

# Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter 12th February 2021



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Our Christian value for this  
half term.



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## Mr. Buttery's Update

### Key Stage 1 and EYFS Bubble Closure

As I am sure you are all now aware, I was required to close our Key Stage 1 and EYFS bubble on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021. This decision was taken following consultation with Public Health England and the DfE.

I appreciate that this may cause inconvenience to our families. However, I need to stress that this bubble closure has been done to limit the potential spread of the virus and to prevent others from potentially becoming unwell.

A formal letter has been sent to notify the parents/carers of those children who are required to self-isolate.

Please contact me if you have questions, however, please be aware that I may not be able to answer all of your questions due to issues of confidentiality.

### Parents' Evening

As you know our Parents' Evenings will be taking place virtually on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. You should now have received a Google Meet link via email. The aforementioned link will enable you to access your appointment at the time you requested on School Jotter.

**I would like to suggest that you attempt to access the meeting at some point over half term. The meeting will not be live, however, you will know if you need to setup a free Gmail account in order to access it.**



Appointments will last for **ten minutes** (with a five minute gap prior to the start of the next meeting), this will create a buffer before the next parent/carer requests access. Please do not request access before your meeting is due to start, unless it is in the latter stages of this five minute buffer.

The focus of these meetings will be reviewing work covered during the Autumn Term/lockdown; discussing end of year targets; progress and wellbeing. The aforementioned meetings will take place via Google Meet; with the option of a phone call if this would be preferred.

### Half Term

School will be closed for the half term break - we will re-open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for the children of critical key workers (who have registered with us for a place). We continue to hope that schools will re-open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, and are expecting guidance from the Government as soon as we come back from the half term break.

My main priority is to ensure that the safety of your children, and consequently the whole school community, is paramount when lockdown measures are eased. I will continue to keep you as informed as possible; please be assured that any suggestions mentioned by the media are purely speculative at this time.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in working together to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all those in our school community.



## **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/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/).

## **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 pancake!

Shrove Tuesday is a Christian festival celebrated in many countries across the globe. It falls on the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent – a period of around six weeks leading up to Easter. During Lent, Christians give up luxuries to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and nights to fast and pray.

The exact date of Shrove Tuesday changes from year to year. However, one thing stays the same — it's always 47 days before Easter Sunday. And yes, you guessed it, it's always on a Tuesday!

The name comes from the old word 'shriving', which means to listen to someone's sins and forgive them. In Anglo-Saxon England, Christians would go to church on Shrove Tuesday to confess their sins and clean their soul. In other words, they would be 'shriven'.

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). I will share some of your images in following week's newsletter...

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Andrew Buttery

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

## **World Book Day 2021**

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. As we will still be learning remotely, we would love for the children both at home and in school to participate.

Your child is invited to dress up as their favourite book character, should they wish. If your child is in school on this day, please ensure they come dressed with appropriate layers of clothing as school remains very chilly!

Teachers are currently planning exciting activities for World Book day. Each weekday, commencing 1st March, a teacher will share a story with each class via the Google Classroom. On Thursday 5th March at 1:30pm we will also be having a Whole School Live Lesson so the children can show off their fantastic costumes.

Miss Palmer



**Last Week's Marble Run Photographs – Well Done Everyone!**







### Other Information.....

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#### Handling Anger in the Family

Thursday evenings 7.15 to 9pm for 4 weeks starting 4th March, online via Zoom. For flyer click [here](#)

#### Time Out for Parents - the Teenage Years:

Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11.30am for 5 weeks starting 25th February, online via Zoom. For flyer click [here](#)

#### Time Out for Parents - the Primary Years:

Wednesday afternoons 12.45 to 2.45pm for 5 weeks starting 24th February, online via Zoom. For flyer click [here](#)

#### Time Out for Parents - the Early Years:

Tuesday evenings 7.15 to 9pm for 5 weeks starting 23rd February, online via Zoom. For flyer click [here](#)

