



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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December 2017

NEWSLETTER

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This term was packed full of exhilarating experiences. I am so proud of the extra effort that our staff go to, to ensure that children at Elsley have such great opportunities.

Year 1 and Year 2 ran successful extended-days, giving children a taste of staying away from home by having campfires and supper in the dark. This is excellent preparation for their first overnight camping which Year 4 will take part in during the summer term.

The end-of-term activities were a huge success. There were 3 phenomenal discos for the different age groups, an incredible KS2 music concert and the Year 1 Nativity play. It has been a pleasure to see so many parents coming into the school to participate in the events and meet the teachers. The larger and newer halls have been well used and we look forward to many more community events. I'd like to take this opportunity of wishing you all warmest Seasons Greetings. Have a happy Christmas holiday and see you in 2018.

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, telephone 0208 902 8003 or through our new app.

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 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 with crèche, Mondays 9:00am-11:15am

English Intermediate Thursdays 9 - 11:15am with crèche

Working With Children Tuesdays 9- 11:15am with crèche

Triple P is every Wednesday 9:00am - 11:15am with crèche

Free Yoga for ladies on Fridays

All courses for parents are held in our new 'Learning Hub' with light refreshments provided.

Mrs Iqbal is also available for individual support to families.

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.** Please tell your friends and relatives. Ask at the office for details.

ENGLISH COURSE FOR PARENTS

 Six of our parents have been attending an English Course every Monday since September. They all received certificates of achievement for ESOL ENTRY 1 awarded by Brent Start. These mums have attended every session and will be continuing after Christmas. This course encourages parents to support children at home. If you would like to join this course, please contact the school office.



TRIPLE P PARENTS GRADUATE COURSE



Congratulations to parents who graduated from the Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme) course which supports parents in building positive relationships with their children and in managing challenging situations. Thanks to Councillor Butt, Leader of Brent Council, for presenting the certificates. Parents found the course really useful and would recommend it to others who are interested.

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.

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 TThe 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

Dates for your Diary

January

Wed 3rd Staff training (school closed for pupils)
Thurs 4th Start of term for pupils
Mon 15th Deadline for September 2018 Reception applications

February

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Half Term

March

Thurs 29th End of term. School closes at 1:30pm

LOOK OUT FOR THIS ADVERT COMING SOON ON THE BACK OF YOUR LOCAL BUS!!!

ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Recent Good OFSTED (2017)

Excellent teaching and brand new facilities

Fabulous Wembley location

On-site Nursery (30 hours childcare available)

Nurturing and welcoming ethos, promoting respect



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See our website or call to arrange a visit

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk

020 8902 8003

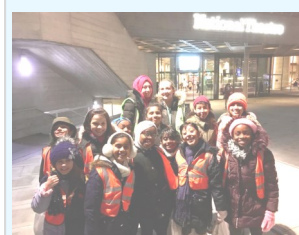
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KS2 MUSIC CONCERT

We had a wonderful Christmas Music Concert performed by Key Stage 2 children and enjoyed by children in Key Stage 1 and parents. The concert also included a song by children who take individual tuition on guitar, violin, flute and clarinet. Thanks to all the teachers from Brent Music Service for teaching our children to be confident in playing a range of musical instruments.



LATE NIGHT THEATRE TRIP

There was a special treat for a select group of Year 4 children who were out at the National Theatre for a dress rehearsal viewing of Pinocchio. The children loved the experience of being at a West End theatre.

THE RELUCTANT DRAGON

Years 2, 3 and 4 enjoyed a new production by returning theatre company, Wizard Theatre. Their new show told the story of a boy who befriends a dragon and must convince the village councilors that he is a friendly dragon and should not be slain by St George. Children said they enjoyed the dragon costume 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.



PARTY TIME!!!

Huge thanks go to Mrs Hersi, the PSA team and the staff who organised and ran three fantastic Winter Discos. All three were well attended and children enjoyed dancing, eating and partying. EY and KS1 children were also treated to a grotto visit to visit Father Christmas. The PSA raised a brilliant £1200 from these events.



Our PSA is always looking for more volunteers! If you would like to join our PSA and would like to help organise successful events like the discos, please speak to the school office.

ROCK BANDS



Well done to children in Years 2 to 4 who have been having music tuition from Rocksteady Music School. The two bands, The Luigis and The Rockets, performed songs for children in Key Stage 2. Everyone was really impressed with their talents after only a short amount of time practicing. At the end of the concert, a few of the teachers had a jam with Rocksteady teacher, Mark. Please speak to the school office if you would like your child to join Rocksteady's music lessons in the new year.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you to Chef Lucia and her Harrison team for preparing a delicious Christmas lunch for everyone on Thursday. This was followed by an afternoon of Class Parties!



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.'