

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

14th May 2021



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Mr. Buttery's Update

End of Half Term Picnic

As you already know, we have planned a picnic on the school field on **Thursday 27th May**. This will be for all children, regardless of their meal choice on the day. However, as we have all experienced this week, the British weather can be far from predictable! This is why I am immensely grateful to [The York Teepee Company](#) (Emma Hartley) for offering to provide the following on the day:

2 x 5 meter Bell Tents- sandstone and rainbow
2 x (3m x3m) gazebos
Flooring, rugs, and matts
Balloon clouds
Bunting and decorations



This will ensure that the picnic will be able to go ahead, regardless of the weather. If your child is wanting a Picnic Lunch provided by school, please pre-book this on [ParentPay](#).

Information for Parents/Carers: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Do you have a child in Year 4?

If so, they will have the opportunity to take the optional multiplication tables check (MTC), in June 2021. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

What is the MTC?

The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.



Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No. You do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practice times tables with your child, as they would with spelling.

In terms of preparing pupils for the on-screen nature of the MTC, schools will have access to a 'try it out' area. They will be able to use this to familiarise pupils with the check and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

How will the results be used?

During this academic year, the MTC is optional and no performance data will be published. Schools will be able to view pupil results, although there is no requirement to report these results to parents or carers as the assessment is not statutory for this year. We will however, provide parents and carers of children in Year 4, with their result as part of our annual written report.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

As part of our annual cycle of self-evaluation, we are keen to seek the views of parents/carers regarding the strengths of our school and suggested areas for further development.

We would appreciate it if you could complete an online questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/FpTaKczQfkybBjmo9>; your views are very important to us. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the questionnaire please contact Mrs. Greening (office@elvingtonprimary.org.uk). The questionnaire will close on **Thursday 27th May 2021**.

Please feel free to contribute ideas and suggestions you think would help to make our school more effective. We are sure that you will appreciate that it may not be possible to include all suggestions in our action plans. Please remember that this is not a substitute for contacting the school to speak to Mr. Buttery or your child's teacher about any uncertainties you may have at any time. We want to hear from you and would encourage you to do this whenever the need arises. I can confirm that we have already had over fifty responses; thank you to those of you who have completed the questionnaire.

Mr. Andrew Buttery
Headteacher

Dr. Bill Pigg
Chair of Governors

Remaining Term Dates – Academic Year 2020/2021

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| Friday 28 th May 2021 | School closed to pupils – Training Day |
| Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021 | School Closed – Half Term |
| Monday 7 th June 2021 | School Reopens |
| Friday 23 rd July 2021 | Last day of the academic year for pupils |
| Monday 26 th July 2021 | School closed to pupils – Training Day |

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 all its fullness." John 10:10



Golden Book

Class 1 Hedgehogs – Esmail Swales
 Class 2 Bears – Seth McCaffrey
 Class 3 Bats – Chloe Foster
 Class 4 Foxes – Isla Garner
 Class 5 Owls – Sophie Wilson



Times Table Rockstars

Winning Band: Year 4
 Battle Winners;
 Year 2: George Handley
 Year 4: Archie Wilson

| Week | Band A | Band B |
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| 5. 14 th – 20 th May | Year 5 | Year 6 |



Name Labels

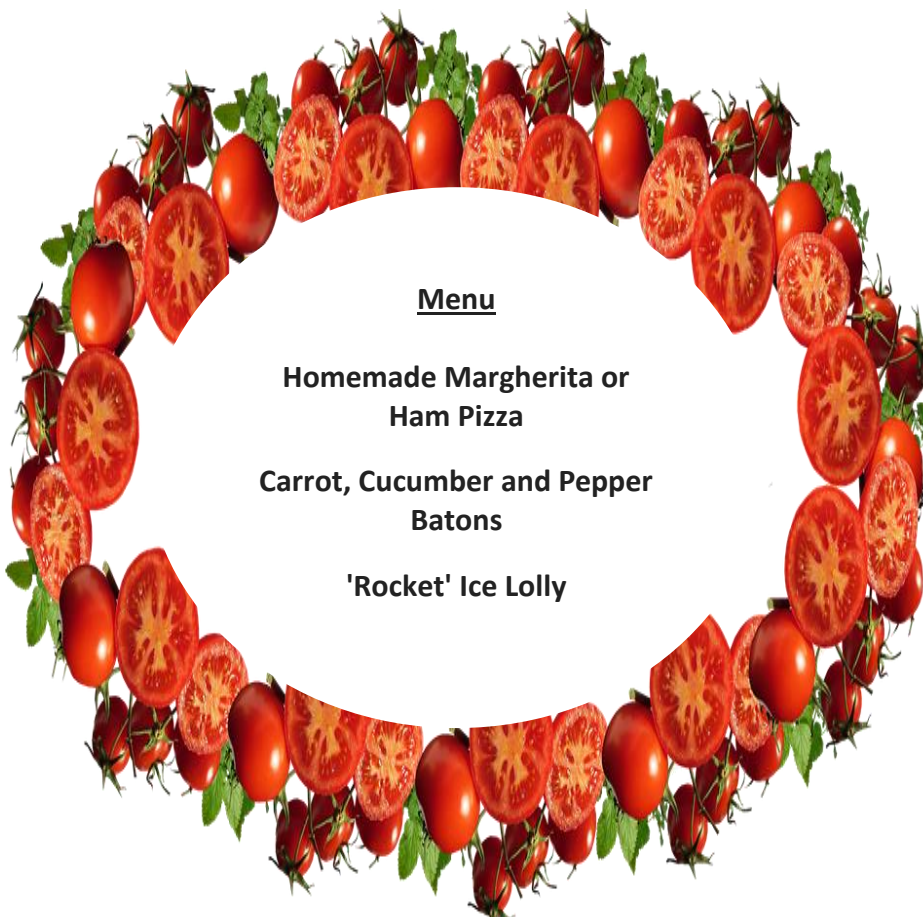
A lot of the school day can often be wasted by looking for belongings. Please help us optimise the time your child is in school by clearly labelling all your child's possessions. Online companies offer many different variations, iron-in, sew-in and stick-on, for less than £3. If this is not possible, 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.

Census Day

Thursday 20th May is School Census day. Lunches taken on that day impact greatly on future funding for the school. Every child in Class 1 and 2 is entitled to a free school meal, and if they have one on Census Day the school will receive additional funding. Due to this the menu will change to Homemade Pizza, which is always a tasty favourite with the children. **If your child is unsure, they could always bring a packed lunch too!**

Our finances have been put under significant strain due to COVID 19, please consider this an option to help our funding if your child is in class 1 or 2.

Thank you.



Elvington PTA

Elvington Primary PTA Balloon Race

A huge thank you to all of our families at Elvington, who have entered the Virtual Balloon Race. We have managed to sell a whopping 150 virtual balloons raising £450 for our school.

The balloon race will begin on Friday 14th May and finish on Friday 28th May. The PTA will be in touch with the lucky virtual balloon race winners once the race is complete. Good luck to all our entries!

Don't forget to keep track of your balloon at:

<https://www.balloonrace.com/Elvington>



STAR – Second Time ARound uniform

Thank you to members of the PTA who have set up a selling site for donations of good quality used uniform. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/486417165800086/?ref=share>

Thank you in advance to everyone who may donate or consider buying from the site.



Other news.....

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

Squirrels

Following a national pilot scheme, some Scout Groups are considering setting up an early years section for children aged 4 and 5, called Squirrels. If any parents would be interested in setting up and leading a Squirrels section at Elvington Scout Group, we would love to support you. Contact the Group Scout Leader for further details.

Elvingtonscoutgroup@gmail.com

