



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Now that Autumn is here, the days are getting shorter and colder and yet the Elsley atmosphere is as warm and welcoming as ever. The children's learning this term has been excellent and this week we held the first Achievement Assemblies of the year.

There are some fantastic opportunities planned for the children next half term and I want to draw attention to our Official Opening to showcase the new facilities and quality of our education. Parents and members of the community are invited to join tours of the school on Wednesday November 14th to mark this historic event.

As we end this half term we wish **farewell** to Mrs (Sunila) Patel who has worked at Elsley for nearly 20 years. There were special presentations in our Achievement Assemblies so that the children and staff could thank her for her long service to the school and wish her well in the future.

I wish you all a pleasant half term break.

Raphael Moss, Headteacher

Attendance /Punctuality 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. If your child is unwell and not attending, please email 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. 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.

Children should wear a sensible coat for wet/ cold weather.

We invite parents and members of the community to join us for an

Official Opening

of our new buildings and facilities
on Wednesday November 14th 2018

Parents and Members of the Community

9:00am Arrival - in the school hall

9:10am Welcome and tours of the school until 10am



Keeping our children safe

Mr Moss is the designated lead for safeguarding. 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.

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. **Children who attend Elsley Nursery achieve higher at the end of Reception, than those who start the following year.**

STAY SAFE WITH SPARKLERS

Please be safe with fireworks.

Every year hundreds of children are seriously injured

because of fireworks. Only adults should light fireworks. **Even sparklers are dangerous.** They get five times hotter than cooking oil. If children use sparklers, they must have adult supervision, wear gloves, keep them at arms-length and put them into water afterwards. They are not toys and should never be given to a child under five.

For more info, visit www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/firework-safety



October

Dates for your Diary

Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Half Term

Sun 28th Clocks go back 1 hour

Wed 31st Deadline for Secondary School applications (Year 6)

November

Fri 2nd Ezekiel Ewolu (International Long Jumper) visit to Elsley

Thurs 8th Parent-Teacher consultations. **School closes at 1:30pm**

Mon 12th, Tues 13th Prospective Parents Evening and Morning (for Reception 2019)

Wed 14th Official Opening - **parents and community invited**

Fri 16th School Photographs

Year 6
children and parents:
deadline for
applications is
31st October

APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

for September 2019

Apply for a school place before 31 October 2018





DIGITAL LEADING

Mr Fraser and 4 digital leaders presented at the EduTech Show, Olympia. They demonstrated how green screen and animation can enrich the curriculum.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

We have a zero tolerance policy on abusive, aggressive or violent behaviour towards any of our staff members. Anyone behaving in any of these manners will be asked to leave the premises, and if necessary, barred from our site.

School Office – Opening Hours

The School Office opens to parents for general enquiries between **8.30am and 9.30am** on all days except on Wednesdays, when the office opens at **8.55am until 9.30am** and also daily between **2.45pm – 3.30pm**. If you require a meeting with /or speak to a member of staff after these times, please make an appointment.

The school office closes at **4.30pm** Monday to Thursday and **4.00pm** on Fridays. If you are collecting your child from any after school activity club, the school gate will be opened from **4.25pm**. For the After School Club, please use the telephone number that you have been supplied with.

PE Kits / Swimming Kits / Lunch Boxes / School Clothing / Prescribed Medication

All **PE and Swimming kits** should be brought into school on a Monday morning and taken home by the pupil after their lessons on a Friday evening.

Prescribed Medication only should be handed into Mrs. Bhatt, our Welfare Officer and the necessary forms completed in the mornings between 8.45am and 9.30am. Any medication that needs to be collected at the end of the day should be done between 3.00pm – 3.30pm.

School Lunch Money

School Lunch Money is **£11.50 each week**, which should be paid on a Monday in advance for that week. If your child is absent, the credit will be carried forward. Please note we would like pupils to remain on their chosen lunch arrangement for a complete half-term rather than changing week to week. This saves on administrative time and also helps the kitchen staff with planning. If you would like to change lunch arrangements, please do so by completing a form in the school office at the start of the term.

If you miss a weekly payment you will be contacted by the office and we would expect the payment to be made. If you are having any issues with making school lunch payments, please contact the Office to discuss.

Some children are entitled to Free School Meals. If you wish to check to see if you are eligible please complete a form at the school office and they will check for you.



GREEN FINGERS

Children across the school have been busy planting in our new garden beds. Check them out opposite the MUGA pitch.

GB HOCKEY MATCH

Year 6 children enjoyed a trip to Lee Valley Hockey Centre to watch Great Britain take on Belgium.



SUCCESSFUL COURSES

All of our parent courses are up and running and have been very well attended.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This October, children have been celebrating important figures and events for Black History Month. This included 5H's assembly on the Windrush Generation which included this incredible model of the ship.



INTERNATIONAL LONG JUMPER TO VISIT ELSLEY



We are really excited to welcome International long jumper, Ezekiel Ewulo, to Elsley on 2nd November. Ezekiel will be training with children who return their sponsorship forms that have been sent home. All donations go towards the charity Sports for Champions.

PARENT POWER!

Trips are a great way to share interests with your children and bond as a family. There are plenty of free activities for families this half term:

Family Learning Festival: 22nd October, Ealing Road Library, 2-4pm. Learn to love your vegetables and fruit, make smoothies and other tasty dishes. Two children per adult. Book online at www.brent.gov.uk

Caribbean Tapestry Sewing: 24th October, The Library at Willesden Green, 2.30pm to 4pm, Windrush themed fun craft activity for children aged 5 – 11 and parents/carers.

Ealing Road Film Club: Peter Rabbit: 28th October 2018, Ealing Road Library, 1pm to 3pm, Film screening for children. This event is free to library members who have borrowed a book on the day of the event.

Free Lantern Making Workshops: 23/10, 26/10. 27/10. Make a beautiful lantern to carry at the **Fireworks and Light Parade** on 04/11, celebrating Bonfire Night and Diwali. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

More free events at www.brent.gov.uk

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 with your name and the title 'newsletter.'