

# Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020



## Friendship

Our Christian value for this half term.



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## Mr Buttery's Update

### COVID-19

As you will all be aware, on Thursday 5<sup>TH</sup> November, England entered a 4-week lockdown. I would like to reassure you that at this time this will not impact on our school. All previous timings and protective measures will remain in place.

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/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/).

If your child has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis 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.

### Homework Questionnaire

I would like to thank you for completing the homework questionnaire that was sent out earlier this term. As you will see from the feedback below, the overwhelming response was positive.

I would like to reassure parents/carers that I realise that no one method of homework suits every child/family. However, I believe it is essential to seek and value all views, as this enables lessons to be learned and approaches to be modified.

#### **Do you feel the homework grids have improved your child's attitude to homework?**

Yes – 23      No – 2

#### **Is there sufficient choice for you to sit down with your child and select something that you will both enjoy and that will also be educationally beneficial?**

Yes – 23      No – 2

#### **Do you think the homework grid has supported your child's topic based learning?**

Yes – 23      No – 2

#### **Do you think the amount of homework given at Elvington Primary School each week is...**

Too Much – 3    About Right – 21    Not Enough – 1



A selection of comments received:

*Both girls love the homework opportunities. We look at the grid, discuss the tasks and then they choose which one they want to do. They are both more than happy to do homework which is a huge positive. The range of tasks is also helpful as they are not all 'written' and can include other family members.*

*The grid has allowed us to talk about the topic more as a family and to see the breadth of the work being covered.*

*I think the grid has been a good way of enhancing and adding to the things they have been doing in class. Particularly with the work around the Aztecs I think the additional tasks around different aspects of Aztec life and people have been beneficial.*

*The grids offer them something a bit different that they do not necessarily see as homework, for example following a recipe to cook a meal. Although it is still a learning exercise it isn't sitting down doing sums or writing out answers to questions.*

*Sometimes having choice isn't a good thing! We spend time debating which one she wants to do when it might just be easier to be set a homework based on what they need to practice or the topic for the term.*

*It's good to be able to make a choice about what to do. A mix of shorter or simpler tasks for when we are strapped for time and longer or more involved tasks when we're able.*

## **Ventilation**

Windows and classroom doors (internal and external) will be left open as much as possible to aid ventilation. Elvington's teachers are planning lots of outdoor learning activities; therefore it is essential that the children come suitably dressed for all weather possibilities. This will be especially important as we head into the winter months.

Please be aware that children can wear additional clothing (fleeces or extra sweatshirts) over the top of school uniform. An Elvington branded fleece can be purchased via this link: <https://school-shop.co.uk/product/navy-blue-fleece-jacket-elvington-ce-primary-school/>. However, please don't feel that a branded fleece is essential.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Andrew Buttery

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



Let's stay safe and keep protecting each other



[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)





**Our Christian value for this half term.**



### **Bethany Feasby...**

....made a brave visit to the hairdressers during half term to have 12 inches of her lovely locks cut off for donation to the Little Princess Trust. The organisation provide real hair wigs, free of charge, for children who lose their hair through cancer treatment, thus helping them to restore their confidence and identity. A 'just giving page' was set up allowing the event to be sponsored to help with the cost to make the wig. A massive **£753** was raised in total! Thank you to everyone who sponsored her. Well done Bethany, that is just superb!



### **Children in Need**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

The theme this year is "children's mental wellbeing". Children can come to school wearing fancy dress, sports kit or anything non-uniform based, in exchange for making a donation to this wonderful charity. In our continuing bid to prevent cross contamination, we have instructed ParentPay to set up a temporary Donation Page just for Children in Need, enabling you to donate as you wish. Please use this [link](#) to make a donation.



### **Golden Book**

- Class 1 – Matilda Westgarth
- Class 2 – Isaac Brackenbury
- Class 3 – Jayden Markwell
- Class 4 – Charlie King
- Class 5 – Archie Lawrence

### **Maths Week England**



Next week, on Times Table Rockstars there will be no class battle. Instead of a class battle, the children will be battling against schools across England. The children will be battling to find the most dedicated school, class and pupil on Times Table Rockstars in England. The children will need to access Times Table Rockstars as much as they can from Monday 9th to Saturday 14th November to answer as many questions as possible. Each class will have an hour in school to access Times Table Rockstars during this week.

The main prize for the 3 top schools is a trophy. I will be providing a pizza party for the most enthusiastic class and the top 3 rockstars within the school will each win a certificate.

Let's get rocking Elvington!  
Miss Palmer

W.C. 09/11/2020  
Week 3



### **Community News**

#### **Message from the School Shop.....**

As schools are to remain open during the impending lockdown, we too will be staying open but, as will be required, our shop will close on 4th November. We will be open for online orders for delivery or Click & Collect from Elvington.

During the summer we operated our shop on an appointment basis to ensure we could maintain social distancing. The appointment system was so successful that we intend to keep it as a permanent feature. Once we return to normal trading conditions parents will be able to book to come to the shop, it's very easy to book an appointment from the homepage of our website or you can call our office and book over the phone.

