



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

December 2016

NEWSLETTER

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I am proud of the children and staff who have continued learning and making progress until the end of term. There have been fun end-of-term celebrations including the EYFS performance (photo below), a whole-school Christmas lunch and the PSA's well-organised and successful Christmas discos.

One highlight of this term was our first ever 'extended day' when almost all of our 120 Year 1 children stayed late into the evening. They ate supper, had activities outside in the dark and enjoyed toasted marshmallows around a traditional campfire (photo below).

Merry Christmas to children, families, staff and governors celebrating, and warmest wishes to all of you for a happy and peaceful new year. We will see all children back on Wednesday, January 4th 2017.



Nursery & Reception children performed a wonderful Christmas production with amazing singing, narrating and costumes.



BUILDING WORKS for the School

Work has started at the Berkhamsted Road side of our site. This entrance will remain out of use for the whole year.

In the new year we will take advantage of the building work to teach the children important safety messages about the dangers of building sites.

Parents, please also speak to your children about the dangers.



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 2012 and August 31st 2013, 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.** Please tell your friends and relatives. Ask at the office for details.

Keeping our children safe - important phone numbers:

CHILDLINE is for children and is free to call **0800 1111**

Adults can use the **NSPCC Helpline 0800 800 5000**

If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, you can contact NSPCC professional counsellors 24/7 for help, advice and support.

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.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

If you think that a child or young person in Brent is at risk of harm, neglect or other abuse you must:

Call 999 if they are in immediate danger

If you are worried that they have already been abused or may be harmed in the future call **TTThe Brent Customer Services Contact Centre 0208 937 4300**

Then select the option for Children and Families Services. To raise your concern by email please contact customer.services@brent.gov.uk



Year 1 Campfire

Nursery and Reception Class Applications

The deadline is **Sunday 15th January 2017**

Nursery Admissions

Parents applying for a place at Elsley Primary School **Nursery** need to apply directly to the school. Application Forms are available from the Office.

Closing Date Sunday 15th January 2017

for children born between **1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014.**

Admission to Nursery does not guarantee a full-time place at the school.

Reception Admission 2017

All parents with children in our Nursery (September 2016) must apply for a Reception place for September 2017 **before Sunday 15th January 2017**

for children born between **1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013.**

There is no automatic transfer from Nursery to Reception.

Visit: www.eadmissions.org.uk to register and complete the online form.

You must apply before the closing date. Please ask if you need any help.

Dates for your Diary

January 2017

Tuesday 3rd	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th	Spring Term Starts for Pupils
Sunday 15th	Deadline for Nursery and Reception applications

February

Mon 13th - Fri 17th	Spring Half Term Break
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March

Friday 31st	Last Day of Term. School closes at 1:30pm
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April

Tuesday 18th	First day of Summer Term
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Children from Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Welsh Harp Environmental Centre.

As part of their visit, the children went hunting for mini-beasts and had the chance to go pond-dipping.

Inter-school Training

As a school we recognise the need for everyone to continue to learn and grow. We are a lead in school in supporting others and recently hosted and led a training event for about 50 teaching assistants from different schools. Our own staff benefitted from this training as well as giving Elsley a chance to show colleagues in other schools some of the great opportunities our children are offered.



Year 6 Boys Football Team

Year 3 children had a workshop on Fairtrade.

The children visited Tesco Brent Park, they walked around the store, looking for Fairtrade items such as coffee, fruit & chocolate.



Year 5 Mentoring Scheme

For a few years, Elsley girls in Year 5 have been able to benefit from weekly mentoring from an organisation called Mosaic, part of the Princes Trust, leading to greater confidence and aspiration of pupils.

We have repeatedly asked for the programme to be widened to also benefit our boys. We were delighted that for the first time ever, Mosaic ran the programme this year for boys as well as girls.

The programme culminated in a visit to a university and a graduation ceremony (pictured below) at the offices of a prestigious law company in London Bridge.

We are grateful to Mrs Iqbal, Family Support Worker, for her role in organising this scheme and widening access to include boys.



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