



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

April 2017

## NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to you all and best wishes for the summer term. I am particularly pleased to welcome three new members of staff: Miss Campbell, Assistant Headteacher; Mrs Akhtar and Mrs Vithlani. You can read more about them on the next page.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that we have introduced a trial of full time Nursery places. Many parents would prefer this provision to support them being able to work. If your child is over 3 and currently attends a different nursery full time, please contact us if you are interested in this exciting development for Elsley.

Wishing you all a successful summer term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Raphael Moss, Headteacher

### Attendance /Punctuality School starts at 8:55am.

**Gates are open from 8.45am** and on most days we offer a 'soft start' so children can enter classes as soon as they arrive.

If your child is late you will need to sign them in at the office.

If your child is unwell, please email [absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk) or telephone 0208 902 8003.

### Parking and ONE-WAY system

It is really important to use the one-way system as it helps traffic flow so much better.

Copies of the map (right) are available from the office, or on our website under 'Contact Us'



### Parent Classes and Courses - NOW running...

*Details from Mrs Iqbal, Family Support Worker, or from the office .*  
**Phonics (supporting your child's reading)**  
every Tuesday 9-11am

**English intermediate level**  
every Wednesday 9-11am

### 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.



### NEW! FULL-TIME Nursery spaces available.

In response to requests from parents, we have decided to trial full-time places in our Nursery. The first 15 hours are funded free with the additional hours to be paid directly by parents at a very reasonable £75 per week.

If your child is in a different Nursery, they can transfer to Elsley Nursery for the rest of the summer term. This will help prepare them to enter Reception in September. **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 full details.

### EXPANSION UPDATE

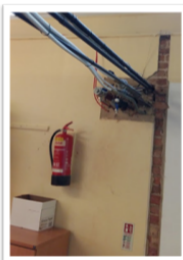
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Building work, April 2017

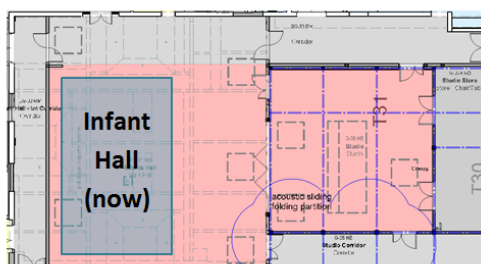
#### What are we doing ...?

#### We are making a bigger hall!

- ✓ Removing the offices
- ✓ Moving the pipes and wires
- ✓ Making an extra studio (small hall) by
- ✓ ...adding a roof to the courtyard
- ✓ Linking the new studio and hall
- ✓ Making corridors around the halls



#### Plan of the new bigger hall and studio



Making a bigger and better school with our 4 special Elsley Values:  
learning sharing achieving respecting

### School Closed for Polling Station

Elsley Primary School is being used as an official polling station for voting in the general election. The school will therefore be closed



**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  
**The 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](mailto:customer.services@brent.gov.uk)

#### Keeping our children safe

**Mr Moss is the designated lead for safeguarding.**

Our assistant and deputy headteachers are trained to the same high standard as the designated lead. If you have concerns, speak to a member of the safeguarding team.

### Dates for your Diary

#### May

- Monday 1st Bank Holiday. School closed
- Monday 8th KS2 SATs week
- Mon 29th - Fri 2nd Half Term (including Bank Holiday on May 29th)

#### June

- Thursday 8th School Closed - for polling station - General Election
- Monday 12th Phonics Screening Check (Key Stage 1)

#### July

- Friday 21st Last day of term School closes 1:30pm

#### September

- Mon/ Tues 4 & 5 Staff Training (Inset) Days (2 days)
- Wednesday 6th Term starts for pupils



**Miss Campbell is our new Assistant Headteacher.** She has been teaching for 12 years and comes from Canada. She has lived in England for the past 9 years where she has taught in primary and secondary schools. She loves teaching Music and looks forward to hearing the Elsley pupils singing and playing instruments.

Miss Campbell's second love is Literacy and she loves reading and writing fiction. In her free time, she loves cooking, photography, playing with her cats and travelling. Miss Campbell is very excited to get to know everyone at Elsley Primary School and would like to thank everyone for the kind welcome she has received.



## New Members of Staff



**Mrs Akhtar is the new Year 1 Van Gogh teacher.** She has previous experience working in both KS1 and KS2. She graduated from The University of Warwick, specialising in Mathematics - a subject that she loves! Mrs Akhtar has travelled all over the UK, doing fun mathematics projects with many different Primary Schools. She is also an ambassador for the UK Parliament and encourages children to get involved with Parliament-related projects.

Mrs Akhtar, originally from Birmingham, moved to Wembley to marry her husband. In their spare time, they love to dine in new restaurants, play snooker, go to the gym, and visit museums and exhibitions.



**Mrs Vithlani is our new support teacher - mainly in EY and Year 1.** After completing her degree in European Studies & Italian, Mrs Vithlani worked in the City as the Italian organiser for a dance examinations board. She started teaching as she was looking for a more rewarding career.

Mrs Vithlani has a passion for Early Years and Languages and comes with 11 years' experience in Brent where she held various roles including Nursery Year Leader, Reception teacher and French teacher.

Mrs. Vithlani loves travelling, supporting mums in the community and mindfulness through yoga and meditation. She looks forward to sharing her passion and would like to thank everyone for such a warm welcome.



### OWSLEY VISITS ELSLEY

**Team GB and Rio 2016 Olympic gold medallist, Lily Owsley MBE, visited Elsley Primary School on Thursday 30th March.** The Olympic



champion delivered hockey training to children from Elsley and Kilburn Park, alongside coaches from Harrow Hockey Club.



She then gave an assembly to nearly two hundred children, sharing her sporting stories and some of the lessons she has learned in her international career. The children took advantage of an informal Q and A

afterwards, finding out everything from Lily's favourite food (pizza!) to what it feels like to represent Great Britain. One of our players was particularly excited to win Lily's old hockey stick in a quick quiz! It was an inspiring day for the children, raising the aspirations of our budding athletes.



For more photos and videos of Lily's visit, please visit [www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/news/sports-events](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/news/sports-events).



### SOARING EAGLES

**Our Elsley Eagles Cheerleading team** came 3rd in the Prime Cheer Events Spring Schools competition at the end of last term. They then watched their coach, Ms Radjabi, perform with her team, the Fame Allstars UK Vogue.



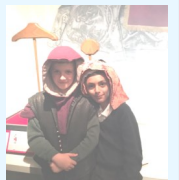
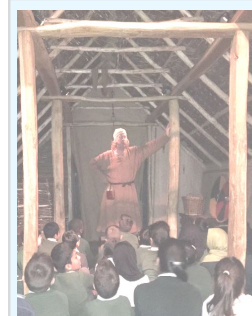
### EQUINE EDUCATION

**Some of our children had the unique opportunity of learning how to groom and care for a pony.** Bea Simpson and Belle (the pony) from Spirit in Stirrups will be running a 10 week 'Horse play' workshop.



### VICIOUS VIKINGS

**Our Year 5 classes** enjoyed an interesting trip to the Museum of London. They took part in a Viking workshop which included dressing up and watching a performance which some children took part in.

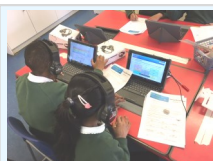


### TECH BUS PARKS UP

**Our Digital Leaders experienced a futuristic exploration** on The I.D.E.A.S. bus which arrived at Elsley at the end of month. The ten children from Years 2 - 6 got to experience 3D interactive screens, 3D printing, coding, virtual reality, music cubes and robotics.



### EXCITING NEW TECHNOLOGY



**With our temporary ICT suite now out of use, we have purchased 32 LearnPads** for children to use during their Computing lessons in their classrooms. These unique devices are designed for schools and can be used as mini-laptops or the screen can detach to be used as a tablet. Teachers can create digital lessons to send to the LearnPads and they have more control over monitoring the children's work through a simultaneous live stream. The children have really enjoyed using the new tech this term.



### 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.'