

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Mr. Buttery's Update

Class 1 Bubble Closure

As I am sure you are all now aware, I was required to close our Class 1 bubble on the evening of Wednesday 24th March.

I appreciate that this may have caused 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, be aware that I may not be able to answer all of your questions due to issues of confidentiality.

Recovery Curriculum

As a staff we have been concerned about the negative tone set in the press focusing on how far behind children are in their learning; the education they have missed and even calling them the "lost generation". Through our regular Google Meets in January and February (along with the associated activities that were set), and now having had the children back in school for three weeks, we can see how hard you as parents and carers have worked to support your children. Consequently we have been impressed by what the children have retained and achieved. Thank you!

At Elvington Church of England Primary School we are ever optimistic and supportive, so we have decided to avoid the term "catch-up". Instead we are talking about bouncing back in our learning and then achieving even more. We are realistic and know that there will be gaps in the children's knowledge and skills, however, that is our challenge as educators - working in school is never a mundane or sedentary job! As a staff team we are always looking at new ways to teach and how best to approach obstructions to learning. We then build on our joint years of expertise to refine our approach to pedagogy.

We will be planning how best to approach the Summer Term and laying the foundations for an exciting period of sustained work; capitalising on what we hope will be better weather and no additional school closures. There will be plenty of opportunities for sport, arts, creativity and the wider curriculum (within the remit outlined by the DfE). We will also be putting in place additional support for those children who may need a boost; teachers will share this with parents/carers in due course. Our approach will continue to be overwhelmingly positive and pro-active, and we know the children will respond with their usual enthusiasm and gusto.

COVID-19

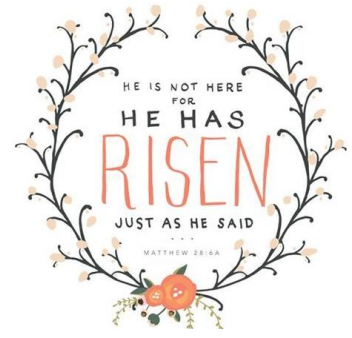
If your child has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, or is having a test/required to self-isolate, please inform the school using the following email address, as soon as you find out: head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk. The aforementioned email address will be checked regularly - seven days a week and over holidays. 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/.



Happy Easter

We look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Monday 12th April; have a restful and enjoyable Easter.



National Day of Reflection

Tuesday 23rd March marked one year since the beginning of the first national lockdown and was designated a National Day of Reflection. The Church of England offered the following prayer for use:

God of Love,
As we think about all that has changed this year,
help us to trust that you are always with us.
As we remember those who have died,
help us to trust they are at peace with you.
As we reach out to others with kindness and care,
may hope shine out in every heart and home.
Amen.

National
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May I once again thank you all for the support and kindness you have shown to each other, to our children, my staff and to the wider community. May you take comfort at this time in the kind acts and generosity of family, friends and colleagues...

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Buttery

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

Golden Book

Class 1 Hedgehogs –
Class 2 Bears – George Handley
Class 3 Bats – Thomas Skelton
Class 4 Foxes – Harry Botha
Class 5 Owls – Ted Agutter



Times Table Rockstars

Winning Band: Year 4

Battle Winners;
Year 4: Harry Beevers
Year 5: Imogen O'Brien



WHOLE SCHOOL MATHS DAY!

On **Friday 16th April**, Elvington Primary School will be hosting a Maths themed day. The children are invited to dress up as Rockstars if they wish to. A Rockstar outfit could consist of jeans, a funky hair style, sunglasses and other accessories.

On the day, we will be launching our new online Maths resource "MyMaths". More information for parents will be provided after the launch day. The online resource will be used to support your child's learning alongside Times Table Rockstars.

We are currently planning lots of other exciting Maths activities for the children to engage with on the day including design your own rockstar character.

Miss Palmer



Name Labels

A lot of the school day can often be wasted by looking for belongings. Please help us optimise the time your child is in school by clearly labelling all your child's possessions. Online companies offer many different variations, iron-in, sew-in and stick-on, for less than £3. If this is not possible, please use a permanent marker or biro to put initials on clothing labels, shoes, wellies and all other items your child has in school.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.



Healthy Snacks



The school operates a healthy snacks policy whereby children choosing to bring a snack for break time should choose fresh fruit or vegetables. Children have been bringing Bear Pure Fruit Yo Yos into school, these are permitted. However, an increasing number of children are bringing predominantly chocolate based snacks into school. I would like to politely request that this stops.

The Foundation and KS1 children receive fruit and vegetables, offered under the Government initiative to provide all infants with free fruit and vegetables during the day.

Elvington Scout Group – Daffodil Sale

Mrs Stead and Mrs Wedgewood would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported their fundraising, by buying daffodils outside school last Friday. There is a target of £1000 on the fundraising page but it is estimated that the roof will cost a massive £25,000. Donations can be made at any time, all extremely gratefully received.

<https://gofundme.com/f/z3v36-fix-our-roof>



Other news.....



On the 17th July Britain's Got Talent finalist Steve Royle has agreed to do two, one hour family shows at Elvington Village Hall in aid of the Elvington Under 5's .

Tickets are £10 or £35 for a family of 4.

Tickets for the 12pm show are at:

www.wegottickets.com/event/508964

Tickets for the 1.30pm show at:

www.wegottickets.com/event/598966



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Peter and the Wolf is an orchestral piece telling the story of a young boy named Peter, who mischievously disobeys his grandfather's orders and ventures out of his garden and in to the woods beyond... Each instrument in the orchestra represents a different character in the story, which is brought to life with interjections by the narrator. The Leeds Conservatoire Chamber Orchestra give a **FREE** livestreamed performance of this famous work on **Sunday 28th March at 3pm.**

<https://fb.me/e/1h93MrVFS>

Peter & the Wolf



Elvington Out of School Club

Bookings can be made by email info@elvingtonoutofschool.co.uk or by calling 07790 480229 (Please text or leave a message when there is no reply, this will always be picked up by 3pm). **Please note this is an independent organisation, bookings cannot be made via the school.**

Thanks, Sue Challis



Elvington Harriers AFC
FA Charter Standard Club
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Elvington Harriers under 7's Need

Calling all budding footballers out there, if you are 6 or under and want to have a whole lot of fun with some football thrown in why not pop along to Elvington sports field on the 3rd April. Boys and girls of all abilities are very welcome.

If you would like more information, please contact Joe on 07986 127066 or via email: birney1975@gmail.com



Some children will be really happy to be back at school with their friends this week, whereas others will be finding it very difficult, but all of them will need lots of help and support from their parents.

The short courses we run give parents the opportunity to meet other parents and find out that they are not alone; to think about what they are doing with their children; and, in the light of the course material and ideas from other parents, decide if they want to make any changes.

The following courses are starting after Easter: **Handling Anger in the Family, Time Out for Parents** - the Teenage Years, **Time Out for Parents** - the Primary Years, **Time Out for Dads, Separated Parents.** To book a place or for further information please contact: Helen Atkinson on 07393 147259 email helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk

