

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

11th June 2021



Thankfulness
Our Christian value for this
half term.



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Mr. Buttery's Update

Covid restrictions

As you are aware, we have now entered the latter stages of this academic year. However, we still have no clear guidance from the Government as to how schools will be affected by the possible further lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

Whilst we have planned for the various activities listed below, we do not know if we will be required to continue with class bubbles and staggered drop off/collections etc. I realise how frustrating this situation continues to be; I long for the day when we can return to the pre-pandemic running of the school. However, everyone's health and safety continues to be the most important factor.

- Climbing wall
- Skate park
- Sports activities week
- 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.

As always, I will make you aware of any changes, and their implications, as soon as possible...

Parent/Carers Questionnaire

Please visit: www.elvingtonprimary.org.uk/general/parents-questionnaire-summer-term-2021-results, for an overview of the results of our most recent questionnaire.

We are really pleased to say that there has been an overwhelmingly positive response to our questionnaires (we received 4 paper & 56 online responses).

We work hard to ensure that we provide the best provision for all of our children and families – this is only possible with your support. Your suggestions and comments are greatly valued as they inform future improvements.

Please remember that completing the questionnaire is not a substitute for contacting the school to speak to me 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.



Sun Protection and Water Bottles

With the arrival of sunny weather it is really important that each child brings a water bottle to school. We have a water cooler for the children to access fresh water. Please ensure the water bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

For parents/carers wanting their child/children to wear sun cream, can we kindly request that this is applied prior to coming to school. A sun hat would also be a useful addition.

Remaining Term Dates – Academic Year 2020/2021

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 – Oliver Handley
Class 2 Bears – William O'Keefe
Class 3 Bats – Ava Westgarth
Class 4 Foxes – Harry Beevers, Grace Holderness
Class 5 Owls – Jessica Lynch



Walk to School Week and Clean Air Day

We will be joining in with York schools' Walk to school week and Clean Air Day, week commencing June 14th. Please encourage your child to walk, scooter or bike to school.

What can you do to improve air quality outside school?

Vehicle idling is an offence and an unnecessary source of air pollution. If you drive to school please help improve air quality by switching off your engine whenever you are waiting, and politely remind others to do the same.

You could also consider parking further away from school and walking, scooting or cycling for some of the way.

There is lots more information about air quality and how to improve it on the Clean Air Day website: <https://www.cleanairday.org.uk/free-resources>



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, look out for Tweets from the classes!



Thank you

Mrs Granger



Brownlee Brothers Medal Challenge

All the children in school will be taking part in this sporting challenge during this half term. Children will be encouraged to be active for a short time each day. Each class will be carrying out their own personal challenges. Medals will be presented at the end of the term.

Elvington PTA

PTA Balloon Race Results

A huge thank you to everybody who entered Elvington's Virtual PTA Balloon Race. In the end, we sold an amazing 153 balloons raising just over £400 towards the school.

A huge congratulations to the winners and runners up in the race. All winners have received their prizes.

1st- Abigail- Abigail and Isabelle Venton

2nd- Bojke's- Florence and Georgia Bojke

3rd- DJC - Dylan Cook

4th-CannonBalloon- Max Garland

5th- Banana Pancake- Patrick Young

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 Under 5's

We have been restricted in our fundraising events for over a year, so Elvington Under Fives are hoping the Summer Raffle will be the best yet!

We have lots of prizes including a first prize of £100 voucher for days out, afternoon teas, garden centres, whisky, children's attractions and lots more. We are aiming to sell 1000 tickets before the draw date of Friday 23rd July. Tickets are just £1 each.

If you would like to buy any or perhaps are able to sell some for us, we would be really grateful. Please let me know if you would like a ticket or two and we will get them to you.

Also if anyone has any prizes they would like to donate, please let us know. The more prizes we have, the better the raffle will be.

Many thanks,
Elaine



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

Competition

I am chairperson of York Symphony Orchestra and I hope this competition we are running, as part of the York Festival of Ideas, might be of interest to pupils at Elvington Primary School. It's for children aged 4-14 and runs from 8th-20th June.

Children are invited to listen to our recording of Peter and the Wolf and create a piece of art (any type) of an animal playing a musical instrument.

The winner receives this beautiful original print (right) and some tickets to our summer concert 2022 where we are playing Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. We are also hoping to create a big collage of all the animals in an orchestra! There are also lots of other lovely things to do as part of the festival including a Peter and the Wolf activity booklet for littlies.

<https://yorkfestivalofideas.com/2021/throughout-festival/peter-wolf/>

Many thanks,

Mrs Rowntree

