

# Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

## 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021



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### Mr. Buttery's Update

#### Summer Term

Thank you once again for your efforts to keep school as COVID-19 safe as possible. It is important that we continue to work together for the wellbeing of the whole community.

As we progress, through the roadmap it will be possible for school to begin, slowly, to return to some of the activities and systems we had before the pandemic. The Government's safety requirements for school operating remain predominately the same, and at present there is no indication that the bubble system, staggered drop off/pick up times and enhanced hygiene processes will be amended prior to the summer break. The situation regarding COVID-19 of course, can and does change, often at short notice.

We have been able to make a number of tentative steps. Classes One and Two enjoyed a visit from The Purple Pig Company on Thursday. This mobile farm visit was conducted in a COVID-19 secure way.



We have embarked on some 'virtual' educational visits, with more planned to support the curriculum. Year 6 will be undertaking their Bikeability cycle training between Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. In addition, we are currently planning for a whole school beach day (on school grounds) on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We will of course keep you updated as planning progresses for the aforementioned activities and hopefully more...

#### Parent/Carer Questionnaire

As part of our annual cycle of self-evaluation, we are keen to seek the views of parents/carers regarding the strengths of our school and suggested areas for further development.

We would appreciate it if you could complete an online questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/FpTaKczQfkybBjmo9>; your views are very important to us. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the questionnaire please contact Mrs. Greening ([office@elvingtonprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@elvingtonprimary.org.uk)). The questionnaire will close on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.



Please feel free to contribute ideas and suggestions you think would help to make our school more effective. We are sure that you will appreciate that it may not be possible to include all suggestions in our action plans. Please remember that this is not a substitute for contacting the school to speak to Mr. Buttery or your child's teacher about any uncertainties you may have at any time. We want to hear from you and would encourage you to do this whenever the need arises.

Thank you in anticipation for taking the time to complete this important questionnaire.

Mr. Andrew Buttery  
Headteacher

Dr. Bill Pigg  
Chair of Governors

### Remaining Term Dates – Academic Year 2020/2021

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	School closed – May Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	School closed to pupils – Training Day
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	School Closed – Half Term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	School Reopens
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Last day of the academic year for pupils
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	School closed to pupils – Training Day

### COVID-19

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](mailto: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-covid19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/).

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Andrew Buttery

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

### Golden Book

Class 1 Hedgehogs – Oliver Hartley-Bonner  
Class 2 Bears – Dougie Biggs-Fox  
Class 3 Bats – Blake Allen  
Class 4 Foxes – James Young  
Class 5 Owls – Riley Lawn and Dylan Lloyd



### Times Table Rockstars

Winning Band: Year 3

Battle Winners;  
Year 2: George Handley  
Year 3: Thomas Skelton



## Battle of the Bands....

This week, Elvington Primary School hosted the Times Table Knockout finals. The top 6 children in each year group battled against each other to find the speediest Rockstar. A huge congratulations to the winners in each year group. Another big well done to all of the children who have taken part in the Knockout. Keep rocking!

Week	Band A	Band B
3. 30 <sup>th</sup> April – 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4	Year 5
4. 7 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2	Year 4
5. 14 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5	Year 6

Miss Palmer



## Big Pedal

A big thank you to all those children who participated in the National Big Pedal Scheme these last two weeks. It was so nice to see children on their bikes and scooters making a big difference to their health and the environment. I am not sure yet where we came in the competition as all the results are not finalised. Keep a look out for the York schools' Walk to school week and Clean Air Day in June.



# Elvington PTA



## Thank you Elvington PTA

We would like to say a huge thank you to *Elvington Primary PTA* who have kindly donated money towards hiring a set of iPads for the children to use. Before Christmas, Class 5 wrote persuasive letters asking Mr Buttery to purchase school iPads. Their letters were read and included lots of positives towards the school hiring iPads. All of the children are very excited to complete parts of their learning on the iPads over the next few weeks.

Miss Palmer

## Elvington PTA

Elvington PTA (Parents Teachers Association) will be having an annual meeting on Wednesday 12th May at 6:00pm. This will be held via "Google Meet".

As Lisa Smith has stepped down as the Chair of the PTA, we are hoping to appoint a new Chair to support the general running of the PTA within the meeting. As always, we would love more parents to join the PTA to support fundraising events for our school. If you are interested in joining the PTA and would like to come along to the meeting, please email [c.palmer@elvingtonprimary.org.uk](mailto:c.palmer@elvingtonprimary.org.uk) for the meeting code.



## Elvington Primary PTA Virtual Balloon Race

Start date **Friday 14th May** end date  
**Friday 28th May**  
Deadline for entries— **Wednesday 12th May**

**Virtual Balloon Costs £3**

To purchase/track your balloon( s) visit:  
<https://www.balloonrace.com/Elvington>

1st prize- £50 donated by Tiny Tumblers  
2nd prize— Castle Howard Tickets for House and Gardens  
And 3 runners up win— An organic  
Deli Hamper from Thistle Do Nicely.



## Other news.....



There are still places available on the following courses starting soon:

Handling Anger in the Family

Time Out for Parents - the Teenage Years

Time Out for Parents - the Primary Years

Time Out for Dads

Separated Parents

To book a place or for further information please contact:

Helen Atkinson on 07393 147259

email [helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk](mailto:helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk)

or you can find more information about our courses on our website <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/>

You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



### If you are...

- a parent of a primary or secondary child in York
- currently furloughed\*
- unemployed and looking for work

...did you know you could study for an ECDL Level 2 IT qualification for free?

Save £290 and gain skills that will help you to support your children's homework, improve your productivity in the workplace, or even gain a new job. Our flexible learning courses mean you can learn in your own time and from your own home, always with the support of an experienced tutor.

Get started by booking a one to one assessment with one of our friendly tutors who will guide you through everything you need to know about the course and help you to decide the best level for you to start at.

<https://mailchi.mp/yorklearning.org.uk/free-opportunities-to-a-gain-a-qualification?e=8221850ff>

### Elvington Out of School Club

Bookings can be made by email [info@elvingtonoutofschool.co.uk](mailto:info@elvingtonoutofschool.co.uk) or by calling 07790 480229 (Please text or leave a message when there is no reply, this will always be picked up by 3pm). **Please note this is an independent organisation, bookings cannot be made via the school.**



Thanks, Sue Challis

### Squirrels

Following a national pilot scheme, some Scout Groups are considering setting up an early years section for children aged 4 and 5, called Squirrels. If any parents would be interested in setting up and leading a Squirrels section at Elvington Scout Group, we would love to support you. Contact the Group Scout Leader for further details.

[Elvingtonscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:Elvingtonscoutgroup@gmail.com)



Cricket is back from Friday  
16<sup>th</sup> April at 6 -7.30pm

Woodhouse Grange CC is your local club offering fantastic opportunities for children to play cricket. Find us at Sandhill Lane YO41 4DF or [www.woodhousegrangecc.co.uk](http://www.woodhousegrangecc.co.uk)

Qualified coaches provide a vibrant and fun environment for children of all ages to play cricket. We have age group teams at:

U9s, U11s, U13s and U15s

Plus the popular ECB schemes; All Stars (5-8 year olds) and Dynamos (9-11 year olds)

