

Elvington Primary School

Newsletter

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Our Christian value for this half term.



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Prepare for the future with great ambition in a bid to reach our full potential.

Luke 23:32-43

Message from Mr Buttery,

Potential School Closures

As parents/carers are aware, we are receiving daily updates from both the Department for Education and City of York Council. We will continue to action the advice we are given.

In the event of a school closure, we are preparing home learning resources which will be added to the school website. We will be utilising this electronic approach to enable home/school communication and learning in the event of a closure.

In addition, I would also like to make you aware that an educational company called Twinkl are offering support:

www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/how-to-utilise-twinkl-during-the-coronavirus-shutdown-a-guide-for-schools

Parents/carers would need to follow this link: www.twinkl.co.uk/offer - the code is- UKTWINKLHELPS

Also 'Phonics play' is free for a month <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Username: march20 Password: home

I would like to thank everyone for following the Government's advice. Please follow this link for information on guidance given to educational settings: www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report – March 2020

We are very pleased to inform you that our recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) graded our school as 'Good' in all areas of its provision as a Church school.

The revised SIAMS Evaluation Schedule, introduced in 2018, is far more rigorous; as a result it is considerably more challenging for schools to achieve a 'Good' grade. The report really captures all that is special about our wonderful school. It recognises the maturity, sensitivity, and excellent behaviour for learning that our children demonstrate; this is nurtured by the hard work and commitment of a skilled staff team.

A SIAMS inspection focuses on the impact of the Church school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. This involves looking at the school's Christian vision, the provision the school makes because of this vision and how effective this provision is in enabling all pupils to flourish. Throughout the day, the inspector observed lessons; had discussions with pupils; staff; parents/carers; members of the Governing Body; looked through children's books; reviewed Collective Worship and analysed our School Improvement Plans, action plans and self-evaluation documents.

The Inspector saw elements and features of excellence, which we will strive to achieve across our provision. We will continue to develop, improve and extend the opportunities for pupils' spiritual engagement by enhancing the indoors and outdoors learning environments and developing understanding of global issues/diversity.

The key findings were as follows:

- *The Headteacher, supported by other leaders and the diocese, has passionately driven church school improvement. As a result, pupils and adults have quality opportunities to experience 'life in all its fullness'.*
- *Care and nurture permeate relationships in school and partnerships with the wider community. Pupils feel safe, know they are valued and consequently are able to learn. Academic progress is good.*
- *The evolving curriculum, shaped by the Christian vision, provides rich learning experiences. Intentional opportunities for spiritual development and exploring diversity are less well developed.*
- *Governors are committed to the school and the new leadership. Their monitoring of the school as a church school, has, however lacked rigour and planning.*
- *Invitational, varied opportunities for worship and prayer are planned and evaluated. Opportunities for pupils to lead are recent, but are being enthusiastically embraced. This is leading to growing confidence.*

Finally, thank you for supporting us as we continuously strive to achieve the very best holistic outcomes we can for all the children who attend our school.

Mr Buttery

Working together, we can all achieve success



Our website can provide you with all the information, useful links and correspondence that has been sent out recently

<http://www.elvingtonprimary.org.uk/>

Sports Relief

Many thanks to all those who donated to Sports Relief when their child dressed in their favourite sportswear. A massive **£108.30** was raised. Since 2002, people like you have been using the power of sport to raise money and take on some of the world's biggest issues. The projects funded have helped hundreds of thousands of people in the UK and overseas



Many thanks to everyone who baked, decorated, sold, bought and ate the delicious delights that were on offer at the Class 3 cake stall last week. A mammoth **£73.74** was raised which will be used to buy Maths resources.

Cake Stall

For anyone in Elvington needing support at this time.....

<http://www.elvington.net/coronavirus-support/>



Church News

As you are probably aware, all services and most other activities are now suspended at churches due to the virus. In the meantime the church's website elvington-church.org.uk/ has a calendar and notices kept up to date. There is also a weekly newsletter, which you can subscribe to, or see the recent issues elvington-church.org.uk/dr8/email

Thank you

A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Wedgewood who have sourced new treated wood, arranged delivery and worked tirelessly fixing the raised beds for the children. Their hard work will benefit the children of Elvington for many years to come. I am sure you will agree the beds look ready for Spring!

Most Valuable Players

Year 3 Harry Beevers
Year 5 Sophie Wilson

Battle Winners Year 3



Wishing everyone a happy and safe Mother's Day

Term Dates

www.elvingtonprimary.org.uk/parents-carers/term-dates

Aftershokz 'Plogging' event.

This event has been cancelled until further notice.

