



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



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It is always a joy to see the children learning - both inside and outside the classroom. Over this half term there have been lots of activities and trips, some of which are highlighted within the newsletter. As always, we are proud to support the children not just in their academic studies, but also by giving them wider opportunities and support them to develop their character.

For our Muslim families, when you finish Ramadan during the holidays, I wish you Eid Mubarak. Approaching the Christian festival of Easter, for families who celebrate, I wish you a joyous Easter filled with love and happiness.

As a school community we will mark and celebrate Easter after the holidays when Year 3 will lead an assembly for parents.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday!



Raphael Moss, Headteacher

NURSERY 2024 APPLICATIONS: We are still accepting applications for part-time Nursery places (15 hours per week, Monday – Friday). If your child was born between 01/09/2020 – 31/08/2021 you are eligible to apply. Please collect an application form from the School Office.

BUILDING WORK AROUND

THE SCHOOL

We were pleased to open the external staircase to Year 3 upstairs classrooms, and that work has begun on converting our Learning Hub into our new Additional Resource Provision (ARP) Classroom.



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** 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. 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.

Thanks to the Mayor of London, this year ALL children will be **entitled to a 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 . For any urgent /late bookings please call the school office 0208 902 8003.

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

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2024

On **7th February**, we celebrated **Safer Internet Day**. Our Digital Leaders delivered assemblies to the whole school which included a fun 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.

If you missed the workshop, you can watch it on YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eFnq3-fbPO>

Supportive resources can be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ElsleyOS24>



Dates for your Diary

APRIL & MAY

Fri 29th Mar - Fri 12th Apr Easter Holidays

Mon 15th Apr Summer 1 Term Starts for Pupils

Thur 2nd May Polling Day. School closed to all except Year 6.

Mon 6th May May Bank Holiday

Mon 13th May KS2 SATs Week

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

In February, Year 5 ventured on a 2 day residential stay in Stratford-Upon-Avon in Warwickshire, the home town of William Shakespeare. Children and Staff stayed at the YHA Youth Hostel and enjoyed visiting various sites including The Mechanical Art & Design (MAD) Museum and Shakespeare's school. The children really enjoyed the independence of being away from home and exploring everything Stratford had to offer. Year 6 will have their residential stay in July. Thanks to all the Year 5 staff, Mrs Bourke and school leaders who helped organise this memorable experience.



NEW AND RETURNING STAFF

We are delighted to welcome Ms Muse and Ms Ali back to Elsley from teaching abroad. Ms Muse is co-teaching in 2R and Ms Ali is our new fourth Reception teacher. We also welcome back Ms Buzuku, Ms Daniel and Ms Campbell from maternity leave and this Spring, two new TA's have joined; Ms H. Dulabh in Year 4 and Mrs S. Patel in Year 2.

COFFEE MORNING SUCCESS

We were happy to see so many parents attend our coffee morning on 9th Feb. They enjoyed catching up with each other and learnt about the Brent hub services. Huge thanks to Nadia Barkian who also joined us for the morning.



YEAR 3 AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

Year 3 visited the Science Museum in March as part of their learning about investigations. They had a great time exploring different exhibitions and taking part in a range of scientific activities.



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

> If you missed our Virtual Parent Online Safety Workshop, you can now catch up on You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eFng3-fbPQ>

CHINESE NEW YEAR ASSEMBLY

Well done to our Reception children for their brilliant assembly this term on Chinese New Year. Their amazing singing, dancing and storytelling blew everyone away!



WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

We held our Reading Week and World Book Day 2024 this term and celebrated with a wonderful range of engaging activities. It was great to see so many children across the school, dressed up as their favourite book characters.



We had whole school assemblies that celebrated our reading culture, showcased the children's costumes and we gave out prizes for the golden tickets that were hidden around the school!



Children took part in peer to peer reading with older children reading stories to our younger pupils. Everyone found the experience incredibly enriching.



Children were also treated to 'Guess the Staff Masked Reader' videos and special story times by members of our Leadership Team who were in full costume!



Thank you to our Reading Team for organising such a wonderful week of activities.

[Health A-Z \(Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/\)](#)[NHS services \(Link: www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/\)](#)[Live Well \(Link: www.nhs.uk/live-well/\)](#)

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Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK (Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough (Link: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/cough/](#)) or common cold (Link: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold/](#)). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a high temperature (Link: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/fever-in-children/](#)), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox (Link: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/](#)), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore (Link: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/cold-sores/](#)).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis (Link: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/conjunctivitis/](#)).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 (Link: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/](#)) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection (Link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/ear-infections/>) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease (Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat head lice and nits (Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/) without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has impetigo (Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/), they'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics.

Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Measles

If your child has measles (Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/), they'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily.

Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.

They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Ringworm

If your child has ringworm (Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/ringworm/), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever (Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome (Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat (Link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/sore-throat/>). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis (Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/tonsillitis/).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms (Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/).

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting (Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).