



**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another enjoyable and packed week at Leopold. We welcomed a curriculum review from the Local Authority which involved an in depth look into our schemes of work. We want to thank all of the teachers involved in this process for their hard work and dedication to the pupils at Leopold Primary School. We look forward to building on our curriculum with new innovative approaches to ensure that our curriculum is bespoke to the context of our school.

In light of the new national restrictions, an update of any changes impacting the school will be considered. The government have made very few changes to the guidance for schools and we will remain open to all pupils. We will continue to use the safety measures that are already in place as addressed in the school's risk assessment (available on our school website). We encourage parents to wear masks when queuing for the children at the end of the day. Please ensure that you join an orderly queue as you wait for your children to be released to you.

It is imperative that you notify the school if anyone in your household is being tested or received a positive result for COVID 19. If someone in your household is awaiting a result or tests positive for COVID 19, do not bring your child into school. Please call the schools office and inform us. Please see further guidance below.

As a result of an incident that occurred this week, we have changed our start and end of day procedures. I have published below an overview of the start and end of day procedures with changes highlighted in red.

#### **Start and End of School day**

	Start:	Where from:	Finish:	Where from:
<b>EYFS</b>	9am	EYFS playground	3pm	EYFS playground
<b>Year 1</b>	9am	Entrance via Oldfield Rd	3pm	Olive class Entrance via Oldfield Rd  Holly class Entrance via Outgate Road
<b>Year 2</b>	9am	Main Entrance via Hawkshead Road	3pm	Main Entrance via Hawkshead Road
<b>Year 3</b>	8:45am	Main Entrance via Hawkshead Road	3:15pm	Main Entrance via Hawkshead Road
<b>Year 4</b>	8:45am	Entrance via Oldfield Rd	3:15pm	Sycamore class Entrance via Oldfield Rd  Hazel class Entrance via Outgate Road
<b>Year 5</b>	8:30am	Entrance via Outgate Road	3:30pm	Entrance via Outgate Road



Year 6	8:30am	Entrance via Outgate Road	3:30pm	Entrance via Outgate Road
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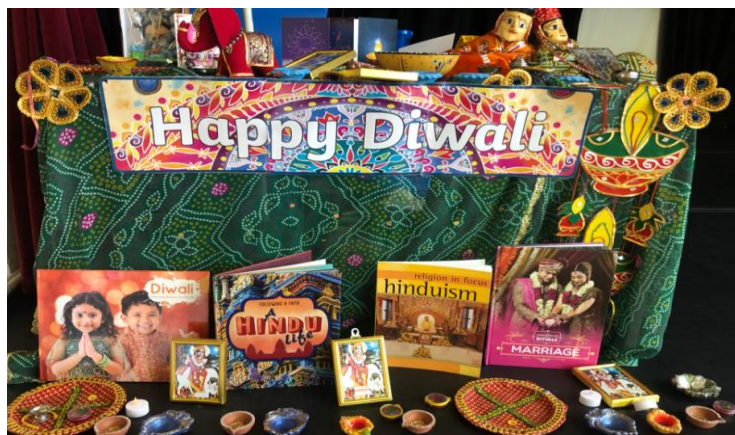
### Remembrance Day

On Wednesday we observed 2 minutes silence throughout the school. The silence is a tribute to those who lost their lives fighting for their country. Poppies are on sale at school. If you would like to buy one please send 50p with your child in an envelope with your child's name.

The reason poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle is because they are the flowers which grew on the battlefields after World War One ended. This is described in the famous World War One Poem 'In Flanders Fields'.



### Diwali



This week we are celebrating Diwali at Leopold Primary School. Diwali is a five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world.

Diwali, which for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness.

### Highlights of the week



#### Star of the week:

Nursery: Ayat

R Galaxy: Ashir and Stacy

R Starlight: Aisha and Brooklyn

Year 1 Olive: Aiden John and Zahra

Year 1 Holly: Billy and Laila- Jenae

Year 2 Birch: Rida and Elwood

Year2 Cherry: Sofie and Pharrell

Year 3 Pine: Cristian and Nyah

Year 3 Magnolia: Jevvon and Taybah

Year 4 Hazel: Taher and Louanna

Year 4 Sycamore: Isa and Tsion

Year 5 Eucalyptus: Danay'Ja and Samuel

Year 5 Fern: Ted and Kisha

Year 6 Hawthorn: Aya and Hekma

Year 6 Mulberry: Ali and Areesha

#### Writing competition winners!

Ezekiel 1 Holly 3rd Place

Nyala 4 Hazel 2nd Place

Darcey 5 Eucalyptus 1st Place



### Attendance

As per government guidelines, school attendance is mandatory. To achieve this please bring your child to school on time each day. If your child is unwell you must inform the school office on 020 8459 5654 or send an email [attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk) by 8:30am.

### School streets

To encourage as many people as possible to actively travel to school and to aid with social distancing measures, Brent Council and TFL, are implementing a temporary 'School Street'. This means that Hawkshead Road will be closed every school day to cars from 8:15am-9:15 and 2:30pm-4pm. This involves a temporary restriction of motorised traffic on the road during the school's pick-up and drop-off period during term-time. This is being implemented under an experimental traffic order to aid with social distancing near the school. Therefore, please park elsewhere or travel by other means.

Please be aware that residents, blue badge holders and emergency vehicles will still be allowed access to the road during the outlined times. For this reason, **do not** allow your children to play in the road.

### Nursey places

There are Nursery places available at our school. Please contact the school office or Zena Meigan our Early Years coordinator for more information. You can also see a virtual tour of our Early Years on the school website. <http://www.leopoldprimary.co.uk/early-years-tour/>

### National lockdown

Since Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December, the Government has announced a lockdown requiring the following action:

- Requiring people to stay at home, except for specific purposes.
- Preventing gathering with people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.
- Closing certain businesses and venues.

The lockdown does not require schools to implement additional protective measures and it is Government's present intention that schools and early years settings will remain open.

### **What to do if your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)**

Before making the journey into school, you must stop and ask yourself these questions:

1. Does your child have a new, continuous cough?
2. A high temperature?
3. Loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If you answered YES to any of the above, you must not come to school- you must call 111 for advice.

If you child becomes unwell during the school day, they will be sent home and you are advised to follow the guidance for households with possible, or confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

As per guidance, the household must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)





**If your child has:**  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

**Book a test**

**If your child has:**  
a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell  
**But they don't have:**  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste

**These are**  
**not normally symptoms of**  
**coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP

Please see the updated guidance for parents and carers from the DfE.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>



**Attendance 02/11/20-06/11/20**

Congratulations to Year 2 Cherry and 5 Fern who both achieved (100%) attendance last week! Well done!



**Dates**

**Last Day of term:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Christmas Holiday:** Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec

**Staff Inset(closed):** Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021

**Spring Term:** Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021



**New Absence Email**

Please remember that you can email pupil absences via:

[attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk)

Please submit absences with the following details: 1. Pupils name 2. Class and 3.

**Reason of absence/illness** by latest 9AM.