

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

18th December 2020



Friendship
Our Christian value for this
half term.



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Mr Buttery's Update

Happy Christmas

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support this term, and throughout my first year at Elvington Church of England Primary School. I know that our pupils have worked really hard and made an excellent start to the academic year.

The impact of COVID-19 rapidly changed all our lives. The uncertainty it created; the fear and anxiety that we were all feeling was almost overwhelming, however, the show kept going! The dedication and resilience shown by all the staff at Elvington as they have put new systems in place and supported learning, both in school and at home, has been incredible. I am honoured and humbled to be part of such a wonderful team. Likewise, the efforts from you and your children in adapting to the 'new normal' has been amazing. I recognise how difficult this time has been for everyone, and I sincerely hope that the New Year will look and feel much more like normal - sooner rather than later!

I would like to wish all of our pupils, parents, carers and community a restful and happy Christmas, as well as a prosperous New Year.

We look forward to starting a successful 2021, when we return for the new term on Tuesday 5th January 2021.



COVID-19

I will be on call every day up to and including Christmas Eve. Please inform me if your child tests positive for COVID-19 during this time, as this will enable an email to be sent to inform the relevant class bubble/s.

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-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/.



Help with food and bills this winter

Help is available to York residents whose income has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents who have savings of less than £2,000 can apply for a grant to help with the cost of food and energy bills this winter.

- Apply for a winter support grant: <https://www.york.gov.uk/wintersupportgrant>
- Help and support with applying for grants and benefits: <https://www.york.gov.uk/benefitsadvice>

School Admissions - Final Reminder

You should apply for your child to start primary or infant school by the 15th January 2021 in the school year your child turns 4. For entry in the September 2021 school year, children will have been born between **1st September 2016** and **31st August 2017** and you can now start your application. Applications for children who were born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 can be made only from the autumn of 2021.

Please read the [Guide for Parents](#) when applying for a school place, as it contains key information on school admissions. You can also find the [Guide to School Catchment Areas](#) online. We would advise you to keep checking on the City of York Council Admissions site to keep updated with key dates throughout the year.

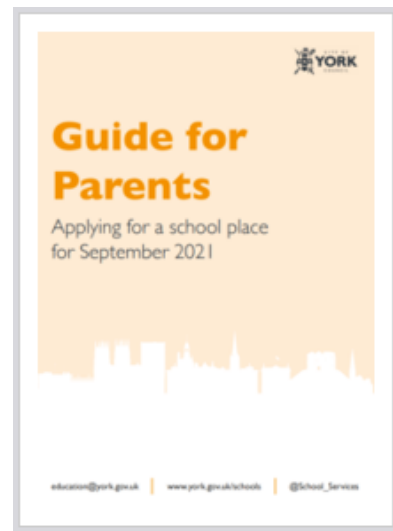
[CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE ONLINE](#)

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Andrew Buttery

"I have come in order that you may have life – life in its fullness." John 1



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Let's stay safe and keep protecting each other



nhs.uk/coronavirus





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Special thanks from Mr Crinnion

Mr Richard Crinnion contacted the school to express his sincere thanks to the staff and parents of Elvington School, both old and new, who have paid their respects to his wife, Vicky Crinnion. Many people lined the road in a gesture of love, sorrow and respect for her on Tuesday. As a result of a large number of enquiries, Mr Crinnion has set up a just giving page in her memory. Should you wish to donate, please follow the link. <https://gf.me/u/zci6ff>

Our thoughts are with him and his children at this difficult time.



Thank you

The staff are overwhelmed by the generosity of parents and children, as many gifts arrived at school on Monday and Tuesday of this week. These are in no way expected but are very much appreciated. They have now had 72 hours in quarantine and will go home with staff this evening to be opened on Christmas day.

Very many thanks to you all.



Golden Book

Class 1 – Ella Hutchinson

Class 2 – Freya Corps

Class 3 – Dylan Cook

Class 4 – Imogen O'Brien

Class 5 – Elizabeth Clarkson



Help required

Children have missed out on many of the activities they love this year, the Brownies Group at Elvington being one of them. This wonderful organisation is hoping to be up and running again in the New Year but desperately need volunteers to take on the leadership role and supporting roles. If you would like to find out more, please contact Cheryl on 07903623077 who will be happy to give you more information about these rewarding posts.

Christmas Diary Dates

18th December – Last day of term

4th January – Training Day

5th January – Spring Term starts

New dates appear in red

Message from Mrs Challis – Elvington Out of School Club

Our last session will be today, 18th December. We will re-open on Monday 4th January, Teacher Training day. Please let me know if you would like to book this day and/ or any future sessions next term by calling or texting 07790 480229 or emailing info@elvingtonoutofschool.co.uk (not the school office) Please visit the [website](http://elvingtonoutofschool.co.uk) for further information.



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