

# Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter 5th February 2021



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Our Christian value for this  
half term.



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## Mr. Buttery's Update

### Pregnancy Announcement

I am pleased to inform you that Miss. Palmer is expecting her first baby in July. I am sure you will join the staff team at Elvington in wishing Miss. Palmer all the best throughout her pregnancy. We will commence with the recruitment process shortly, and will obviously keep you up to date with this process.

### Wellbeing Sessions

From week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, staff will be adding a once or twice weekly wellbeing afternoon session. This will be a short live session (no more than 10 to 15 minutes) to do something fun and engaging which allows the children to connect. It is my intention that these sessions will support children's mental health and wellbeing.



Having trialed a quiz with Key Stage 2 this week, it is abundantly clear how beneficial this type of informal session can be. Your child's class teacher will add details to Google Classroom next week...

### Parents' Evening

We will be continuing to use our online booking system for the upcoming Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. The aforementioned booking system is provided by School Jotter and will enable parents/carers to make their own bookings within the available time slots. Each appointment is up to **10 minutes** long, giving teachers a little time between slots to prepare for the next parent/carer. If you have any problems using this system, please contact Angela Greening 01904 555280 [office@elvingtonprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@elvingtonprimary.org.uk).

It is my intention that the aforementioned meetings will take place via Google Meets; with the option of a phone call if this would be preferred. You will receive updates regarding this over the course of the next week...



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## **Mr. Buttery's Challenge of the Week – please share with your child/ren**

I know that your teachers are keeping you busy and giving you lots of exciting opportunities to learn. However, I would like to set you an extra challenge that you could do – sometimes I might ask a special guest to set the challenge instead! These challenges are optional and will be separate from your daily learning.

The challenge this week is to make a marble run!

You could use paper, tubes, recycled containers or anything that you can think of. If you do not have a marble you could use a small ball. Alternatively, you could use a football and make a larger scale marble run!

Remember this is an optional challenge; if you do attempt it please send in your photographs to [head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk](mailto:head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk) by noon Wednesday. I will share some of your images in next week's newsletter...



## **Assessments**

You will be aware that primary schools will not be administering statutory tests for pupils in Years 2 and 6, nor the Year 1 (with Year 2 resits) Phonics Screening or the Year 4 Multiplication Tests this summer. This is a welcome move as it will enable us to continue to adapt our teaching to the needs of the children throughout the summer term. We will, of course, carry out our own assessments when the children return to school and as ever, we will do this in a supportive and positive way. These are important as they will help us plan and implement our catch-up curriculum. We will conduct formal assessments towards the latter stages of this academic year, so that we can give parents/carers an accurate overview of their child's level of attainment.

## **Starting Primary School in September 2021**

If you have a child born between **01 September 2016** and **31 August 2017** they are due to start primary school in September 2021, if you have not yet made a school application or contacted the Admission Team, please do so as soon as possible. The closing date for applications was 15 January 2021. Applications can be made at [www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

If there is a reason why you have not made an application, for example, you are planning to move out of the area or you are applying to an independent school, we must be informed and we will amend our records accordingly.

Parents/carers will log into their Parent Portal account on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to find out your child's allocated primary school. Please make sure that you know your username (email) and password for Parent Portal before 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021. If you would like further information about the school admissions process please contact us at [education@york.gov.uk](mailto:education@york.gov.uk)

## **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](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.

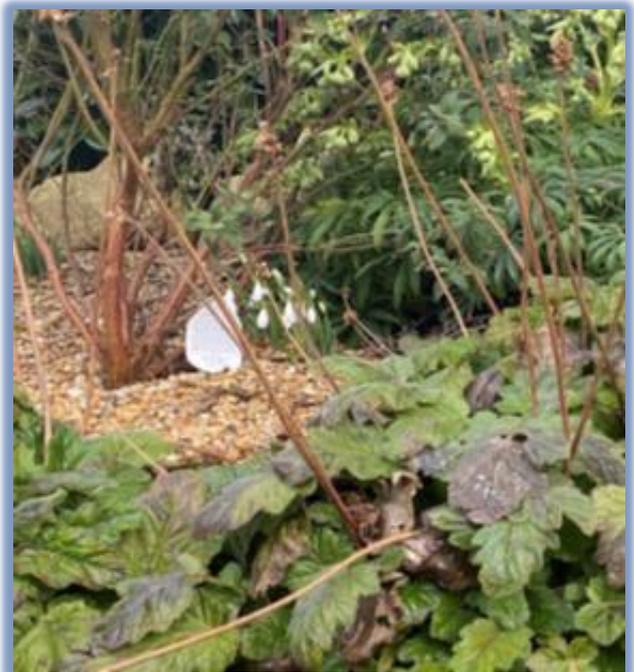
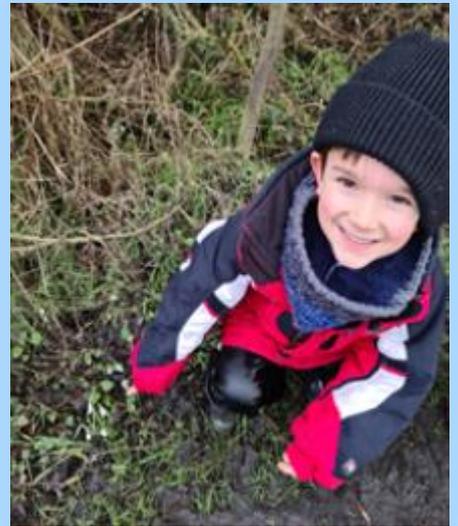
We must all continue to be vigilant of COVID-19 symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature or the loss of taste or smell. If a child, or any member of their household, has any of these symptoms, however mild, they must not come to school and should seek a test as soon as possible by calling 119 or visiting: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/](http://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*









### WHOLE SCHOOL PYJAMA FRIDAY!

On Friday 5th February, we will be having a "Pyjama Friday" theme for our live lessons. We would love to see you all chilled out at home or in school in your favourite PJ's. During our live lesson, your child can show off their outfit.

If your child is in school on this day please ensure they also have plenty of layers underneath or on top, as it is very chilly in school while the windows are open for ventilation.

As with all clothing worn in school, we suggest the Pyjamas are washed before normal use.

