

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter 10th September 2021



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Mr. Buttery's Update

Welcome Back

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first week back at school so successful. The staff team were so impressed with how well everybody came into school this week and settled so quickly; especially our new starters, who already seem as if they have been at school for weeks!

Newsletters

Weekly newsletters will be added to the school website to keep parents/carers informed about what is going on at school. Newsletters will come out on a Friday so don't forget to check the website and/or your email.

Twitter

I would like to remind parents/carers of our Twitter accounts, as these will allow the staff and you to share information:

Class 1 – @Class1Elves1

Class 2 – @Class2elves

Class 3 – @Class3elves

Class 4 – @Class4elves

Class 5 – @Class5elves



Pupil Absence

If your child is unable to come into school please can you contact the school office, either by telephone or email, on the first day of absence. Registers are checked twice a day and the school office will contact any parent/carer where there is an unexplained absence for a pupil. If you know your child will be absent at a future date e.g. hospital appointment, please can the request for absence be given to the school office and not to the class teacher – thank you.

School Contact Details

If you need to contact the school office Mrs. Greening is available on 01904 555280. The office can also be reached by email: office@elvingtonprimary.org.uk. If you have any queries out of school hours, our extensive and regularly updated [website](http://www.elvingtonprimary.org.uk) may provide you with the information you require.

In order to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19, parents/carers will not be permitted to enter the school building during school hours. If you need to talk to a member of staff, please arrange this via the school office. A return phone call or Google Meet, will be arranged as soon as possible.

Contacting the Headteacher

If you would like to contact me directly, my non-teaching days are Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Alternatively, I can be reached by email: head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk.

Drone Footage

Following a generous donation, we had a drone carry out some filming prior to the summer holidays. The footage will be added to the website, however, here is a preview: <https://youtu.be/HynV2IYVcLo>.



'It's Good to be Green' - promoting outstanding behaviour

Please read the attached parent/carers guide, and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions...



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.

From 16th August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

Pupils who have had a PCR test cannot return to school until they have a negative test result or have completed the required isolation time. Please note that a rapid-result lateral flow device (LFD) test will not be accepted, as these are not recommended for primary age pupils.

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

Front Playground Extension

We are proud to announce the completion of our playground extension, the younger children are already enjoying using it.

The playground extension began as a School Council idea before the unfortunate lockdown. All the children in school were consulted and a competition run by The Lions Club was entered. We came second with a prize of £500.

We were then successful in obtaining a grant from York Health Insurance of £3500 to be spent on equipment to enhance physical development. £3000 was then added to this from the PE budget.

We hope to build on and extend this area and hope that future fundraising will support this.

Mrs. Granger



Golden Book

Class 1 Hedgehogs – All EYFS

Class 2 Bears – All Class 2

Class 3 Bats –

Class 4 Foxes –

Class 5 Owls –



Name Labels

We have already had instances of lost clothing and children going home with other pupils' belongings, due to items not being labelled with names.

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.



STAR – **Second Time Around** uniform

The PTA has 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.



Clean Air Outside School

What can you do to improve air quality outside school?

Vehicle idling is an offence and an unnecessary source of air pollution. It damages the health of children and unborn babies. 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.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

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>

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

