



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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**What a fantastic end to 2018!** It has been a packed few weeks and the children have enjoyed a visiting theatre production, performed in end-of-term music concerts, partied at the discos, watched a teachers' pantomime performance, and attended the traditional Nativity play. The children have also maintained a focus on their learning in between all of the fun and excitement!

As we look back on the first term of this academic year, we should all feel proud of the excellent attitudes which the children are showing towards their learning, supported by the excellent teaching and opportunities available here at Elsley.

To those of you celebrating, I wish you Merry Christmas. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back in January 2019.  
*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 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 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 just **£2.30 PER DAY.**

**Earlier this term, Elsley Primary was awarded 'Gold'** from The Mayor of London and Transport for London in recognition of how well children, parents and staff are doing in increasing their level of active, sustainable travel. Congratulations to all of you!



For those of you who travel by car, consider parking about a 5-minute walk away from school - you'll feel better for walking and won't get stuck in traffic!

### 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.



### CHRISTMAS AT ELSLEY



**We have had a fantastic array of Christmas events across the school.**



Huge thanks go to our PSA lead Mrs Hersi and Mrs Iqbal who organised three Winter Discos for the children. Thanks also go to Elsley staff who volunteered to run stalls and worked in the grotto. The discos raised over £1100 which the PSA will spend on resources for the school.

We also held Christmas jumper day with everyone coming in wearing something festive and donating £1 to the charity, Save the Children. Altogether we raised almost £500.



Chef Lucia and her fantastic Harrison kitchen staff cooked up a delicious Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. This was thoroughly enjoyed by children and staff.

Children enjoyed their class Christmas parties during the last week with some year groups putting on talent shows.

Finally on the last day of term, Year 1 performed their Nativity assembly to children and parents. The show was enjoyed by all.



### Applications for Reception 2019

Please remember that applications for Elsley Primary School Reception places must be submitted to Brent via [edamissions.org.uk](http://edamissions.org.uk). An application must be made for every child, including children who currently attend our school nursery. Please tell your friends and relatives. **Applications must be received before the deadline of January 15th 2019**

### \*\*\* POWERFUL PARENTING \*\*\*

Child having a tantrum, over-excited or flipping out? According to Dr. Daniel Siegel you need to "name-it-to-tame it." When you name the emotions your child is feeling, you're helping them understand what's going on. Then tell them what happened and you will be deepening their understanding. For example, "You fell and scraped your knee, that can hurt. You were running and you tripped." More info at [www.drdansiegel.com](http://www.drdansiegel.com)

### REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**Parents** - Please remember to pay for school lunch, after-school and breakfast clubs promptly on receipt of the text request at [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk). If payments are not kept up to date we will contact you and may consider withdrawing your child from these clubs. The office spend a lot of time sending messages and chasing payments from parents so please help us by paying on time. Thank you.

### Dates for your Diary

#### January

Monday 7th

Staff training day. School closed to pupils.

Tuesday 8th

First day back for pupils

#### February

18th - 22nd

Half Term

#### April

Friday 5th

End of Term. School closes at 1:30pm



### YEAR 6 LONDON EYE EXPERIENCE

**Year 6 had an incredible trip to the South Bank in Central London.** Linked with their book, *The London Eye Mystery*, they got to ride on the Eye and view it from the river on a boat cruise. Huge thanks to Jennifer from The London Eye for an unforgettable experience.



### ROCK STARS

**Well done to children who have been having music tuition from Rocksteady Music School.** For the end of term concert, we were treated to FOUR Elsley rock bands who really impressed with their musical and singing talents.

Check out our twitter feed for some videos of the performances. Huge thanks go to Mark who worked hard to get the children ready. Please speak to the school office if you would like your child to join Rocksteady's music lessons in the new year.



### NATIONAL TREE WEEK

**We had a really successful National Tree Week this month.**

This included tree and bulb planting across the school and a really interesting assembly by our outdoor learning specialist, Ms Codner. We found out that we have 79 trees on our school grounds and at the end of the week, our eco team planted 8 new trees along the bank in our playground! This was a fantastic way to celebrate the week and improve our school grounds.



### MAGICAL STAFF PANTO

**During the last week, staff performed a surprise pantomime to all the children.** After last year's successful *Cinderella*, this year's was the magical story of *Harry Potter*. Thanks go to Mr Fraser who wrote and directed the show.



### SUCCESSFUL PARENT COURSES

**Congratulations to these parents for completing the course 'Working with children' run by Brent Council and the Autumn term of 'Story Sacks'.** We look forward to welcoming you back next term. If you are interested in



joining either of these courses, please contact the school for more details. Please also note that 'Triple P Parenting course' will begin in January. Please register your name in the office.

### ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THEIVES

**Reception and Years 1 to 3 enjoyed a new production by returning theatre company, Wizard Theatre.** Their new show



told the story of Ali Baba and the Forty thieves. Children said they enjoyed the stage fighting and the songs. Wizard Theatre have also run drama workshops at Elsley as well as these productions. We look forward to their return with a new show, next year.

### YEAR 4 NEASDEN TEMPLE VISIT

**Year 4 had a fascinating trip to Neasden Temple as part of their RE topic.** The children



thought the building's design was incredible and they enjoyed their learning about the history and what traditions that take place in the temple.

### WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

**We had a terrific performance from KS2 children as they performed to children and parents their Winter Music Concert.** Huge thanks go to Miss



Dykes from Brent Music Service for all the hard work she has put in this term.

### CHOIR SING AT THE LDO

**Our fabulous choir led by our music specialist, Mrs Davies, sang beautiful Christmas songs at the London Designer Outlet.**



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