

# Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term! This will be an exciting half term, with workshops and fun activities planned. We look forward to Red Nose Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and World book day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

This week, the Prime Minister announced that all schools will reopen on **Monday 8th March 2021**. We are looking forward to welcoming back all of our pupils and we are currently in the process of planning for their safe return back into school. Updates to the risk assessment and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) will be available on the website from next week. Our initial priority will be the pupil's wellbeing. We are mindful that may be some anxiety about returning to school. If you have any particular concerns around the reopening, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.

On our return to school the staggered start times will continue to be in place.

#### Start and end of School day

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









## **School Uniform**

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform every day. Every item of clothing must have their name written on labels inside. Uniform can be purchased from Rumbles Uniform Shop, 598 High Rd, Wembley HA0 2AF. Trainers are not part of the school uniform, this includes black trainers. https://www.rumblesuniform.com/leopold-primary-school-136-c.asp

#### **Safeguarding**

At Leopold Primary School, we work hard to ensure all our children are safe. The school has a duty of care

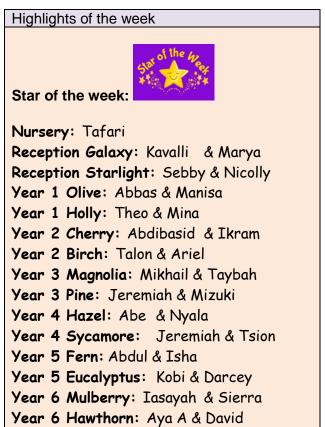
to report all safeguarding concerns. On some occasions this may involve working in partnership with the Local Authority, the safer neighbourhood police and outside agencies. During these challenging times, we are acutely aware of the additional pressures that families are under and the potential risks and challenges they face. In the current situation, we felt it important to signpost families to sources of support, if they are needed. These are in addition to the many resources that we have available inschool and those that we have made available on our website during this period.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger you should phone the police. Call **999**.

If you have any concerns about a child being harmed or at risk of harm please contact Brent Family Front Door on **020 8937 4300** (option 1) to discuss your concern.

If you are calling outside normal office hours (9am - 5pm) please call the emergency duty team on: **020 8863 5250**.

The **NSPCC** Helpline is always available on **0808 800 5000** if you have concerns for your own, or another child's

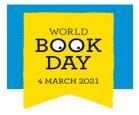


safety. You can also report concerns to the police on their non-emergency number 101.

#### **Attendance**

As per government guidelines, school attendance is mandatory. To achieve this please ensure that your child attend live sessions or the provision daily. If your child is unwell you must inform the school office on **020 8459 5654** or send an email <u>attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk</u> by 8:30am.

#### World Book Day



It's that exciting time of year again! Next week, on the first **Thursday in March (4th)**, the nation will be celebrating World Book Day!

The school will be hosting our annual 'Reading Week' in aid of World Book Day next week, Monday 1st March - Friday 5th March, primarily to promote reading for pleasure but also to enjoy participating in some fun and engaging activities for pupils, parents and staff! Look out for further information on the remote learning platforms.









## Feed Me Good

The school have formed a partnership with an organisation called Feed Me Good <a href="https://www.feedmegood.co.uk/">https://www.feedmegood.co.uk/</a>

It's main purpose is to combat health inequality in Black and Ethnic communities by supporting individuals to improve their health & wellbeing; by increasing their aspirations; and developing sustainable life skills. The organisation will be delivering a programme over the next few weeks which will include the following:

- One-hour PSHE lessons for pupils in Year 4 and 5 for this half term (delivered remotely)
- An 8-week online programme for parents focused around cooking, sustainability, health and wellbeing topics, and employability skills training. As well this, Feed Me Good will be supporting those who are seeking employment with CV clinic sessions, focusing on developing employability skills including how best to prepare for an interview, what to expect from an interview and what happens after the interview has taken place. Please sign up at the following link if you are interested in taking part: <a href="https://www.feedmegood.co.uk/new-programme-sign-up">https://www.feedmegood.co.uk/new-programme-sign-up</a>











# Leopold Food bank



We will be holding our own foodbank here at Leopold. We are asking you to donate anv non-perishable/ essential items. These can be dropped off to the Hawkshead Road site during the week. We will then invite families in need of support to come in and collect some essential on a Friday between 1pm and 2pm.

We thank you for your continued support.

#### Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND)

The school will host a SEND parent forum on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021**. The forum will **only** be for the parents of SEND pupils, who attend Leopold Primary School. This forum will address remote learning and the schools current SEND offer. Guest speakers from Brent will also attend this forum to discuss Brent's local offer.

#### **RSE Parent Forum**

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the RSE Parent Forum. The Forum addressed the changes announced by the Department for Education to relationships and sex education (RSE). These changes were meant to come into effect from September 2020. However, due to the current pandemic, schools will need to have an updated RSE curriculum by the summer term 2021. During the Forum it was agreed that working parties would be created to specifically look at the RSE curriculum. The dates for these working parties are as follows:

- Nursery & Reception on Weds 10th March 2021 at 4pm.
- Year 1 & 2 on Thurs 11th March 2021 at 4pm.
- Years 3 & 4 on Weds 17th March 2021 at 4pm.
- Years 5 & 6 on Thurs 18th March 2021 at 4pm

If you would like to be involved in these working parties, please email <u>admin@leopold.brent.sch.uk</u> to register your interest. Please be aware that the school is may not be able to accommodate all parents who register interest. The school will aim to have a diverse network of parents to support with the working parties.

#### **Broadband**

If any of our families require a SIM card for internet access please contact the school office and arrange to collect one. These SIM cards are only useful for children who are accessing remote learning through mobile phones and who are not connected to a WiFi network. Please note that the school only has a limited number of these.









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

Free and regular coronavirus tests are now available for everyone in Brent aged 12 upwards, even if you don't have symptoms.

If you don't have symptoms of COVID-19, you can book a free rapid Lateral Flow Test, with results available in less than 40 minutes. Use this link for more information. <u>https://www.brent.gov.uk/covidtesting</u>

Please remember that if **you**, **your child or anyone in your household** have symptoms of COVID 19 and are awaiting the results of a test, **do not** send your children into school. Children must remain at home until the results of the test have been given.

Before making the journey into school, you must stop and ask yourself these questions: do **you, your child or anyone in your household** have a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If you answer 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 are advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. This sets out that they must:

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



Yours faithfully,

Mrs Octave Acting Head of School







