



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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This has been another busy term filled with learning and fun activities. We can be particularly proud of our community's generosity in raising money for some good causes, as outlined in this newsletter.

It's been lovely seeing parents in school for assemblies and the parent-teacher consultations. Several year groups have benefited from a range of trips and experiences - follow Elsley on twitter to keep regularly updated!

I know that many parents like to take advantage of the holiday periods to travel overseas, including to visit family. We have now fixed our term dates for 2023-24 so you can book travel for the school holidays and ensure your children do not miss school. These dates are included in the newsletter.

Have a good break and see you in the summer term!

*Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

### 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 at **4.15pm on Monday to Thursday** and **3.45pm on Fridays**. If you have a non-urgent enquiry, please email on

[parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk)

**Attendance:** Email by 9am if your child is going to be absent for any reason. Please attach copies of appointment letters or screenshots for forthcoming medical/dental/home office appointments: Email to: [absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk) stating clearly your child's name, class and reason for absence or complete the absence form on the website. If you leave a telephone message and we are unable to clearly understand, you will be contacted by the School Office, so please respond.

#### School Lunch Money:

**We recommend that all parents download the "Eduspot app" onto their mobile phone. This is the easiest, most secure and convenient way to pay for your child's School Lunch, Trips and other Expenses online with your debit card.**

School Lunch Money is £11.50 each week which must be paid in advance on the Monday for that week. 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. Any changes must be communicated to us at

[parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk).

Some children will be entitled to Free School Meals. If you wish to apply please do online at <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk>.

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

### *Dates for your Diary*

#### April

**Mon 3rd - Fri 14th - Easter Holidays**

#### May

**Mon 1st - Bank Holiday**

**Wed 3rd - Coronation Celebration Day**

**Mon 8th - Bank Holiday (Coronation)**

**Tue 9th - Fri 12th - Key Stage 2 SATs**



## Farewells and Welcomes

At the end of February we wished farewell to our caretaker, Mr Paul O'Brien who is now enjoying his well deserved retirement.

Mr O'Brien worked at Elsley for 14 years and children and staff said goodbye and gave thanks through assemblies and a Guard of Honour. Everyone at Elsley thanks Mr O'Brien for his years of commitment to keeping the school safe and secure.

We also said goodbye to Ms Khechini who moved out of the area and Mr Clarke who has gone to pursue teacher training.



At the end of this term, we are also saying goodbye and thank you to our other Site Manager, Mr Tugal, who is moving out of the education sector and Ms Burrell who is moving on to pursue her passion in a Special Education Needs school. We also wish Ms Daniel well as she starts Maternity leave after Easter.



#### NEW STAFF

We welcome Mr Maddison to our site team, who you may have already seen at the school gates and welcome

Ms Augustynowicz, a new teaching assistant in KS1.

#### RECRUITMENT

We are recruiting Teaching Assistants. Full details are on our website: [www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/job-vacancies)

## FUNDRAISING

We have been very charitable this term and have been raising money for some very worth causes.

On 3rd February we took part in Number Day where children and staff wore digits, played the Times Tables Rock Stars Challenge online and participated in number challenges hidden around the school! On that day we raised for NSPCC:



**£204.87**



At the end of February we raised money for the victims and families of the horrific earthquakes that hit Türkiye and Syria. Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Elsley community, we raised for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC):

**£1450.00**

Finally, on 17th March, we raised money for Comic Relief by celebrating Red Nose Day in school. We held special assemblies and everyone was invited to wear something red. Thanks again to for your kind generosity, we raised for Comic Relief:

**£403.50**



So altogether, that is an incredible...

**£2,058.37**

...we have raised for 3 very worthy causes.  
Thank you from all of us.

## FUN AT THE ZOO

Year 1 took a very exciting trip to London Zoo this term as part of their science topic looking at animals. The children were lucky with the weather during a very wet week and managed to catch giraffes, penguins, tigers and gorillas amongst others. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped with the trip.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a wonderful World Book Day this year organised by our Reading Team.



As well as children and staff dressing up as their favourite characters, we also had a fierce competition for the best book themed door display with children and our Twitter followers voting for their favourite.



Children also took part in peer-to-peer reading across different year groups in the school and our librarian and senior leaders came to classes

to read and discuss a range of books to the children.

Thanks to everyone involved for embracing our wonderful reading culture.





### NEW LIFE ON THE FARM

#### **Have you met our new farm residents this term?**

During Spring 1 we welcomed some very excitable pigs to our farm and in Spring 2, welcomed sheep and baby lambs. We were also very lucky to have several chicks hatch from the eggs laid by our own Elsley hens.



### CORONATION PLANS

On Wednesday 3rd May, we will hold a special celebratory day in honour of the Coronation of King Charles III. We will write to parents after the holidays with our plans for the day and information about our special guests who will be joining us for our royal banquet lunch...



### RESPECTING OUR NEIGHBOURS



A polite reminder to parents and carers to please be mindful of local residents and to keep music to a low level, especially when parked outside homes that are near to the school. Thank you.

### SAFER INTERNET DAY

On 7th February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. For the first time in over 3 years, our Digital Leaders delivered live assemblies to the whole school which included an interactive quiz. Children also took part in Online Safety activities in class as well as in their weekly Computing lessons.

Mr Fraser delivered training to our staff and ran two virtual workshops for parents which were attended by over 40 parents.



Supportive resources can be found on our website at:

[www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/curriculum/online-safety](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/curriculum/online-safety).

We also surveyed 419 children from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 about their online habits. You can view the results of the survey at the end of the newsletter.

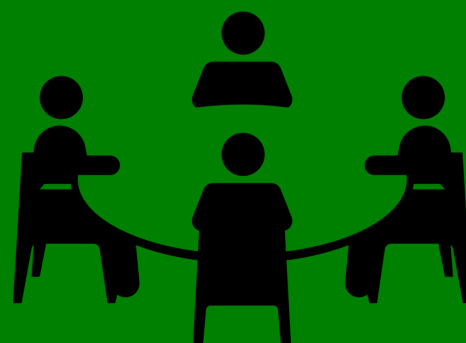
### PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The term of office for one of our parent governors has come to an end and so we will shortly be holding elections for this position.

After the Easter holiday we will hold an information meeting so that you can find out more about the expectations of the role.

Parents who wish to stand will be able to nominate themselves, and provide a short statement which will be circulated to all parents to help them to decide about how to cast their vote.

We will provide an opportunity for all eligible parents and carers to place their vote so that a parent governor can be elected before the next meeting of the Board of Governors in June.



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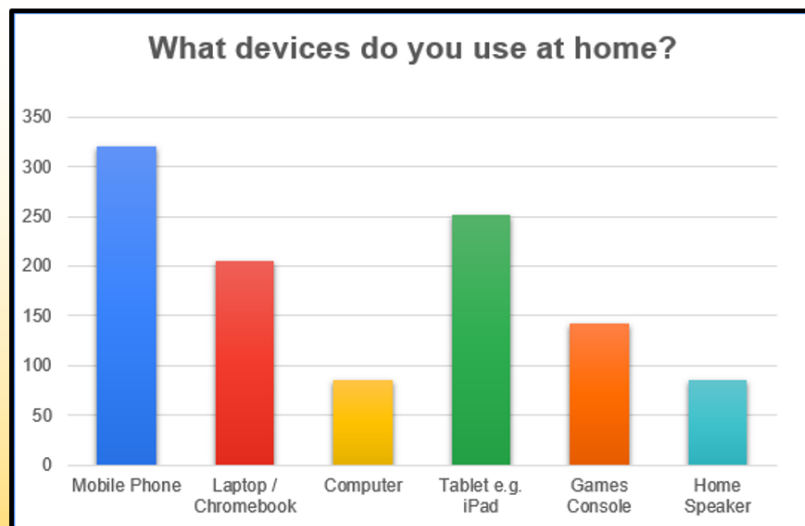
## 2023/24 Term Dates

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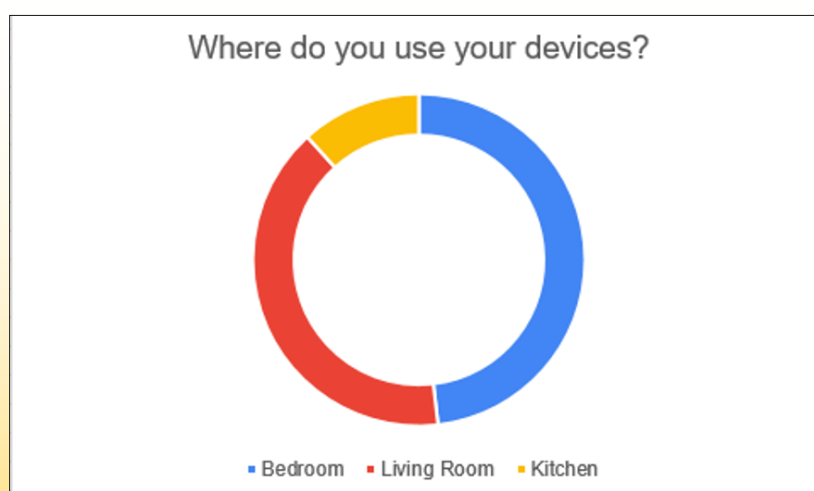
<b>Autumn 2023</b>	<b>70 teaching days</b>
Monday and Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> September	2 days INSET
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Pupils start
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October – Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October (inclusive) School will be closed on 20 <sup>th</sup> October and closed on 30 <sup>th</sup> October.	Half Term
<b>Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term 2022</b>	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Pupils start
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November Parent-Teacher consultations, close at 1:30pm	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December school closes at 1:30pm	End of Autumn term
<b>Spring 2024</b>	<b>53 teaching days</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	1 day INSET
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils start
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
<b>Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term 2024</b>	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils start
<i>Parent-Teacher consultations, TBC?</i>	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March school closes at 1:30pm	End of Spring term
<b>Summer 2024</b>	<b>67 teaching days</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils start
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May School closed for Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
<b>Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term 2024</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Pupils start
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July school closes at 1:30pm	End of Summer term
*Two further INSET days will be taken as twilight sessions.	

# Safer Internet Day 2023

KS2 Pupils Survey (419 Responses)



**Point of Interest: Over 76% of children access content through a mobile phone**



**Point of Interest: Over 81% of children use their devices in their bedroom.**

**We recommend that devices are used in a family space such as the kitchen or living room.**

**In a follow up question about what rules their parents enforce, there was a mixed response with some answers including:**

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**Point of Interest: We recommend sitting down with your child and agreeing rules that will keep your child safe when playing games or chatting online.**

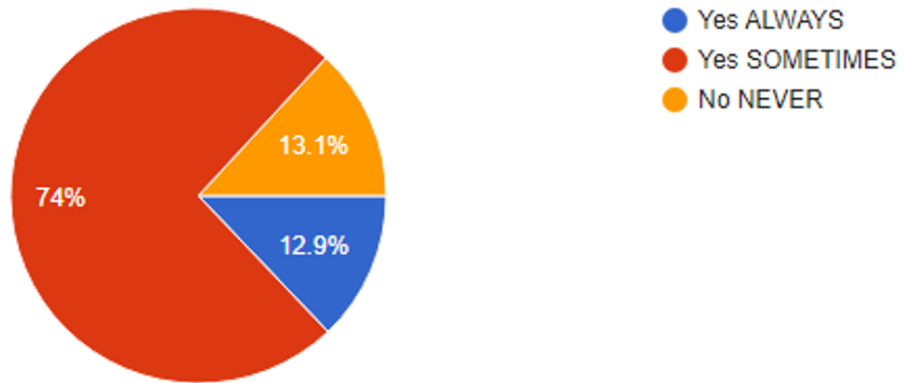


## What do you do if something bad happens while you are using your device?

(The larger the word in the Word Cloud, the more it occurred in their answers.)

**Point of Interest: Most children know that they must tell a trusted adult and take a screenshot for evidence. This is very encouraging!**

Is there an adult in the room when you are on your devices?



**Point of Interest:** Our data shows that only **12.9%** always have an adult with them. We recommend that children should be under adult supervision when using devices.



What are your favourite games to play online?

■ Roblox    ■ Subway Surfers    ■ Minecraft    ■ Fifa  
■ Fortnite    ■ Talking Tom    ■ Call of Duty    ■ Candy Crush  
■ Grand Theft Auto    ■ Other



**Point of Interest:** Most of the popular games at Elsley are age appropriate, however there are children playing games that are rated **18** and contain highly inappropriate content. Please look at what a game is rated before purchasing it for your child.



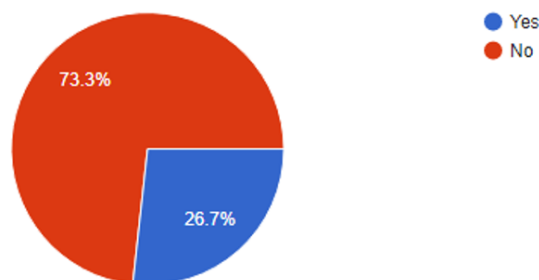
## Which websites do you like to visit?

(The larger the word in the Word Cloud, the more it occurred in their answers.)

**Point of Interest: There is a good healthy mix here of popular sites like YouTube and Google along with educational sites like TimesTables Rockstars**



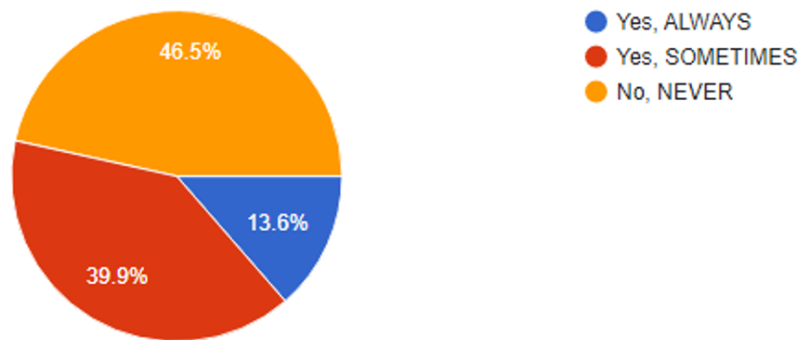
Have you ever experienced something online that makes you feel worried, scared or uncomfortable?



**Point of Interest:** There was a follow up question for children who answered 'Yes' which asked what they did when this happened. Most said that they reported the incident to a trusted adult and blocked the sender. A small percentage said they did nothing.

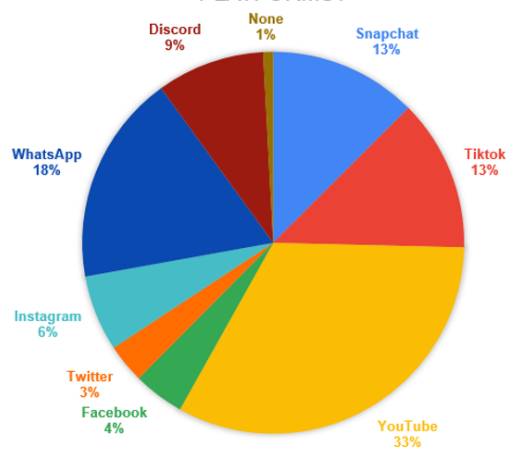


Do you ever play or chat with people online who you have never met in real life?



**Point of Interest: OVER HALF** the children surveyed said they sometimes or always chatted or played with someone online who they had never met. (a stranger)  
It is essential, for their safety, that children only chat or play with people who they know in real life. Please make sure you know who they are communicating with.

DO YOU USE ANY OF THESE SOCIAL SHARING PLATFORMS?



**Point of Interest:** Snapchat, Tiktok, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Discord are rated **13+**.  
WhatsApp is rated **16+**. YouTube **account holders** require users to be **18** but a **13** year old can sign up with a parent's permission.  
Please check the age rating of an app before downloading it for your child.

Supportive resources can be found on our website at:  
**[www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/curriculum/online-safety](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/curriculum/online-safety)**