



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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As we approach the end of the autumn term, I am proud of how our school has started this academic year. This year has brought obvious challenges and yet the children and staff seem more determined than ever to strive hard in their learning, whilst also enjoying school.

We successfully held parent-teacher consultations via zoom (or by telephone), and I saw first-hand, and had excellent feedback about how the conversations focused on each child, their learning and their needs.

During children's self-isolation with some bubble closures, our staff ensured that teaching and learning continued online, and the children responded brilliantly.

The first of our monthly birthday parties took place, which is just one way that we are supporting the children's well-being during this time.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all good health.

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.**

MRS PAL RETIRES AFTER 19 YEARS

We came together over Zoom for a special assembly to say thank you and farewell to Mrs Seema Pal.

Mrs Pal has retired from Elsley after 19 incredible years of service as a teaching assistant. We wish her all

the best and will miss her support and the wonderful energy she brought to Elsley every day.



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.



FREE
Employability Workshops for Parents
Online – on Zoom
Various times and days, including Saturdays

The workshop will cover:

- Personal assessment- your **skills, experience and personal qualities**
- Job Search
- Key facts about **job application**
- Tips for your **cover letter**
- Getting the most of your **CV**
- **Interview mastery** with a potential role play
- Key interview questions to expect and prepare for
- **Dress code and time keeping**

If you are interested in attending this free workshop which will be run by Brent Start, please contact the school office and ask for Mrs Elsayy-Butt, our Family Support worker

*** NEW ***
VIRTUAL
PARENT
WORKSHOPS!

STARTING
DEC '20
AND
JAN '21

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FREE ESOL for Beginners
Starting in January 2021
Online – on Zoom

Tuesday or Thursdays 10-12am
2 hours a week – 11 weeks
Saturday and evening classes also available

The course will help adults who are speakers of other languages who need to learn English for life and work in the UK. The course will help you improve the speaking, listening, reading and writing skills you will need for everyday life and to get a job.

Topics may include:

- Filling in a form
- Registering with the GP and booking an appointment
- Booking an appointment with the GP
- Using online services
- Looking for a job

The course will also help you develop the ability to use ICT for communication and further classes and boost confidence in speaking.

If you are interested in attending this course which will be run by Brent Start, please contact the school office and ask for Mrs Elsayy-Butt, our Family support worker

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

We are here to help you with all your enquiries. Due to COVID, the safest way to send a message to the office is by email: **admin@elsley.brent.sch.uk** or to notify us that your child is not at school to **absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk**

For COVID-safety, staff from the School Office are currently available outside for general enquiries between 8.45am and 9.15am on all days. School Lunch Money is £11.50 each week to be paid in advance at www.schoolmoney.co.uk. If your child is absent, the credit will be carried forward. Please note pupils must remain on their chosen lunch arrangement for a complete half-term rather than changing each 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.



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Dates for your Diary

December

Thurs 10th

Friday 18th

Year 3 Extended Day

End of Autumn 2 Term. School finishes at 1:30pm

January 2021

Mon 4th & Tues 5th

Wed 6th

Half Term

Staff INSET training days

Start of Spring 1 term for pupils

15th - 19th February 2021

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The whole school united to celebrate Black History Month during October. Every class designed a portrait and poster about a famous Black British figure. Classes also filmed a musical or spoken word performance inspired by Black Lives Matter. A gallery of work was created in the Berkhamsted Block and can be seen on our Twitter feed. We even had Sir Lenny Henry retweet his portrait and comment that he thought it looked just like him!



NEW CHICKEN RUN

Thank you to The Wates Group for constructing a new chicken run outside of our coup. Now our chickens have more space to roam around in a safe environment.



DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

Children in Reception celebrated Diwali with a special day of fun activities while Year 4 filmed a brilliant assembly for the school to watch from their classrooms.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11/11/20, Children and staff of Elsley Primary, stood in silence to remember those who had given their lives in war.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all our parents who attended their meetings this year via Zoom. It was a new experience for all and we were very pleased with it's success.



ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

On 16th November, children learning at school and those who were at home, wore odd socks for Anti-bullying week. This is to remind us that we are all different but should all be treated the same. Children also took part in an Anti-bullying poster competition.



*** NEW PARENT VIRTUAL COURSES STARTING FROM DECEMBER '20 / JANUARY '21 ***

Enterprise skills Workshop Taster

Learn
HOW TO SET up a BRAND and BUILD a SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

Topics may include:

- Define your brand, what is it, who is your customer?
- Costings
- How to create a collection/range
- Copyright and brand design
- Marketing platforms
- Sales techniques

Saturday
19th December 2020
Online – on Zoom
10am – 12pm

Entry requirements:

- At least Entry 3 in reading and writing and have good numeracy skills
- Good understanding of social media i.e. Instagram, Facebook, Twitter etc.

If you are interested to attend, please contact the school office and ask for Mrs Elsawy-Butt, our Family support worker

FREE Healthy Eating and Balanced Diet Taster

Online – on Zoom
3rd December
Thursday
10am -11:30am

To register:
@ Elsley Primary School
Tokington Avenue, Wembley, HA9 6HT

Please, contact the school office and ask for Mrs Elsawy-Butt, our Family support worker

The course is delivered by an experienced tutor in a friendly and relaxed environment.

In partnership with Brent Start

NEW COURSE "SPACES ARE LIMITED TO 10" FREE

Yoga with Mindfulness Taster – Online

Join us on Zoom for an hour session with an experienced Yoga instructor

You will learn stretching safely, releasing tension and increasing your breathing space. You will also learn how to develop a steady balanced posture in asana practice.

Suitable for beginners and people with some experience in Yoga.

Monday	Online – on Zoom
7th December	12:30-1:30pm

You will need a device that has a camera so a tutor can see you practising. You will need a Yoga mat or any other non-slippery mat.

If you would like to attend, please register with Mrs Elsawy-Butt, the Family support worker via the school office.

For more information visit www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/information/family-support-work-news or call the office on 0208 902 8003 and ask for Mrs Elsawy-Butt, our Family Support Worker.

*** ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP ***

> Check out www.taminggaming.com—a family video game database that will help you decide if games are suitable.

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.'