



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

November 2017

NEWSLETTER

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Elsley is a happy and buzzing place, and as we move into winter the school remains full of the joys of learning that the new season brings. Our staff have been busy planning extra activities for the children to enjoy, including extended days for KS1 children where the children stay later as part of their curriculum, the end-of-term performances and the Parent-Staff-Association (PSA) discos. For safety reasons, only current pupils of the school will be allowed to attend their own year group's disco.

We were re-awarded the Food Standards Agency's maximum 5 stars during a recent spot-check on our kitchen hygiene. Remember, our school meals are made freshly, on-site every day and offer nutritionally-balanced tasty food.

Please tell friends and family who are applying for entry into Reception 2018 to **put Elsley as their first choice school** when applying. I am happy to welcome prospective parents to meet me and visit the school. *Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

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.

Parent Classes and Courses -

Details from Mrs Iqbal, Family Support Worker, or from the office.

English for beginners has now started and we have a free crèche every Monday 9:00am -11:15am

English Intermediate is on Thursday 9:00am—11:15am with a crèche

Working With Children every Tuesday 9:00am—11:15am with a free crèche (See photo on page 2)

Triple P is every Wednesday 9:00am—11:15am, free crèche

Free Yoga for ladies on Fridays

All courses for parents are now held in our new 'Learning Hub' with light refreshments!

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, telephone 0208 902 8003 or through our new app.

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.**



PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATION DAY

The Autumn term Parent/Teacher consultation day is on **Thursday 7th December**.

School will be closed from 1:30pm so please collect children promptly. This is to help parents who prefer daytime meetings and we continue into the evening to suit other parents. Please also make sure you have chosen a time slot to meet your child's teacher and returned it to school.



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 2013 and August 31st 2014, 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.**

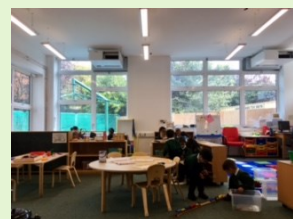


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NURSERY AND RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

The deadline is **Monday 15th January 2018**



Nursery Admissions 2018

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 is **Monday 15th January 2018** for children born between **1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015**. Admission to Nursery does not guarantee a full-time place at the school.

Reception Admission 2018 All parents with children in our Nursery (September 2017) must apply for a Reception place for September 2018 before **Monday 15th January 2018** for children born between **1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014**.

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 in the school office if you need any help.

APPSOLUTELY FANTASTIC RESPONSE

Our new app already has over **150 users** in it's first 2 months and has been used over **10,000 times!** **DOWNLOAD IT NOW FOR FREE!!!**

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.

SAFETY at the DISCOS

Only current Elsley pupils will be allowed to attend the discos. Children may only attend the disco for their own year group.

Dates for your Diary

December

Wed 6th	EYFS Disco (2pm) and KS1 Disco (3:40pm)
Wed 6th	Santa's Grotto for EYFS/KS1 by ticket only, £
Thurs 7th	Parent/Teacher Consultation (School closes at 1:30pm)
Fri 8th	Wizard Theatre Production - Years 2-6 (£1 contribution)
Mon 11th	Rocksteady Music Concert
Tue 12th	KS2 Disco (3:30pm)
Fri 15th	Term Finishes at 1:30pm

January

Wed 3rd	Staff training (school closed for pupils)
Thurs 4th	Start of term for pupils

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

The week of 20th November was Road Safety Week.

This important week was marked with an assembly delivered by Mr Moss and continued as children discussed Road Safety issues in their PSHE and Circle Time lessons. Some children designed posters whilst others created Road Safety presentations. **Please remember to drive carefully and safely on the roads, especially on the roads around our school.**



WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT BUT WE ARE ALL EQUAL

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



The week of 20th November was Anti-Bullying Week at Elsley. The week began with a very poignant assembly from our Behaviour and Spoken Word specialist, Mr Owoo who spoke about the affects of bullying and showed the children a video filmed the previous week at a Spoken Word workshop. As part of Elsley Primary's Spoken Word Education Artist Development programme, eight poets wrote a short poem based around this year's theme 'We are all different but we are all equal' You can view this video on our website at www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/children/anti-bullying.



On Wednesday 15th November, Children in KS2 took part in an Anti-bullying Spoken Word workshop which was run by Mr Owoo and the eight poets. In the workshop, children created their own Anti-bullying poems. Also on Wednesday, children and staff across the whole school wore odd socks to highlight the message 'We are all different but we are all equal'.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR DISCO TICKETS YET?

Wednesday 6th Dec at 2pm - EYFS Disco

Wednesday 6th Dec at 3:40pm - KS1 Disco

Thursday 12th Dec at 3:30pm - KS2 Disco



£1 entry. Food and Goodies for Sale

A VICTORIAN VISIT TO THE PAST



Year 3 visited Willesden Green Library for a workshop and a museum visit exploring Wembley in the past. They had fun learning about their local area, including dressing up as Victorians!

KEY STAGE 1 EXTENDED DAYS



At the end of November, Year 1 & 2 had consecutive extended days. Starting at 3:30, Year 1's 'Dark' extended day activities included toasting marshmallows on a bonfire, a picnic in the dark, making silhouette pictures and an exciting night time treasure hunt.

Year 2 had a 'Superhero' themed extended day. The children dressed up as their favourite heroes and took part in activities that included mask making, badge making, word searches/colouring, superhero mission cards and a rescue mission! The evening ended with a feast fit for a hero!



WOWED BY WYKEHAM

The Year 6 boys football team played their first league match of the year against Wykeham Primary School. The away game was well fought by the boys, who despite having a strong second half, lost the game 4-0. The girls team have their first match at the end of the month against Wykeham.



ELSLEY PRIMARY REMEMBERS



Children and staff stood together in a minute's silence to remember all those who have fought and died in war. The silence took place just after 11am on the Monday after Remembrance Sunday.

OUR NEW BUILDING - NOVEMBER 2016



This photo of the building work just starting was published last year in our November 2016 newsletter.

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Exactly one year later, the builders are finishing off the new building and are preparing to hand it over to us in 2018.

Keep checking the news feed for updates!

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.'