

Our Christian Value for the Summer half term.



Usborne Book Fair
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May
Class Photos
Football Team Photo
Year 6 Photo
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 3:15pm
Usborne Book Fair
Friday 25th May
Non-Uniform Day
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June
Summer Fete Maypole
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 21st May 3:15pm

Northumberland Residential Parents' Evening

6:00pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2:00pm Fathers in School Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th June Y5/Y6 Residential Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Sports Day (Afternoon)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

KS2 Trip to Bradford Science
and Media Museum

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July Meet Your New Class Tuesday 10th July 6:00pm Wed 11th July 2:00pm Thursday 12th July 6:00pm KS2 Play

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July am Meet your new class

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July
Year 2 Skipping Festival
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July am
Meet Your New Class
School Reports
Monday 16th July
Class 2 Trip to Woodlands
Tuesday 17th July
Class 1 Trip to Woodlands
Wednesday 18th July

2:30pm
EYFS Graduation
Wednesday 18th July
5:00pm – 6:15pm
Class 1&2 PTA Disco
6:30pm – 7:45pm
Class 3,4& 5 PTA Disco
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2:30pm
Leavers' Assembly
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2:30pm
Leavers' Church Service

Dates added or changed this week are shown in red



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### **Message from Miss Collier**

I must begin this week by commenting on the fantastic work and effort of our Year 6 pupils. They have worked with an amazing attitude all week as they have completed national tests. My thanks to Miss Hewson and Mrs Free who diligently prepared the children with a great sense of positivity and calm. Thank you also to the parents and families who have continually helped work with the school to support their children's learning at home. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

This week staff have met with colleagues across our cluster to share our work on writing. I know our staff are very proud of the work our children produce at Elvington. Staff really value such meetings and we find this a great opportunity to discuss ideas and share best practice, working together to improve outcomes for our children.

Staff also underwent skipping training on Tuesday evening with <u>Skipping School</u>. For those that didn't catch a glimpse at the end of the day, photos were shared on Twitter! Staff and pupils have taken part in a number of successful skipping workshops and our Year 2 pupils will be participating in a Skipping Festival later in the term.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

Miss Collier

Working together, we can all achieve success.

# **Staffing Changes**

At the beginning of summer term, we welcomed Mrs Smith, our new school cook. Together with the support of Mrs Webb, our school dinners have been superb. We are incredibly impressed with the standard of food being served. Thank you both.

At the end of this half term, we will be saying good bye to Mrs Yeoman and Mrs Cartledge.

Mrs Yeoman has worked at Elvington for fourteen years. She has been a tremendous teaching assistant working with all year groups, particularly in KS1, where 1:1 and small booster work has made a significant difference for so many of our children. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Yeoman for all her efforts and wishing her the very best in the future. Mrs Yeoman's last day in school is Thursday 25th May.

Mrs Cartledge has worked with dedication to support many of our pupils, in particular children with speech and language needs, emotional needs and special educational needs. Whilst at Elvington, she also completed training to qualify as a higher-level teaching assistant, enabling her to teach classes during teachers' non-contact time. Mrs Cartledge has never been afraid of planning lessons that get messy, always taking care to plan work that has helped stimulate and engage our children. Thank you for all that you have contributed. Mrs Cartledge's last day in school is Friday 26th May.

We have respected both staff members' wishes for a low-key send off and will celebrate their work and efforts with staff and children in school. We appreciate parents may wish to pass on their thanks to both staff members over the forthcoming days.

At the end of this academic year, we will also be saying goodbye to Miss Shepherd. I would like to thank Miss Shepherd for all her hard work and commitment this year. She has done significant work in our school office and has been an incredible support to our whole school community. Miss Shepherd leaves us to begin a PGCE in Secondary History at the University of York. We wish her all the luck with this and are delighted that she has chosen to pursue a career in teaching. Mrs Greening will take up the position of School Administrator from September. Mrs Greening has already been into school on a few occasions and will be in again over the summer term as a handover process. Do look out for her.

We will also be saying good luck to Miss Rowley, who finishes her role in Breakfast Club on June 28th to begin her maternity leave. Thank you for all your hard work, we wish you and your family all the very best. Mrs Smith, our school cook, will take up the vacancy in Breakfast Club, working alongside Mrs Ellis and Mrs Challis.

We will also be saying a short farewell to Miss Richards, who will leave us at the end of this academic year to begin her maternity leave in September. We would like to congratulate Miss Richards and her family on such wonderful news. The Governing body are delighted to announce that Mrs Haffey has accepted the post of Class 4 teacher and is looking forward to staying with the team at Elvington. Mrs Haffey has worked with us throughout this year, whilst completing her PGCE with Sheffield Hallam University. Prior to this, she worked for many years as a higher-level teaching assistant at St. Lawrence's School, bringing with her many years of school experience. We have continued to be impressed by Mrs Haffey's sound subject knowledge, passion and commitment for teaching and we have enjoyed seeing her develop into an outstanding practitioner. Our experienced school staff, Miss Rushmer, Mrs Granger and Miss Hewson are looking forward to the opportunity to share some of the deputy head roles during Miss Richards' absence.

# **Trophies**

If your child was awarded a trophy at the end of last year, please could you return it to school by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.





Golden Book
Class 1
Max Garland
Class 2
Harvy Lawn
Class 3
Emily-Grace O'Keefe
Class 4
Abigail Venton

Jack Redman
Scientist of the Week

**Headteacher's Award** 

Year 6

Class 5

Katie Morgan

Sharing assemblies are held every Friday at 2:50pm. 18<sup>th</sup> May – Class 1



Summer Term, First Half
All clubs finish at **4:15pm**,
with the exception of KS2
Cricket which finishes at **4:00pm** and Rainbows which
finishes at **4:30pm**.

finishes at 4:30p Monday KS1 Rugby Tuesday Gardening Club KS2 Tri Golf Eco Club Wednesday Athletics KS2 Tennis Rainbows Thursday KS2 Rounders Friday

KS2 Dance Club



# Non-Uniform Day: Friday 25th May

Friday 25th May will be a non-uniform day. We are asking for a donation of £1 and all money raised will go towards funding more new books for school from the Usbourne Book Fair.

# **Year 2 Skipping Festival**

Our Year 2 children are invited to take part in a skipping festival to be held at Fulford School in July (details to follow). They are currently receiving training so that they are competent skippers. There are skipping ropes for sale in the office, priced at £5.00, if you want to skip at home.



# **Book Fair and Sponsored Read**



On Monday 21st May and Thursday 24th May, we are holding an Usborne book fair in the hall after school. In addition to this, we will be running a sponsored read over the May half term: all money raised will go towards brand new books for the school. Usborne will donate up to 60% of the total raised in extra free books too! Every child will receive a certificate upon completion of the sponsored read showing the total number of minutes read. On top of this, every child who raises a total of £10 or more will receive a free book to take home! More information about the sponsored read will be brought home with your child this week.

## Class Structures for September 2018

Class 1 (EYFS/Y1) Miss Rushmer

Class 2 (Y1/2) Mrs Granger

Class 3 (Y3/4) Miss Palmer

Class 4 (Y4/5) Miss Haffey

Class 5 (Y6) Miss Hewson

Class letters will be sent out electronically w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> July informing you of your child's class for the next year.





### **Keeping Cool**

In warm weather, it is extremely important that children bring their own named water bottle to school every day. May we also remind you to ensure that children have applied all-day sun protection cream. We do have a supply of sun hats in KS1 or children can bring their own in, as there is limited shade available in the playground.

### **Family Church Service**

Family service 10:30am, this Sunday 20th May (at the church). This service will be for all ages, children especially welcome. Led by Peter Burgess, it will be informal and interactive, accessible for everyone so please encourage friends and neighbours to come along too! <a href="http://www.elvington-church.org.uk/">http://www.elvington-church.org.uk/</a>













