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# LSLEY PRIMARY SC

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

November 2020

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.



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## 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.

## 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@elsely.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.



# STARTING **DEC '20 JAN '21**

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Start **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 ourse will help adults who are speakers of other languages who need to learn English if 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 an booking an appointment
 Booking an appointment with the GP
 Using online services
 Looking for a job

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

# Dates for your Diary

December

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Extended Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> End of Autumn 2 Term. School finishes at 1:30pm

January 2021

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> & Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Staff INSET training days

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Start of Spring 1 term for pupils

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Half Term

#### 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 spoken musical or 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!







## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

On 11/11/20, Children and staff of Elsley Primary, silence stood 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.



NEW CHICKEN

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.

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.

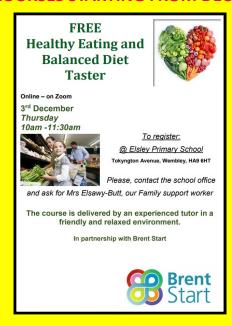






# \*\*\* NEW PARENT VIRTUAL COURSES STARTING FROM DECEMBER '20 / JANUARY '21\*\*\*







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.'