

Our Christian value for this half term.



Work hard with whole-hearted commitment and resilience always seeking to improve and achieve our best.

Mark 2:1-12

#### Message from Mr Buttery,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening. I hope this provided you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development so far this academic year. Following your appointment, if there is anything you would like to discuss with me, please call the school; alternatively I can be reached by email: <a href="head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk">head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk</a>

#### **How Do We Communicate With Parents/Carers?**

At Elvington Church of England Primary School, we believe that it is essential to develop strong and effective partnerships with parents/carers. We aim to establish a mutually supportive and respectful relationship with all our parents/carers where trust and respect is at the heart of all we do. We aim to keep parents informed and involved, through working in partnership together in order to help every pupil achieve their full potential to grow spiritually, morally and socially within a strong Christian ethos.

**Website:** We use our website as a repository of key information and an entry point for prospective parents. It is not the place to see ongoing conversation from the school, although you can find the latest newsletters here. We also publish key school dates on our website calendar.

**Twitter:** We run a Twitter account and use it to celebrate our successes and give you an ongoing insight into life at School.

**Curriculum Newsletters:** These are sent out at the beginning of Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. The newsletters contain information about what the children will be learning during that term and how parents/carers can support their child's learning.

Newsletters: These are sent out on a weekly basis giving information on dates; events; what is happening or going to happen in school; celebration of achievements and general information. A copy can also be found on the website - <a href="https://www.elvingtonprimary.org.uk/parents-carers/letters-home">www.elvingtonprimary.org.uk/parents-carers/letters-home</a>

**Letters:** Email distribution of letters provides information that is specific to an individual child or class. Please ensure we have the correct contact details to facilitate communication. We really like the fact that it is paperless and that we know you are always getting messages, even if your child is absent from school.

Noticeboards: Provide relevant information for parents/carers and the community.

**Daily Welcome:** Each morning, staff are available either on the main playground or at the doorways of their classes to meet and greet the children and provide parents the opportunity to informally share any information. The Headteacher is also visible and accessible for parents/carers and children. If you require a private discussion, please contact Mrs. Greening in the office.

**Parents' Evening Consultations:** Individual consultations with parents/carers are arranged during the Autumn and Spring Terms, to discuss children's progress/targets. Appointments can also be arranged at the end of the Summer Term to discuss end of year reports.

**Parental Feedback:** We welcome comments and feedback from parents, carers or visitors about any aspect of the work we do at school. Equally we welcome any suggestions that will help us to further develop our partnership with parents/carers.

The school will regularly seek parental views on a range of topics affecting pupils' education through questionnaires, surveys and verbal discussion. Feedback is valued, and responses are seriously considered and actioned where appropriate and in pupils' best interests.

Thank you for all your support this half term. We hope you have a lovely week and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February...

Mr Buttery

Working together, we can all achieve success















Please remember the school is closed Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February for Teacher training. Thank you.

New dates appear in red. **Spring term dates 2020** 

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Training Day. School Closed WC 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term. Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – KS1 Kings and Queens Dress Up Day Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Phonics Evening, Reception & Year 1 Parents Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – E Safety

Training with PC Harper
WC 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Book Week
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Class 3

Outdoor Ted Trip

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World

Book Day Dress Up and Book
Fair

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March –** Class 1 Outdoor Ted Trip

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March –** Parent Residential Meeting

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Class 3 Cake Stall

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March –** Class 4 Outdoor Ted Trip

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Mums in School

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March -** Class 2 Outdoor Ted Trip

**Thursday 26**<sup>th</sup> – Class 5 Outdoor Ted Trip

WC 24/02/2020



Week1

www.elvingtonprimary.org. uk/parents-carers/schoolmeals-snacks

**Term Dates** 

www.elvingtonprimary.org. uk/parents-carers/termdates

## Parental Survey October 2019

Please follow the link below for the survey results and actions

www.elvingtonprimary.org. uk/parentscarers/parental-survey

# After school clubs will continue with the same timetable after the half term break.



If you are interested in your child attending the chess club, please return your slips by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. If there is enough interest, the club will start on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please note this club is run independently by Mr Clousdale. All correspondence is written by him and payments will not come via the school office.

#### **Phonics Evening**

We would like to invite all Year 1 and Reception parents to a meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 6:00pm, to provide you with information on how phonics is taught in school and how the phonics screening test is administrated. The meeting will last approximately 45 minutes with time for you to speak to staff and ask questions at the end. If you are unable to arrange child care arrangements, Mr Buttery will supervise your children during this time in Class 1.



**Chess Club** 

#### **Internet Matters**



The 'Internet Matters' campaign supports Global Safer Internet. Enclosed below is a link to a leaflet containing information that raises awareness of online issues that children from toddlers to teenagers may face and where parents can find information to help. Get expert support and practical tips to help children benefit from connected technology and the internet safely and smartly. Click here for more information.

#### **World Book Week**

The week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Week and there are lots of exciting activities planned! We have two authors visiting and working with the children, a book fair and dress up day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and the sponsored read commences on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>.



### Elvington Brownies...



....are DESPERATELY seeking new Support Helpers and Leaders. Without assistance, this longstanding community based branch of the organisation is in danger of closure. Both positions are fulfilling and extremely rewarding, helping to provide children with a sense of belonging and camaraderie. No experience is necessary as training and support will be provided.

If you can give your time on a Wednesday 6.00 pm – 7.15 pm, please call Cheryl on 607710.



#### **BBC 500 Words 2020**

The UK's largest story writing competition for children is back for its tenth year. Here's everything you need to know to get involved.













