



Thursday 17th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another successful term! We would like to thank you for your understanding and support during these unprecedented times. We recognise that this has been an extremely difficult time for families and staff after what has been the most challenging school year to date. We admire the children's resilience, maturity and determination in returning to school this term. We have so much to celebrate including our wonderful attendance this term, which was well above 96% weekly!

You may have heard in the news that the Government is suggesting that schools have an INSET day on Friday 18th December 2020. Leopold Primary school have decided **not to** do this, instead we will take the INSET on Tuesday 5th January 2021. This means that pupils should attend school as normal on Friday 18th December 2020. School will reopen for pupils on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

The end of the day will be staggered on Friday 18th December. As usual, the last day of the term is half day.

- EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Finish 1:00pm
- Year 3 and Year 4 Finish 1:15pm
- Year 5 and Year 6 Finish 1:30pm

If your child develops symptoms within the first 48hrs of the Christmas break, you must inform the school.

- Hawkshead Road- 0208 459 5654
- Gwenneth Rickus- 0208 961 5336

Start and end of School day

Staggered start and end timings will continue into the New Year.

	Start:	Where from:	Finish:	Where from:
EYFS	9am	EYFS playground	3pm	EYFS playground
Year 1	9am	Entrance via Oldfield Rd	3pm	Entrance via Oldfield Rd
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	Entrance via Oldfield Rd
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



Christmas Jumper Day



Well done to all of the children and staff for their amazing Christmas jumpers! We raised a total of £338.35. A special congratulations to all the children who won the Best Class Christmas Jumper and Mr McCaul who won amongst the staff!

By taking part you have helped to change the lives of children. Read some testimonials below.

[How your support helps | Christmas Jumper Day | Save the Children](#)

Christmas concert



Remember to watch the Christmas concert that will be uploaded onto the seesaw platforms by the end of this week! All of the pupils have worked extremely hard to prepare for this virtual concert! Thank you to all of the BMS tutors and the Music coordinator, Ms Dykes, for preparing this.

Highlights of the week



Stars of the week:

- Nursery: Amani**
- Reception Galaxy: Mujtaba & Marya**
- Reception Starlight: Mohamed & Faranas**
- Year 1 Olive: Badr & Phoenyx**
- Year 1 Holly: Antony & Alannya**
- Year 2 Cherry: Adam & Ikram**
- Year 2 Birch: Rayyaan & Tameera**
- Year 3 Magnolia: Musa & Olivia**
- Year 3 Pine: Mohammed & Zainab**
- Year 4 Hazel: Thomas & Evie**
- Year 4 Sycamore: Jeune & Imaan**
- Year 5 Fern: Iain & Cipriana**
- Year 5 Eucalyptus: Ahmed & Darcey**
- Year 6 Mulberry: Imran & Diamond**
- Year 6 Hawthorne: Haruun & Ieva**

Winter Reading Challenge 2020



We are one of 9 schools in Brent that have been chosen to take part in the Winter Reading challenge. The information collated by the children will help to create a snapshot of families and childhood memories/ comparisons from local family members for Brent museum. It also gives the children the chance to research and collate information as a historian would.

Each child will receive a form at the end of the term.

Younger children may need an adult to support them with completing this form.



We ask that children only complete their first names on the form and to bring this back to school with them on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Breakfast and Afterschool club

In line with government guidance, pupil bubbles must be kept separate therefore it has not been possible to run Breakfast and After School Club this term. There will be **no** change to this in the New Year. We will resume Breakfast and After School Club when it is safe to do so.

Incident

On Tuesday an incident occurred outside Leopold Gwenneth Rickus on Tuesday 15th December 2020. Please see the school website for further information.

Farewell

This week we have had to say farewell to Ms Liliana, after 20 years of providing piano lessons to our pupils. We would like to thank Liliana for her commitment to the pupils of Leopold Primary School and wish her all the best for the future.

Nursery 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/>

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

London is currently in tier 3 local restrictions. 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 your 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)



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>

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Octave
Acting Head of School



Dates

- **Last Day of term: Friday 18th Dec**
- **Christmas Holiday: Mon 21st Dec**
- **Staff Inset(closed): Mon 4th & Tue 5th Jan 2021**
- **Spring Term: Wednesday 6th Jan 2021 (All pupils return)**



Attendance 7-11th December

Congratulations to Year 1 Holly, Year 2 Cherry, Year 6 Hawthorne and Mulberry who all achieved 100% attendance last week. Well done!

Parent Details

Parents are reminded to inform the school office if you change address/phone number or email.