

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

16th April 2021



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Mr. Buttery's Update

Class Structure – September 2021

I would like to provide you with an initial overview of our proposed five class structure for next academic year. Additional information will be sent by individual email, once our pupil numbers are confirmed.

Staffing and Organisation

Class 1 – taught by Miss. Rushmer, will be a mixed Reception and Year 1 class.

Class 2 – taught by a Mrs. Ingle (maternity cover), will be a mixed Year 1 and Year 2 class.

Class 3 – taught by Mrs. Granger, will be a mixed Year 3 and Year 4 class.

Class 4 – taught by a Mrs. Holmes (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) and Mrs. Marjoram (Thursday & Friday), will be a mixed Year 4 and Year 5 class.

Class 5 – taught by Mrs. Haffey, will be a Year 6 class.

Mixed age classes will continue to be split based on age.

Miss. Palmer

Miss. Palmer will enter the third trimester of her pregnancy during week commencing Monday 10th May 2021.

Government guidance dictates that Miss. Palmer is not permitted to be present on the school site and must work from home from the aforementioned date.

This is incredibly frustrating for everyone, especially Miss. Palmer who was looking forward to completing the majority of this academic year with Class 2. I know that you will be disappointed by this news but Miss. Palmer's safety is paramount.

We have managed to secure the services of Mrs. Saddler, an experienced Key Stage 1 teacher, to teach Class 2 from Monday 10th May (until the end of this academic year). Miss. Palmer will continue to interact remotely with her class (via Google Classroom), and will still be in charge of planning, assessment and report writing. Parents/carers will be able to contact Miss. Palmer via email until her maternity leave commences in July. Mrs. Ingle will then cover Miss. Palmer's maternity leave from September 2021.

Mrs. Saddler will be coming into school on Friday 30th April to meet with the children in Class 2.

Rapid Flow Testing

On Monday 5th April, the Prime Minister announced that from Friday 9th April all people in England will be able to access twice weekly rapid tests for COVID-19.

Parents/carers may wish to consider whether to test children under the age of 11. Advice from Public Health England is that there is currently limited public health benefit from testing primary school age children with lateral flow devices (LFDs). Primary school age children may find the LFD testing process invasive and unpleasant and are unable to self-swab.



Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith has informed me of her decision to step down as Chair of the PTA. On behalf of everyone associated with Elvington Church of England Primary School I would like to pass on my appreciation for everything Mrs. Smith done for our school.

We will be looking to elect a new Chair as part of the next scheduled virtual meeting – further details to follow...

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/.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Andrew Buttery

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



The poster features a blue and pink background. On the left, a stylized school building with a clock tower and a red flag on top is set against a blue circular backdrop. Below the building, the text 'Primary School Allocation Day' and '16 April 2021' is written in white. On the right, the City of York Council logo is at the top, followed by the heading 'Check your child's school place online' in large white letters. Below this, a paragraph in white text reads: 'Find out where your child has been allocated a primary school place in York by logging on to our Parent Portal on 16 April. Remember to check you know your password before the day.'

Golden Book

Class 1 Hedgehogs – Sophia Gowthorpe
Class 2 Bears – Evie Senior
Class 3 Bats – Dylan Cook
Class 4 Foxes – Florence Bojke
Class 5 Owls – Rachel Watkins &
Solace Nicholas-Watling



Battle of the Bands is back!....



<u>Week</u>	<u>Band A</u>	<u>Band B</u>
1. 16th - 22nd April	Year 2	Year 3
2. 26th April	Times Table Knockout Whole School Competition	
3. 30th April - 5th May	Year 4	Year 5
4. 7th - 13th May	Year 2	Year 4
5. 14th - 20th May	Year 5	Year 6

Big Pedal 2021



We are taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2021, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from **19 April to 30 April**. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

We would like to encourage your child(ren) to take active journeys to school on as many days as possible during the event, and join them on their way. You can scooter, cycle or walk. If you have to travel by car because of where you live, you could always park a short distance away from school to still take part.

Sustrans Big Pedal is a great way to get children active, which is important for physical health and mental wellbeing. Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate.

Covid-19 has made active travel to school is even more important. The Department for Education have said encouraging active travel to school helps "to enable pupils to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing."

Other news.....

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. A **HUGE £1259.20** was raised in total. 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>



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:

[Wwww.wegottickets.com/event/508964](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/508964)

Tickets for the 1.30pm show at:

[Wwww.wegottickets.com/event/598966](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/598966)





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<https://mailchi.mp/yorklearning.org.uk/free-opportunities-to-a-gain-a-qualification?e=8221850ff>

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



Cricket is back from Friday
16th April at 6 -7.30pm



Woodhouse Grange CC is your local club offering fantastic opportunities for children to play cricket. Find us at Sandhill Lane YO41 4DF or www.woodhousegrangecc.co.uk

Qualified coaches provide a vibrant and fun environment for children of all ages to play cricket. We have age group teams at;

U9s, U11s, U13s and U15s

Plus the popular ECB schemes; All Stars (5-8 year olds) and Dynamos (9-11 year olds)

