

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

7th May 2021



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Our Christian value for this
half term.



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Mr. Buttery's Update

Miss. Palmer

As you are already aware, Miss. Palmer will enter the third trimester of her pregnancy during week commencing Monday 10th May 2021. Government guidance dictates that Miss. Palmer is not permitted to be present on the school site and is required work from home from the aforementioned date.

Mrs. Saddler, an experienced Key Stage 1 teacher, will teach Class 2 from Monday 10th May (until the end of this academic year). Miss. Palmer will continue to interact remotely with her class (via Google Classroom), and will still be in charge of planning, assessment and report writing. Parents/carers will be able to contact Miss. Palmer (via email) until her maternity leave commences in July. Mrs. Ingle will then cover Miss. Palmer's maternity leave from September 2021.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing Miss. Palmer all the best, and welcoming Mrs. Saddler to our school. I know Mrs. Saddler really enjoyed meeting and working with Class 2 last Friday.

Science Garden

As you will see from the pictures below, a significant amount of work has gone into revitalising our Science Garden. This included the replacement of decking in the pond dipping area.



The aforementioned outside learning environment is used across multiple curricular areas and is enjoyed by children throughout school.

Thank you to Mrs. Smith who kindly volunteered to tidy up the pond area last weekend. If you think you would be able to support the maintenance/improvement of this area, please let me know via email: head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk.

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.



RESPECT



HOPE



PERSEVERANCE



FRIENDSHIP



THANKFULNESS



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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). The questionnaire will close on **Thursday 27th 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

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

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 – Georgina Miller-Preston
- Class 2 Bears – Emily Owen
- Class 3 Bats – Taylor Camp
- Class 4 Foxes – Daisy Elson
- Class 5 Owls – Elizabeth Clarkson, Jonny Dunnigan



Times Table Rockstars

Winning Band: Year 4
Battle Winners;
Year 4: Noah Bates
Year 5: Eden McPhillips



Week	Band A	Band B
4. 7 th – 13 th May	Year 2	Year 4
5. 14 th – 20 th May	Year 5	Year 6



27th May 2021

POLITE REMINDER

Picnic on the Playing Field
If required, please book your child's picnic lunch on ParentPay (including Class 1 & 2)



If your child is requiring a Leavers' Hoodie, please return the completed slip and payment to Alison Webb or the School Office by Friday 14th May. If you do not require a Hoodie but are happy for your child's first name to appear on the back, please complete and return the slip.



Elvington PTA

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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 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

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.



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

Elvington Out of School Club

Bookings can be made by email 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



Cricket is back from Friday
16th 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

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)

