



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

September 2019

WELCOME I'm delighted to welcome you all to the start of the new school year. The curriculum has been revised and updated this year ensuring that expected standards are high and that there is a strong focus on knowledge and vocabulary. We are excited to have introduced knowledge organisers, all of which can be found on our website.

It has been a pleasure speaking with many parents at the gates and I am happy for you to approach me with any questions you have, or ask at the office to make an appointment. I wish everyone a successful year ahead. *Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

NEWSLETTER

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REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

We are here to help you with all your enquiries.

School Office – Opening Hours

The School Office opens to parents for general enquiries between **8.30am and 9.30am** on all days (9am– 9:30am on Wednesdays). The office closes **4.15pm on Monday to Thursday** and **3.45pm on Fridays**.

If you regularly need help with School Money please come on **FRIDAYS** between 8.45am - 9.30AM or 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

School Lunch Money

School Lunch Money is **£11.50 each week which MUST be paid on a Monday in advance** at www.schoolmoney.co.uk for that week. If your child is absent, the credit will be carried forward. If payment is not made you may be asked to change to packed lunch. Please note **pupils must remain** on their chosen lunch arrangement for a complete half-term rather than changing week to week.

Some children will be **entitled to Free School Meals**. If you wish to check to see **if you are eligible please complete a form at the school office and they will check for you**.

Breakfast & After-School Clubs

Bookings must be made in **advance** online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk. For any urgent / late bookings please call the school office **0208 902 8003**.

All staff expect to be treated with absolute respect and courtesy. We have a zero tolerance policy to abusive, aggressive or violent behaviour towards any of our staff members.

Parents and children in Year 5 and 6:

To help you make choices about which secondary schools to apply for, we have invited Headteachers from various schools. They will be available to meet in our school hall on **Wednesday October 2nd from 3:15pm**.

DEADLINE FOR YEAR 6 TO APPLY: 31st October

APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Full information for parents/carers of children starting school in September 2020 can be found via www.brent.gov.uk/admissions.

	Transferring to Secondary school	Starting Primary school and transferring to Junior school
Who should apply?	Apply for children born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009	Primary: Apply for children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 Junior: If your child is in year 2 at an infant school and born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, you must apply for a place at a junior school
Deadline	31 October 2019	15 January 2020
Offer Day	2 March 2020	16 April 2020
School Starts	September 2020	September 2020

Apply now at www.eadmissions.org.uk



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Board of Governors. Nominations should be sent into the school office by **11th October 2019**.



The selection will then take place after half term.



COFFEE MORNING

Come and meet our new Family Support Worker, Mrs Elsayy-Butt over a hot drink and refreshments.

DATE: Friday 4th OCT TIME: 9 - 9:30am

Keeping our children safe Mr Moss is the designated lead for safe-guarding. 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. **Children have recently been taught about who are 'safe adults' - please discuss this with them.**

AUTUMN TERM ADULT EDUCATION & PARENT COURSES

Triple P Workshops

Developing Good Bedtime Routines

Wednesday 2nd October. 9.15am to 11.15am

Managing Fighting and Aggression

Friday 8th November. 9.15am to 11.15am



Nutrition and Healthy Eating Course

Every Friday, 27th September - 13th December. 9.00am to 12.00pm

Play and Learn with Phonics

Every Thursday, 7th November - 12th December. 9.15am to 11.15am

Maths and English classes will be confirmed after assessments have taken place. A text will be sent to parents for assessment day.

For more information, please speak to the School office or our new Family Support Worker, Mrs Elsayy-Butt.



October

Black History Month

Tues 1st & 8th	Year 3 trip to The Natural History Museum
Wed 3rd	Yr 5 & 6: Secondary School Information Fayre
Mon 7th & 14th	Year 4 trip to The British Museum
Thur 17th	Last Day of Autumn 1 term. (Pick up at 3:15pm)
Fri 18th - Mon 21st	Half Term (inclusive; school is closed on 18th and 28th)
Tues 29th	First day of Autumn 2 term. (Soft start from 8:45am)

Dates for your Diary



Mrs Elsawy-Butt is our new Family Support Worker. She has been supporting children and their families in various ways within schools and the local community. She has recently qualified as a Panel member for the YOT team and takes an active role in helping restore justice. Whilst studying for her degree in Business Law and HR she volunteered as a victim support, helping her understand the needs of others and guiding the most vulnerable. In her spare time she enjoys reading and going for long walks with her family. She is enjoying being part of the Elsley family and getting to know the staff, students and their families.



Miss Acharya is a new teacher in Year 5. After graduating with a degree in Primary Teaching, she worked in schools in Brent. She has just returned to Brent after working in an International School in Barcelona for two years. She has experience in teaching children from various backgrounds and abilities. Outside of school, Miss Acharya enjoys travelling, learning to play instruments and cooking. She looks forward to working with the children and staff at Elsley.



Miss Starkey is a new teacher in Year 6. She has just moved to London, after teaching in Upper Key Stage 2 in Coventry. She is really excited to get to know and work with more children at Elsley and is passionate about helping them to achieve high aspirations. Outside of school, Miss Starkey enjoys taking part in different sports and spending time with her friends and family. She is really excited for the year ahead and is so happy to have joined the Elsley community.



Mr Hayble is a new teaching assistant in Year 4. He graduated with a degree in Biomedical Sciences, and has worked as a primary school teaching assistant for two years. He has a passion for education and working to bring out the best in children, and aims to pursue his ambition of becoming a primary school teacher. In his spare time, he enjoys exercising and likes to play the piano. Mr Hayble is enthusiastic about being a member of the Elsley community and looks forward to getting to know the children, parents and staff.

Visit our website to view photos of our staff so you can always identify who's who in our ever growing school.

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/staff

CURRICULUM EVENINGS AND WEBSITE RESOURCES

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our Curriculum Evening on Monday 16th September. Please take some time to look at the range of parent support resources available on our website. Each year group is listed under the 'Curriculum' menu. Resources include:

Core Subjects: Targets for Writing, Maths, Reading and Science.

Reading & Spelling: Reading challenge, BOOKFLIX age-appropriate recommendations and Spelling Lists.

Wider Curriculum: Humanities & Science Knowledge Organisers

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

> Set time limits on how long your children use electronic devices for in your home.



Meet Our New Members of Staff



Miss Khan is a new teacher in Year 3. After completing her undergraduate degree, Miss Khan decided to go into the most rewarding career and pursue what she loved which was working with young people. She decided to complete a PGCE and work in the local area where she grew up. Throughout her teaching career Miss Khan has worked in different year groups and has taken on different leadership roles in the past. In her free time she loves to paint and cook and cannot wait to share her passion with her lovely class. She is extremely excited to work at Elsley!



Ms Burrell is a new teacher in Year 6. She has ten years previous teaching experience in other schools in both Key Stage 1 and 2. She has a range of passions, one of them being working with children, and it was this which led her to teaching. In her spare time Ms Burrell enjoys spending time with her family and reading academic literature and textbooks as she is in the process of completing her Masters in Social Justice and Education.



Mrs Fernandes is a new teaching assistant in Year 1. She qualified as an Accounting Technician after completing her diploma in maths and statistics at Leicester University. Having worked as an accountant for a long time, she decided to have a career change and studied Children's Care, Learning and Development. She worked in a pre-school and then in a primary school as a TA where she achieved a NVQ diploma in teaching and supporting children in schools. After 8 years there, she decided to widen her horizons and joined Elsley. Her hobbies include travelling, reading, pilates and watching movies.



Mrs Smythe is a new teaching assistant in Year 5. After many years working in the corporate sector, Mrs Smythe decided to explore her desire to work with children by volunteering at another primary school. She is excited to be working at Elsley and gain further experience working with children and eventually train as a fully qualified teacher. Outside of school Mrs Smythe enjoys baking and spending time with friends and family.

SPEAK LIKE A NATIVE

Thank you to Yuxin Luo from 'Speak Like a Native' who led an assembly where she informed Years 1, 2 & 3 of a new club starting at Elsley where children can learn Mandarin (Chinese)! Book now via the link in



the text sent out to parents.

An additional reminder you can support your child in French by downloading the app: 'ilanguages Primary French Builder' for £1.99.



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