



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

April 2021

## NEWSLETTER

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There has been a positive start to the Summer Term, with children well settled and working hard.

Please continue to ask your child or children about what they have learned in school and support them with their home learning.

I strongly encourage parents to support your children with regular reading at home, as this makes such a difference to them. Good readers achieve better and also benefit from the pleasure of 'escaping' with a good book.

If you don't already do this, use the Bank Holiday to make good use of Brent libraries, which are open via a click and collect service:

[www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/libraries/click-and-collect](http://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/libraries/click-and-collect)

Wishing you a good month ahead.

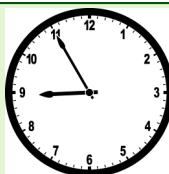
*Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

### PUNCTUALITY

*Children who arrive on time for school achieve better because they are ready and join in with the first lesson...*

*Children can arrive from 8.45am for soft start and all pupils should arrive in school by 8.55am.*

*Please arrive on time, thank you for your continued support.*



### COVID 19 SAFETY MEASURES REMINDER

Local schools have recently had further bubble closures so it's essential that we maintain our **COVID-19 safety measures** to minimise risks of transmission and keep children and adults safe. In the mornings, parents/ carers drop children at the gate and don't enter the grounds.

In the afternoons, to collect children, there is a one-way system inside the school grounds. Adults are expected to:

- wear a face covering
- maintain physical distance
- follow the one-way system and
- wait in allocated areas for each class.

For more information, please visit our website:

[www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/information/covid-19-safety-measures](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/information/covid-19-safety-measures)



### MEET OUR NEW NURSERY TEACHER



**Mrs Patel** discovered her passion for working with children in Early Years after graduating with a degree in Psychology. Over the past eleven years she has taught in both mainstream and Special Educational Needs schools. Outside of school she enjoys baking, travelling and spending time with her young family. Mrs Patel is looking forward to starting her journey at Elsley.



Who's who around the school?  
[www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/staff](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/staff)



>>> If you ever have problems with logging into Google Classroom, please do not change your password - contact [googlesupport@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:googlesupport@elsley.brent.sch.uk) for support.

### PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We will be hosting information meetings about the role of Parent Governor, prior to holding elections. You will hear from Davina Ajana, a current Parent Governor, and have the opportunity to ask questions. We will run the same meeting twice:

Wednesday 5th May 11am - 11:30am or

Thursday 6th May 6pm - 6:30pm

ZOOM Link: <https://tinyurl.com/Elsley-parent-governor>



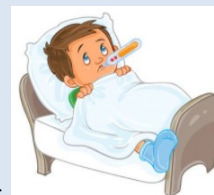
### Keeping our children safe

**Mr Moss** is the designated lead for safeguarding. All of our Assistant and Deputy Heads 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](mailto:admin@elsley.brent.sch.uk)**

or to notify us that your child is not at school to **[absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk)**



If you are reporting to us that your child is unwell, either by e-mail or voicemail, it is essential, especially during this time, that you let us know the details of their illness. If they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, they need to be tested immediately and you must then inform the school of the test results as soon as you have them. **Siblings must also isolate whilst waiting for a test result.**

**SCOOTERS AND BIKES PARKED AT SCHOOL** Active travel to school is highly recommended! Please note that scooters and bikes are left at parents' own risk and we recommend that you use a lock. *The school is not responsible for items that go missing.*

### May

### Dates for your Diary

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bank Holiday

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>

Local elections - school closed for pupils

Week/ 24th

Science Week

Half Term

31st May - 4th June 2021