



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

September 2022

It has been a pleasure to welcome back children and parents, and to see new children and families joining Elsley. The children have very quickly settled into routines and expectations ensuring that they can adhere to our four school values, combining **learning** and **achieving**, with **sharing** and **respecting**. If parents have a questions or queries, they can find me or one of the leaders at the gates in the morning or afternoon. Most of the time, a quick conversation will answer the query, rather than needing to wait for a more formal appointment.

I wish all our school community, our pupils, their families and our staff, a very successful and enjoyable year ahead!



Raphael Moss, Headteacher

## NEWSLETTER

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**MEDICAL REQUEST:** If your child has suffered an injury that requires the school to make any special arrangements, please inform the school office of this before your child returns to school so that we can best cater for their needs.

### NEW CCTV - School Streets Scheme

Vehicles are not permitted to drive up to the school gates during peak times. This traffic rule is signposted at the junction with Gaddesden Avenue.

For the safety of our children, Brent Council will shortly be installing CCTV to enforce these safe zones. Please be aware the council will issue **penalty charge notices** for cars entering the zone. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



## APPLY ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

A guide for Brent parents to help you apply on time and online for a school place starting September 2023

Full information for parents/carers of children starting school in September 2023 can be found via [www.brent.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 2011 and 31 August 2012	<b>Primary:</b> Apply for children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 <b>Junior:</b> If your child is in year 2 at an infant school and born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, you must apply for a place at a junior school
Deadline	<b>31 October 2022</b>	<b>15 January 2023</b>
Offer Day	<b>1 March 2023</b>	<b>17 April 2023</b>
School Starts	<b>September 2023</b>	<b>September 2023</b>

Apply now at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)



### 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 Monday to Thursday and 3.45pm on Fridays.**

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

**Attendance** Email school **by 9am** if your child is going to be absent for any reason. Please **EMAIL : [absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk)** if your child is absent stating your **child's name , class and reason for absence or complete the absence form on the website. Thank you**

#### School Lunch Money

School Lunch Money has been kept at the same low cost of **£11.50** each week which must **be paid in advance**

**on the Monday** for that week, at

[www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk). If your child is



absent, credit will be carried

forward. We ask that **pupils 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 apply please do online at <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> Bookings must be made in **advance** online at [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) . **For any urgent / late bookings please call the school office 0208 902 8003.**

*We expect our staff to be treated with respect and courtesy.*

### Dates for your Diary

#### October

##### Black History Month

Mon 10th

Year 6 Assembly

Thur 20th

Last Day of Autumn 1 term. (Pick up at 3:15pm)

Fri 21st - Mon 31st

Half Term **(school is closed on the Friday and Monday)**

#### November

Tue 1st

First day of Autumn 2 term. (Soft start from 8:45am)

Thur 10th

Parent-Teacher Consultations (School closes at 1:30pm.)

**Mr Cumming is our new PE specialist teacher.**

After completing a BSc in Outdoor Adventure Leadership and Management, he was eager to become a teacher. Mr Cumming gained his PGCE at Canterbury Christ Church University and hasn't looked back since. Before coming to Elsley, Mr Cumming worked at two schools as a class teacher and PE coordinator. As an individual who is passionate about sport, he wanted to dedicate more of his time to helping children become athletes in their own right. Mr Cumming feels very fortunate to be starting his dream job at Elsley. Outside of school, he enjoys playing golf, cycling, mountaineering and walking his dog.

**Meet Our New Members of 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](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/staff)

**Mrs Debbazi is a new teacher in Year 3.**

She studied Geography at Kings College London and a PGCE at UCL. She loves working with children and watching them learn and grow. In her spare time, she loves to read and spend time with her two cats Moshi and Misty. Mrs Debbazi is excited about working with the children at Elsley.

**Ms Lakha is a new teacher in Reception.**

After graduating from Aston University with a BSc in Psychology, she gained experience working at a local nursery in Harrow. This encouraged her to pursue her passion of working with children in early years and obtain a PGCE. In her spare time, she enjoys travelling and spending time with family and friends. Ms Lakha is incredibly excited to be part of the Elsley family!

**Ms Ramgi (Ms J) is a new TA in Nursery.**

She is enthusiastic, motivated and has a passion for supporting children in all aspects of school life. She has worked as a volunteer at Elsley, supporting children with their learning and providing assistance to class teachers. Ms Ramgi has now further developed her desire for working in school by joining Elsley this year. Outside of school, she enjoys travelling, playing sports and spending time with her family and friends. She is looking forward to starting her journey at Elsley.

**Ms Haider is a new TA in Year 5.**

She has a keen interest in science and loves working with young people. In her spare time she volunteers at a local food bank which allows her to speak to the local community and young people. She also enjoys baking cakes and watching cricket! Ms Haider is really looking forward to working with all the students at Elsley and is excited for this new adventure!

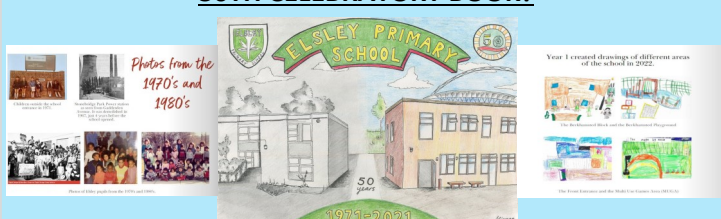
**Ms Dar is a new TA in Reception.**

She has always been passionate about working in the education sector as it appeals to her nurturing side. She started working for a teaching agency in February 2020 and first came across Elsley Primary School in January 2022. Ms Dar fell in love with our multicultural and inviting environment and has gained many skills working as a TA and as a 1:1 learning support assistant. She is excited to continue her journey and learn more from her team. The pride and joy she feels being part of the Elsley family is beyond words!

**Ms Jahangir is a new TA in Year 2.**

Her love for pets first brought her to visit the Elsley school farm almost a year ago. After seeing the school and meeting staff members she felt she would love to be part of the Elsley superheroes. She is passionate about working with children and this is reflected in her voluntary work within the scouting world. She is excited to learn and develop with the amazing team and diverse environment at Elsley.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY THE ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL 50TH CELEBRATORY BOOK?**



**Last July, we launched a special book celebrating 50 years of Elsley Primary.** The book contains incredible photos from the last five decades plus poems, quizzes and illustrations from the children. We are selling the book for a special price of £35.00 until 20th October.

To order, please complete the Google form: <https://tinyurl.com/Elsley50book> and we will contact you.

**Remembering HM Queen Elizabeth II**

Along with the rest of the nation, we were deeply saddened by the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September. Back in June, we came together to celebrate her life and reign during the Platinum Jubilee. On the 16th September, we came together again as a school to stand for a minute silence in memory of the Queen and to then sing the new national anthem, God Save The King.

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

> Always be aware of what your children are searching online. Ask them to show you their browsing history and talk to them if you have any concerns.

**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](mailto:parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk) with your name and the title 'newsletter.'

## Parent Courses in October

### **BRILLIANT PARENTS – October 2022**

#### **Parent Support Programmes for the London Borough of Brent, Harrow & Hammersmith and Fulham**

S/N	PROGRAMME TITLE	WHO IS IT FOR	DELIVERY DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1	Managing Fighting & Aggression	Parents with 2–11-year-olds	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	10-12 noon	Zoom
2	Dealing with Disobedience	Parents with 2–11-year-olds	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	6-8pm	Zoom
3	Coping with Teenagers' Emotions	Parents with Teens	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	6-8pm	zoom
4	Getting Teenagers to Cooperate	Parents with Teens	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	10-12 noon	zoom
5	Hassle Free Shopping	Parents with 2–11-year-olds	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	10-12 noon	zoom
6	Developing Good Bedtime Routines	Parents with 2–11-year-olds	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	6-8pm	zoom
7	Building Teenagers' Survival Skills	Parents with Teens	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	10-12 noon	zoom
8	Reducing Family Conflict	Parents with Teens	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	6-8pm	Zoom

**ESOL has started successfully last week, you can which runs every Tuesday from 9-15-11-15am.**

To register for any or all the Discussion Groups, kindly complete and submit both the registration form and parenting experience survey at these links:

<https://www.brilliantparents.org/brilliant-parents-bl-registration-form/>

<https://www.brilliantparents.org/triple-p-parenting-experience-survey/>

### Safeguarding update

#### Health and safety

E-Scooters are illegal and parents should not be using these. A parent recently collided with one of our pupils outside the school. They are not allowed on the school premises and we also urge parents not to use them at all.



Walk, or cycle to school - To reduce congestion parents are encouraged where possible to walk to school. If you must drive, park 5–10 minutes away from the school and walk to the school grounds to avoid congestion and parking restrictions.

#### Pupil absence

Please be reminded that if your child is unwell this needs to be reported to school as soon as possible. Please do this by calling the school office or emailing on: [absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk)

#### Are all your contact details up to date?

If you change your home phone / email / mobile number please let the school know so that we have the most up to date contact details. Please let the school know by calling in or emailing at [admin@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@elsley.brent.sch.uk)

#### Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have concerns about a child or an immediate concern about a child then please call 999

Alternatively contact Brent family front door 020 8937 4300 (option 1)

Family support- Useful websites

Brilliant parents- <https://www.brilliantparents.org/>

NSPCC- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

