



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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In this final newsletter of the year, I take great pride in looking back at another successful year. The end of year published results are the best ever and more details will be shared after the summer. Throughout the year our twitter feed has shown a constant window into the wide-ranging activities and experiences which Elsley children benefit from. The newsletters also capture some of the breadth of what we offer and we often hear the children talking about their experiences.

Earlier in July we gave children opportunities to meet their new teachers and once again, we are fully staffed for next year. We have a brilliant team and next year promises to be an excellent year! I wish you all a safe and happy summer, **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.**

There is clearly much uncertainty about **Britain exiting from the EU (Brexit)**. As a school we always try to ensure we are as prepared as we can be for all circumstances.

If you're an EU citizen, you and your family will be able to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021.

In any event, we respect and value all families, and will continue to do our best for all of our children.

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.

NSPCC Helplines:

Help for adults concerned about a child
0800 800 5000

Help for children and young people
Call Childline on 0800 1111 - it's free



We are saying goodbye to Mrs Johnson-Markland who has devoted 20 incredible years to Elsley Primary. We thank her for her years of dedication and wish her well on her next adventure.



YEAR GROUP 2019 / 2020	NEW CLASS TEACHER
Nursery	Ms Tyndale
Reception	Ms. Vernon
	Ms. Rashid
	Ms. Williams
Year 1	Ms. Gordon
	Ms. Cristina
	Mrs. Manga & Ms. Khechini
	Ms. Daniel
Year 2	Ms. Buzuku
	Ms. Renata
	Ms. Vassell
Year 3	Mrs. Duncan-Solomons
	Ms. Paton
	Mr. Wimlett
	Ms. Khan
Year 4	Mrs. Rushe & Mrs. Qureshi
	Ms. Owens
	Ms. Vasdev
	Ms. Hamilton & Mrs Patel-Kiose
Year 5	Ms. Henry
	Ms. Acharya
Year 6	Mrs Obaydi & Ms. Burrell
	Ms. Starkey

As part of our expansion, there will be four classes in Year 4 starting in September.

MEDICAL NEEDS and ALLERGIES:

The safety and well being of all children is of utmost importance to us. If your child has an allergy, medical condition or takes any medication, please ensure you inform us and complete the forms so that we can ensure your child is safe and well cared for.

Thank you



YEAR 5 CAMPING RESIDENTIAL

Year 5 had a brilliant time on their 3 day residential in Kings Langley. As well as camping in tents, they took part in fun activities such as team building games, abseiling, camp fire songs and inflatables.

TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN CURRENTLY IN YEAR 4 - RESIDENTIAL

The residentials are an amazing part of our curriculum and we expect all children to participate. A payment for the residential trip in September will be added to your parent pay account to enable you to make payments over the summer. If you have any queries, please contact the school office, Mr Wilke or Mr Moss in early September. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

September

Mon & Tues 2nd & 3rd
Wednesday 4th

Teacher Training Days
Autumn Term starts from pupils

October

Friday 18th - Monday 28th

Half Term

School will finish on Thursday 17th and reopen on Tuesday 29th



SUMMER FAIR SUCCESS

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fair and ran a stall. Everyone had lots of fun playing games, climbing over inflatables and enjoying a hot dog or an ice cream. We raised **£2220** which is up on last year. Huge thanks go to Mrs Hersi and our PSA for organising this great event.

SURF'S UP!

We are so proud of all of our Year 6's who attended their week long residential



in Devon. Children got stuck in with the animals straight away with so many of them not having any experience previously. They loved sharing dormitories with their friends, serving each other at dinner time and playing games. Organised activities included a trip to Tregadillett Primary School in Cornwall and a brilliant surfing lesson in Bude! Children also



visited the incredible Eden Project, enjoying the stunning Mediterranean and Tropical plant life as well as taking part in an anthropology workshop. Back on the farm, children were also treated to an amazing falconry display, a hay bale maze run and a camp fire. Children behaved exceptionally on the trip and learnt to be more independent, take more responsibility and conquer their fears on the farm. See our Twitter feed for more photos: @ElsleyPrimary



SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT

Well done to Years 3, 4 & 5 for performing a wonderful Summer Music Concert. Thanks go to Miss Dykes from Brent Music Service.

SUMMER TALENT SHOW

Well done to everyone who took part in Elsley's Got Talent. There were some amazing performances!



YEAR 6'S ROARING STAGE SPECTACULAR

Our Year 6's sang, danced and acted superbly in their production of 'The Circle of Life', a musical based on the story of The Lion King. The children were very professional and there were some stand out performances. Huge thanks go to the Year 6 team as well as Mr Fraser and Ms Vernon for their direction and choreography. The show received very high praise from its audiences.

STEEL PAN WORKSHOP

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic Steel Pan workshop delivered by the Steel Pan Trust. This was organised as part of their 'Carnival' topic.



SUPER SPORTS DAYS

Well done to all our children who took part in our EY, KS1 & KS2 Sports Days. Every child showed great sportsmanship and tried their best to win points for their team. Thanks go to Mr Wilke & the PE team for organising the Sports Days.

OUR YEAR 6 GRADUATES 2019

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who have graduated from primary school!



Their successes were recognised in a ceremony when best wishes were given by staff and school leaders. Our special guest was Barry Gardiner MP, who gave an inspiring speech before handing out certificates. We wish our graduates all the success in the future and they will be missed.

DIGITAL LEARNING FAIR

Our Digital Leaders ran our first ever Digital Learning Fair. Children and parents were invited to the ICT suite to celebrate how Elsley uses technology to enrich learning.



***** ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP *****

> A PEGI rating on a game will tell you the games age appropriate level and any content warnings.

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