaves. But we also wish Mrs Luchford well as she begins hers. Please join with me as we pray for them all and their babies.

The school is also very sorry to see the Ravourdin family leave us as they move to France and new and exciting opportunities. Mrs Ravourdin has been a fantastic chair of the Parents Association and her leadership has seen our children have wonderful times of movie nights, summer and Christmas fayres, quiz nights, children’s discos... This has meant that the PTA has funded gazebos, Virtual Reality Headsets, Theatre trips, Pantomimes, Class Reading books, Playground equipment and the climbing wall to name but a few. Karine, “Thank you and Mr Ravourdin for your family’s energy and support of our school, you will be missed”.

So, to September. The Senior Leadership Team has worked tirelessly throughout this period of school closure to ensure that the logistics and structures of the school’s operations are smooth and compliant with the Governments guidance. We have successfully re-opened the school to nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 children since 1 June and have taken the foundations of this structure to set up for a full re-opening.

**I have outlined on page 2 the key messages that I would like all parents to note ready for September:**

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## **School Starts for children in Year 1 to Year 6 on Monday 7 September**

The start and finish times for children will be as follows

8:30 – 15:00 for Reception and Year 1 children.

8:45 – 15:15 for Year 2 and Year 3 children.

9:00 – 15:30 for Year 4 and Year 5 children.

9:15 – 15:45 for Year 6 children.

Nursery will continue 8:30 – 11:30, 12:30 – 15:30.

The school's 'one way system' will be used for all adults if they enter the site to drop off/pick up children.

Entrance is from Archery Road and exit on Orangery Lane

**All lunches will be Packed Lunches in the immediate future, but definitely until October half term.**

The school will continue to operate with a 'remote' office. Please phone and email, there will not be any face-to-face contact with the office staff.

**All children will need to bring to school with them in September a named pencil case which should include:**

Writing pencils (HB)

Rubber

30cm ruler

Colouring pencils

Pencil Sharpener

I will write again in September to remind parents about these changes. I would also like to bring to parents attention that the school has already revised the Medium Term Plans for maths and English to reflect the lost time this year. We will be operating a 'recovery curriculum' to support children and help them 'catch up' wherever needed.

Our final message must go to our Year 6 children. They have had a disjointed last year at school, however they have had a fantastic seven years with us all at the school. I had the pleasure of presenting them with their Bibles and reminded them that they have resilience because of their faith in God and strength because of prayer. I wish them every success as they move onto their secondary schools and their bright futures ahead.

So with everything in mind, and the summer break upon us, may I end by thanking you all for your support of the school. I wish you all a restful break, and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Please follow the link below, and I pray for God's blessing and peace to you all

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaLBndhrall>

With kindest regards

Matthew Bulpitt | Headteacher

Charlie Rhodes | Deputy Headteacher



# MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020 / 2021

### Term one

Term time: Wednesday 2 September to Friday 23 October 2020.

Staff Inset Days: 2, 3 & 4 September 2020 [no children in school on these dates]

**Children return to school: Monday 7 September 2020**

Half-term holiday: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2020.

### Term two

Term time: Monday 2 November to Friday 18 December 2020.

Christmas and New Year holiday: Monday 21 December 2020 to Friday 1 January 2021.

### Term three

Term time: Monday 4 January to Friday 12 February 2021.

Half-term holiday: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2021.

### Term four

Term time: Monday 22 February to Wednesday 31 March 2021.

Easter holiday: Thursday 1 April to Friday 16 April 2021.

### Term five

Term time: Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May 2021 (except May Day bank holiday: 3 May).

Half-term holiday: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2021 (spring bank holiday on 31 May).

### Term six

Term time: Monday 7 June to Friday 23 July 2021.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE REMAINS 4 STAFF INSET DAYS TO BE TAKEN**

Other confirmed dates:

Individual School photos: 18 November 2020

Christmas Pantomime: 16 December 2020

### REMINDERS:

- ◆ The School Office will remain Closed in September ~ you can contact the school via phone or email: [office@elthamce.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@elthamce.greenwich.sch.uk)
- ◆ **Reporting Absences:** it is very important that we know why your child may not be in school so please report a child's absence via: [absence@elthamce.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:absence@elthamce.greenwich.sch.uk) before 9am.
- ◆ **Class email addresses:** these will be active from September, but only for curriculum based messages
- ◆ **School Dinners:** In September we will not be able to serve hot lunches for the time being, we will however be able to provide a packed lunch (a sandwich, biscuit, piece of fruit and a snack). If you would prefer to provide your child with lunch we ask that it does not contain any nuts, bars of chocolate or fizzy drinks. If your child has a school packed please continue to use SIMS Pay to pay for it, weekly in advance [£13.75 per week]
- ◆ **Office Closure:** Please note that because the Office will be closed you may experience difficulty if you want to drop anything to the school. Please be patient during this time, thank you.

