



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

January 2019

The weeks in 2019 are flying by and we have reached the end of January! It is such a pleasure to see the school buzzing - despite the wintry weather. Children across the school have been on trips, had special visitors and had days filled with amazing experiences and learning.

These extra experiences enhance the children's time at Elsley, and complement the excellent teaching and learning which takes place every single day.

Thank you to parents for your continued support. I hope you can see how much your children are learning and enjoying school, and that the school continues to improve the children's education.

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 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.**

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 new daily price is just **£2.30 PER DAY.**

Keeping our children safe Mr Moss is the DSL

(Designated Lead for Safeguarding). Our Family Support Worker, assistant and deputy headteachers are all trained to the same high standard as the DSL. See the letter coming home about the metropolitan police's 'Operation Encompass.'

Operation Encompass
Supporting children and you
people exposed to domestic abu



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.**

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.** 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

February

Tues 5th Safer Internet Day. Parent Workshop at 6:30pm
Thurs 7th Safer Internet Parent workshop at 9:00am
18th - 22nd Half Term
Mon 25th Staff Training Day, school closed to pupils

April

Thurs 4th Parents' evening. School closes at 1:30pm
Fri 5th End of Spring Term. School closes at 1:30pm
Wed 24th Start of Summer Term



SAFER INTERNET DAY



Tuesday 5th Feb is Safer Internet Day. We are planning digital leader led assemblies, online safety lessons and we are also running two parent online safety workshops (See below). This was well attended last year and parents who came, recommended the workshop. Some parents had requested for the workshop to be in the evening to accommodate those who work in the day. In response, the workshop on 5th February will be at 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

Please return your form by Monday 4th February. For more info, please speak to Mr Fraser or visit:

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/online-safety



Who is she texting??



What is he playing??



Who is he e-mailing??



What is she watching??



Primarily aimed at Key Stage 2 parents, this workshop will highlight up-to-date online safety issues. It will offer advice on how to keep your children safe when they are online or using social communication devices.

FREE PARENT ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

Tues 5th Feb 6:30pm – 7:30pm (*NEW Evening time)

Location: Front Hall – Refreshments provided.

Thurs 7th Feb 9:00am – 10:00am (Morning time)

Location: Computing Suite (Meet in the School Office) – Refreshments provided.



YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF LONDON

Year 4 travelled by train to the Museum of London. They had the opportunity to walk around the museum, as well as attend a fantastic workshop all about the Windrush. The children got into character and acted out the experiences that many Caribbean people would have gone through during 1948. It was wonderful to see all the children engaged and the children represented the school very well.



SPRING TERM PARENT COURSES

- Maths GCSE
- Maths Stepping Stones
- Working with Children
- Making Story Sacks
- English Family Learning
- English Advanced
- Yoga



Speak to the school office for more info.



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

We have a new classroom! A huge thank you goes to all of the funding we received from our Gofundme page for the outdoor learning team to buy

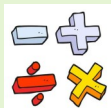
a permanent bell tent large enough for a whole class to use. We are really looking forward to seeing it in action over the next few months!

*****POWERFUL PARENTING *****

Take your child(ren) to a free family event in Brent:

STEM Club (Science and maths)

Wednesday 30 January 2019, 4pm to 5pm,
Ealing Road Library



Code Club

(Learn how to code, make games, visuals and programs)

Wednesday 6 February 2019, 4pm to 5pm, The Library at Willesden Green

Family Learning: 3D Decorative Frames

Saturday 16 February 2019, 2.30pm to 4.45pm,
Harlesden Library Plus, Craven Park Road, Harlesden,
London, NW10 8SE

IT'S BEHIND YOU!

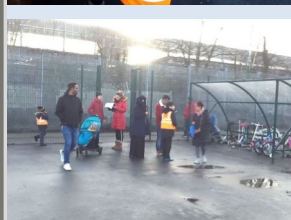
Children from Year 4 and Year 6 experienced a truly fantastic production of **Sleeping Beauty**. It was performed by PWC, an accounting firm that perform pantomimes for inner-London schools. The children enjoyed travelling into Holborn for the show and the wonderful songs, dances and lively characters.



CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN UP THE FIELD

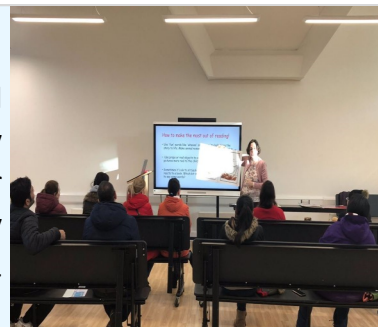
Our eco-committee team have been out in force gathering signatures from parents and staff to campaign for new fencing for the field adjacent to the **MUGA**.

The field is currently unsafe for use as there are gaps in the fence, allowing rubbish such as alcohol to be dumped and dog walkers to roam the field. The field is shared with Ark Elvin Academy and St Joseph's who are also campaigning. Thank you for your support.



PHONICS WORKSHOP

There was a good attendance by Nursery parents who came to our Reading Workshop run by Mrs Cronin, our reading & phonics specialist.



EARLY YEARS LOG RUN!

Reception and Nursery children have been enjoying their new log trails, and our log-circle has a beautiful new woodchip floor. Thanks to arboricultural company, Gristwood and Toms, for providing these wonderful outdoor resources.



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.'