

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

21stth May 2021



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Mr. Buttery's Update

Summer Term Events Guidance

I have received further guidance from the DfE about events this term. However, as you will read below there is still a large degree of uncertainty; this makes planning challenging.

Can schools host leavers' assemblies in the 2020/21 summer term?

Currently, schools should avoid hosting large group gatherings such as assemblies or mass worship. The schools COVID-19 operational guidance states that children should be kept in separate, independent groups.

Leavers' assemblies in the summer term will need to be managed in line with wider government advice contained within the roadmap out of lockdown.

Will school performances and plays be able to take place in the 2020/21 summer term?

If planning an indoor or outdoor face-to-face performance in front of a live audience, you should follow the latest advice in the working safely during COVID-19 in the performing arts guidance.

If planning an outdoor performance, you should also give particular consideration to the guidance on delivering outdoor events.

As we have done throughout the pandemic, the staff at Elvington will continue to do everything we can to give the best possible educational experiences, which adhere to Governmental guidelines. We currently have the following planned:

- Year 6 Bikeability
- Picnic with tents provided by [The York Teepee Company](#)
- Climbing wall
- Skate park
- Sports activities
- Beach day
- Krispy Kreme Doughnut Day (PTA)
- YoYo transition activities
- A recorded leavers' assembly

We don't want to disappoint the children through cancelling events. As a result the bulk of our planned activities will take place outdoors or be recorded for parents/carers to access remotely.



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

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 – Albie Lawn
Class 2 Bears – Jimmy Stapleton
Class 3 Bats – Abby Glanville
Class 4 Foxes – Millie Packman
Class 5 Owls – Lila Hudson



Times Table Rockstars

Winning Band; Year 5
Year 5: Harvy Lawn
Year 6: Charlie Handley





Thursday 27th May 2021

Picnic on the Playing Field. Children may bring a Packed Lunch. If a School Picnic Lunch is required, please book on ParentPay (including Class 1 & 2).

Mini Marathon

Our annual fund raising event, the **Mini marathon**, is due to take place in our Sports' week; week beginning 21st June 2021.

Unfortunately this year our children will be taking part within their class bubbles without the usual parent supporters to cheer them on. The children will be running laps of a course set out within the school grounds and will be asking for sponsorship to raise money for school funds. They will have an hour to see how many laps they can do. They are able to walk or run during this time and will have access to a water station. The children will be bringing home sponsorship forms in due course. We do hope that you will support your child in this fun event.

Thank you,

Mrs Granger



PLEASE HELP – WE HAVE AN EMPTY OOPS BOX!



There is the occasional 'Oops Moment' when members of Class 1 and 2 don't quite make it to the bathroom on time! For this reason we keep an 'Oops Box' with clean socks and underwear, so the children are quickly dry and comfortable for the rest of the day. Our box is a little depleted at the moment, so if you been lent any 'Oops Clothing' we would be grateful for its return. We would also very much appreciate any donations of socks and pants aged 4-7 years.

Many thanks.

Elvington PTA

Elvington Primary PTA Update

Following our most recent meeting, we can inform you that the PTA have elected a new Chair and Vice Chair. We are very excited to announce that Emma Hartley-Bonner will be stepping up to the position of Chair of our school PTA, with Gill Stapleton acting as the Vice Chair. We look forward to working alongside them.

Please remember that as a parent/carer of a child at Elvington, you are automatically an associate member of the PTA. Your support and presence at our meetings and events will always be appreciated.

Emma Hartley-Bonner, PTA Chair.

"I'm thrilled to be working as part of the PTA to help raise money for the school. I am mum to William (Year 2) and Oliver (EYFS).

I feel so very proud of Elvington School and the fantastic education that they offer our children. The friendly and supportive atmosphere that the school offers is second to none, and I hope that with your help as such supportive parents, we can only enhance and grow this further with our fundraising efforts."

Gill Stapleton, Vice Chair.

"Hi, I've lived in the village for 4 years and have a son in Year 1. I'm really looking forward to getting involved with the PTA and helping to organise some fun activities and raising funds for the school."





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

We are closed Friday 28th May and will open Tuesday-Thursday 1st-3rd June for Holiday Club 8am-6pm. Due to low numbers we will be closed Friday 4th June and re-open as normal Monday 7th June for 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

Please Help the Scout Group

Since lockdown last year, 1st Elvington Scouts have worked hard to upgrade the grounds, to ensure it's safe for the children at their outside meetings. However, our scout hut was converted nearly 30 years ago and is in desperate need of repair.

The group is now trying to raise funds for the building works, upgrades to the toilets and improve the front access. We want to help protect the future of the hut and ultimately to make it secure and accessible to all.

Can you help us make a difference? As two run-loving dads, we've decided that in a bid to raise some vital funds for this worthy cause, we'll run the whole 109 miles of the Cleveland Way, from beautiful Helmsley to Filey Brigg over the weekend of May 21st - 23rd.

If you could support us with a donation large or small, we'd be super grateful!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/stu-and-dan-run-to-replace-the-scout-hut-roof>

Thank you

