

SYBIL ELGAR SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2019



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December 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

What's been going on:

As always, we would all like to say a huge 'thank you' to our wonderful catering team for their incredibly hard work to keep everyone so well fed in the run up to Christmas. The Christmas lunches held at Havelock Road and Woodlands are very large events, with all children and staff receiving a delicious meal and dessert. In many cases the meal provided is dietary specific and requires a large amount of planning and preparation.



It was a great thrill for us all to see Father Christmas attend the lunch and we hope he enjoyed it so much that he will return next year!

Havelock Rd

We have had another very busy term at our Primary and Secondary department.

Our children learned about friendship and kindness during **Anti-Bullying Week:**



Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adult-



hood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

Please visit our website to see our anti-bullying and other key policies.

www.autism.org.uk/sybilelgar



Our last week of term is particularly busy. We have enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day, our Christmas Fayre, Christmas lunch & Disco and our Carol Concert.



Thank you to all who were able to attend the Christmas Fayre. The children and staff have worked very hard to prepare the goodies on offer and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the occasion.



Community Access



The children have all enjoyed the many school trips on offer to places such as Hounslow urban Farm and Thomley Sensory Centre. The trips are invaluable shared experiences and have a positive impact on the children's ability to work with others and their understanding of the need to follow social rules and safety when out in the community.



Woodlands - Sybil Elgar School 6th Form and 19-22

Our 19-22 provision continues to go from strength to strength. It is fantastic to see so many of our students remaining with us and a privilege to be able to offer a continuation of their education.

If your child is in Year 14 and you would like them to stay with us post 19, please speak to your Local Authority. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school for further information.

Our Christmas Performance of 'Woodlands Got Talent' took place on 17th December. Thank you so much for

supporting our students with a good audience turnout. This is always a wonderful opportunity for our students to demonstrate their array of talent. From their reactions and participation, we know the staff and families enjoyed the show. The students also had a great time, and here are what some had to say:

"My song 'Master Matthew Thomas' was very good."

"Really good performance."

"The performance was great. I enjoyed it."

"It was brilliant!"

"I was doing the drumming."

"I say it was magnificent."

"I did well."

"I thought it was absolutely incredible. I thought the whole show was very cool."

"I did a very good singing voice."

We say goodbye...



It is with regret that I need to inform you that our interim Manager from Woodlands, Marius Byleveld, will be leaving at the end of the term to return to his homeland with his young family. He will be busy organising his big move during the beginning of the year and will be in attendance for one day per week for the month of January in support of the teams.

Paul Kavanagh, who is well known

to Sybil Elgar, former Deputy Principal and part time worker, will be overseeing the 16-22 campus until we have appointed the new Manager.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, Marius or Paul if you have any questions or queries .



It is with sadness that I need to inform you that our Year 3 teacher, Nikoleta Zisimou, will be leaving Sybil Elgar School on Thursday 19th December 2019 to return to her family overseas.

We continue to recruit a new Primary teacher. In the meantime, Nikoleta's class will be overseen by a senior TLA, under the guidance of our primary lead Wiola Kossowska.

I am sure you will join us in wishing Nikoleta all the very best for the future, and thank her for her hard work and dedication during her time at Sybil Elgar School.

Sybil Elgar House Closure

As you will know, we have regrettably closed our Children's Home, due to financial reasons. I would like to thank all families and staff for their outstanding support during this very sensitive time.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and may 2020 bring great joy to you and your family.

We look forward to seeing our young people return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Best Wishes,

Chloe Phillips
PRINCIPAL

Dates for your Diary 2020

Tuesday 7th January 2020

Pupils return to school

Thursday 16th January 2020

Coffee Morning, Havelock Road

Wednesday 5th February 2020

Parents in Partnership Support Network,
Woodlands

Friday 14th February 2020

Break up for half term

Monday 24th February 2020

Return to School

Thursday 5th March 2020

Coffee Morning, Havelock Road

Thursday 5th March 2020

World Book Day

Monday 9th March 2020

Science Week

Thursday 12th March 2020

Parents Evening

Friday 3rd April 2020

Break up for Easter

Early reminder:

**Our Summer Social/Graduation Party
will be on Saturday 18th July 2020**