



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

September 2018

**WELCOME** - It has been such a pleasure to start the year with our finished facilities and new buildings. The children began the year with an excellent atmosphere of respect and I am delighted at how they have settled into their new classes and routines.

Welcome to new children and parents joining Elsley. We are confident that your children will learn a huge amount and achieve many things whilst they are pupils at the school. We have also welcomed talented new members of staff to our team, all of whom are dedicated to caring and supporting our children. Please see page 2 for profiles of these members of staff.

Now that we are fully in the completed buildings, we are planning an opportunity to welcome parents and members of the community to see Elsley in action. This will be after half term and we will let you know when to visit!

Please approach me or one of the other leaders at the gates if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything. Wishing you an excellent year! *Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

**Attendance /Punctuality** Since last September, all year groups from Reception to Year 6 have the same start time of **8:55am** with soft start commencing at **8:45am**, except on Wednesday mornings. If your child is late please bring them to the office and sign them in the late book. If your child is unwell and not attending, please email [absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk) or telephone 0208 902 8003.

**Persistent Absence** is attendance below 90%. This is equivalent to half-a-day missed every week or 4 whole weeks missed in year. Over a 5 year period, your child would miss half a year. Pupils with less than 90% attendance may be referred to the Education Welfare Service.

**Holidays during term time** are not permitted. In exceptional circumstances, leave may be permitted by submitting a form in advance. **The full attendance policy is on our website.**

## School Uniform

The full uniform list is available in the School Handbook or please ask at the school office. At the moment the weather is fairly dry but once it turns wetter, children may wear black boots or rain boots to travel to school. They should bring their school shoes to change into. Trainers are only for use during PE lessons and lunch playtimes.

For girls wearing a hijab/headscarf, these should only be plain white, black or green, to match the school colours.

When required, children should wear a sensible coat for wet/ cold weather.

## NEWSLETTER

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## School Lunches

**Cooked fresh on site every day,**  
by Chef Lucia and her Harrison  
Catering team.

**HARRISON**  
food with thought

The meals are excellent. They meet all the healthy standards as well as being very tasty. All Infant children receive a Free School Meal. You still need to complete an application form if you have not already done so - please visit the school office for a form.

For KS2 children, the daily price is **£2.30 PER DAY.**

## THIS SCHOOL IS A



**Please remember that if you provide your child with a packed lunch or birthday treats, Elsley Primary is a Nut Free School.**

Please be considerate of children in our school who have nut allergies.

Thank you for your continued understanding.

**Keeping our children safe** Mr Moss is the designated lead for safe-guarding. All of our assistant and deputy headteachers are trained to the same high standard as the designated lead. All our staff have regular safeguarding training and refreshers to ensure our children are safe and well-cared for. Please raise any concerns with a member of staff.

**Children have recently been taught about who are 'safe adults' - please discuss this with them.**



**Nursery Spaces** Elsley Primary is a very popular school with waiting lists in most year groups. However, we do have spaces in our Nursery. If your child was born between September 1st 2014 and August 31st 2015, they can start in the Nursery. We also offer FULL TIME Nursery places - these are FREE for eligible families, or available for parents to pay a top-up fee. Ask at the office for details.

## ADULT EDUCATION & PARENT COURSES STARTING IN SEPT / OCT

### Pre GCSE mathematics

Weekly classes

Every Thursday 9:00am-11:15am

### GCSE mathematics

Weekly classes

Every Monday & Wednesday 9:00-11:15am

### English for beginners

Weekly classes

Every Wednesday 9am-11:30am

### Further English Level 1

Weekly classes

Every Thursday 9am-11:30am,

### Further English Level 1&2

Weekly classes

Every Tuesday 9am-11:30am,

### Basic Computer Skills

Weekly Classes (Computing Suite)

Every Monday 11:30am - 12:30pm

### Working with Children, Pre-entry Level

Weekly Classes

Every Friday 9:15am - 11:15am

### Keep-Fit Class for Ladies

Weekly Classes

Every Wednesday 2pm - 3pm

### Positive Parenting Club

Monday 1 October 2018 for 5 weeks

Weekly Classes

Every Monday 9:15am - 10:30am

## APPLY ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

A guide for Brent parents to help you apply on time and online for a school place starting September 2019.

Full information for parents/carers of children starting school in September 2019 can be found via [www.brent.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.brent.gov.uk/admissions).

	Transferring to Secondary school	Starting Primary school and transferring to Junior school
Who should apply?	Apply for children born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008	<b>Primary:</b> Apply for children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 <b>Junior:</b> If your child is in year 2 at an Infant school and born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, you must apply for a place at a Junior school
Deadline	31 October 2018	15 January 2019
Offer Day	1 March 2019	16 April 2019
School Starts	September 2019	September 2019

Apply now at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)



October -

**Black History Month**

Mon - Fri

22nd - 28th

*Dates for your Diary*

Half Term



**Miss Singer is joining our team as an Assistant Headteacher.** She has previous teaching and leadership experience in Haringey and is passionate about providing children with new and exciting experiences. She looks forward to seeing children grow into independent and confident learners as the year goes on. In her spare time, Miss Singer enjoys playing sports, reading and travelling. She is excited to be joining the Elsley team and looks forward to getting to know the children, parents and staff.



**Mr Anti is a new teacher in Year 4.** After he graduated with a degree in International relations and history, Mr Anti worked as a teaching assistant at Leopold Primary School. It was here that he obtained a passion for working with children and got the desire to pursue a career in teaching. After working as a teaching assistant, he worked as an unqualified teacher. This really improved his confidence to become a teacher as he started to develop his own teaching style. Mr Anti has a passion for sport and in his previous schools, helped organise and run a variety of different sports clubs and after-school activities.



**Mrs Kiose-Patel is a new teaching assistant in Year 1 and 2.** Coming from a background of hospitality management and the pharmaceutical industry, Mrs Kiose-Patel decided to change career direction and follow her passion in learning which was acquired through volunteering in her children's Greek school. She wants to further pursue her ambition by becoming a primary school teacher. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, cooking and travelling to new places. Mrs Kiose-Patel is excited about the opportunity to work at Elsley Primary School and working with the children here.



## Meet Our New Members of Staff



**Miss Ladwa is a new teaching assistant in Year 2.** She recently graduated from university with a Psychology degree. She is very passionate about working with children, having had previous experience in primary schools and tuition centres. In her spare time she enjoys nature photography, cooking and reading. Miss Ladwa is excited to become a part of the Elsley community.



**Miss Aisha is a new teaching assistant in Year 4.** She recently graduated with a Politics degree and worked as a teaching assistant in her last few months of university. She is very passionate about working with children and hopes to teach her own class one day! In her spare time, she enjoys keeping up with current affairs and reading books. Miss Aisha is very excited about joining the Elsley community and getting to know staff, students and parents.



**Miss Pallant is a new teaching assistant in Year 6.** She joins us from the outdoor adventure education camp PGL, where she led outdoor sessions and oversaw the pastoral care of young people aged 7-17. Since graduating from university with a Dance degree, Miss Pallant has worked in many creative organisations and delivered projects for and with children. In her spare time Miss Pallant enjoys dancing, drawing and rock climbing. She looks forward to bringing her knowledge of teaching in less academic settings into the classroom, with energy and enthusiasm.

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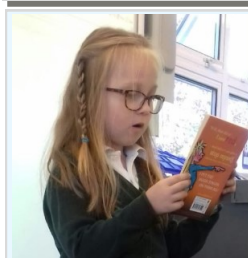
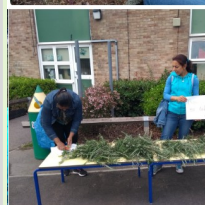
Visit our website to view photos of our staff so you can always identify who's who in our ever growing school

[www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/staff](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/staff)



### GARDENING GROUP

Parents enjoyed our new Community Gardening Group run by our Outdoor Learning leader, Ms Codner. Parents enjoyed picking home grown rosemary in the first week. If you are interested in taking part, they meet every Thursday at 2pm by the school office. Keep your eye out this year for more outdoor projects coming to Elsley!



### ROALD DAHL DAY

Pupils celebrated Roald Dahl Day on 13th September by reading their favourite parts from his books and watching a special broadcast from Puffin Books.

### Newsletter via email

If you would like the newsletter to be sent to you, in colour, via email, send a message to [parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk) with your name and the title 'newsletter.'