

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter 11th December 2020



Friendship
Our Christian value for this
half term.



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Mr Buttery's Update

COVID-19

As explained in this letter: www.elvingtonprimary.org.uk/general/department-for-education-announcement, we will not be having an INSET day on Friday 18th December (school will be open as previously planned). I will be on call every day up to and including Christmas Eve. Please inform me if your child tests positive for COVID-19 during this time, as this will enable an email to be sent to inform the relevant class bubble/s.

If your child has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, or is having a test/required to self-isolate, please inform the school using the following email address, as soon as you find out: head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk. The aforementioned email address will be checked regularly - seven days a week and over holidays. The school will always inform you as soon as we can if there has been a confirmed case within your child's bubble and if your son or daughter needs to isolate. However, we will never name the child/staff member who has tested positive.

We must all continue to be vigilant of COVID-19 symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature or the loss of taste or smell. If a child, or any member of their household, has any of these symptoms, however mild, they must not come to school and should seek a test as soon as possible by calling 119 or visiting: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/.

Christmas Carols

You should now have received an email with the unlisted YouTube link to your child's class carol. Please can I remind everyone that the video should not appear on social media or be shared more widely. Thank you for your cooperation.

Elvington Christmas Trail

The Buttery family had a wonderful walk around Elvington on Wednesday night – everyone's decorations look amazing! If you haven't already done so, I would recommend purchasing a Christmas trail map via either elvingtonprimarypta@gmail.com or the village shop.





Christmas Arrangements

The necessary protective measures for schools mean that we are unable to hold our usual range of events, services and celebrations. We are determined, however, to celebrate Christmas and to enjoy events that comply with COVID-19 guidance for schools.

Christmas Lunch - On **Tuesday 15th December** our kitchen team will be cooking a Christmas lunch for the children to enjoy in class bubbles. This will also be Christmas Jumper Day and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper (or a bright coloured/sparkly top). Apart from the aforementioned, children should wear normal school uniform. There will be no donations collected within school, however, those of you wishing to make a donation could visit www.christmasjumperday.org.

Christmas Parties - On **Wednesday 16th December** (Classes 3, 4 & 5) and **Thursday 17th December** (Classes 1 & 2), the children are invited to come to school wearing their party clothes. They will have party games and fun activities within their class bubbles.

Christmas Cards - With COVID-19 restrictions in place, we will need to distribute Christmas Cards a little differently this year. I would like to request that from Monday 30th November 2020, children bring their Christmas Cards into school on the Monday and Tuesday of that week. The last day to bring cards into school will be **Tuesday 15th December**; cards will then be distributed weekly on a Friday. Could you please ensure that envelopes clearly show the recipient’s full name and class; this will help us to deliver cards efficiently.

Gifts for Staff - The generosity of parents and carers at this time of year is always appreciated, although in no way expected. Any gifts sent into school will need to be quarantined. Therefore, we invite parents/carers who would like to send a gift into school to do so on either **Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th December**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Buttery

“I have come in order that you may have life – life in its fullness.” John 10:10





Sporting News



A big well done to Years 3 and 4, who won the York Schools Sports Partnership, Virtual Tri-Golf Competition.

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Golden Book

- Class 1 – Katie Bainbridge
- Class 2 – William HB
- Class 3 – Aidan Rains
- Class 4 – Nina De Kock
- Class 5 – Harvey Lawn



Santa visit

A huge thank you to the Derwent Lions for arranging a special school visit from Santa. Children from Pre-School up to Year 6 all enjoyed going out to the playground in their bubbles where Santa and Rocking Rudolf greeted them at a safe distance. Class 1 treated him by singing 'When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney' with all the actions! The visit was free but it would be much appreciated if you could make a donation, however big or small, to the Derwent Lion Just Giving Page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/derwentlions>.

Thank you.



Help required

Children have missed out on many of the activities they love this year, the Guides Group at Elvington being one of them. This wonderful organisation is hoping to be up and running again in the New Year but desperately need volunteers to take on the leadership role and supporting roles. If you would like to find out more, please contact Cheryl on 07903623077 who will be happy to give you more information about these rewarding posts.



Flu Clinic

There will be a drop-in flu immunisation clinic for children (reception-year 7) who have did not receive their nasal spray flu vaccine in school this term in the York area. This will be held at; **09:00am-12:00pm, Saturday 12th December**, Rawcliffe Pavilion, The Pavilion, St Mark's Grove, York, YO30 5TS. This is a drop-in clinic. You do not need to

Message from Mrs Challis – Elvington Out of School Club



Our last session will be 18th December. We will re-open on Monday 4th January, Teacher Training day. Please me know if you would like to book this day and/ or any future sessions next term by calling or texting 07790 480229 or emailing info@elvingtonoutofschool.co.uk (not the school office) Please visit the [website](http://creativesintheattic.com/) for further information.

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<https://www.fieldsgardencentre.co.uk/>



Christmas Diary Dates

- 12th December – Flu Clinic
- 14th/15th December – Christmas Post/ Gifts for staff
- 15th December – Christmas Lunch/ Jumper Day
- 16th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Parties
- 17th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas Parties
- 18th December – Last day of term

New dates appear in red



Please note:
As the Festive Lunch is on Tuesday 15th, Jacket Potatoes will be served on Wednesday 16th instead.

