

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

1st October 2021



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Mr. Buttery's Update

Parents' Evenings

We are extremely pleased that all of the children have settled back into school so effectively this term, and have adapted positively to revised routines and expectations.

We will be continuing to use our online booking system for the upcoming Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October. The aforementioned booking system is provided by School Jotter and will enable parents/carers to make their own bookings within the available time slots.

As these meetings will be taking place outside of standard school hours, it is my currently my intention for them to be held in school. However, in order to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19, parents/carers will be requested to wear a face covering throughout their time in school (unless medically exempt). In addition, I would like to request that a negative flow test is recorded prior to attending (lateral flow testing is a fast and simple way to test people who do not have symptoms of COVID-19, but who may still be spreading the virus). Classrooms will be well ventilated with social distancing measures in place (members of staff will also be wearing a face covering).

If you would prefer to have either a phone call or Google Meet, with your child's class teacher, this can be arranged via the school office (office@elvingtonprimary.org.uk). The aforementioned would need to take place outside standard Parents' Evening hours.

We will send out further details on how to book a slot next week...

Ventilation

Windows and classroom doors (internal and external) will be left open as much as possible to aid ventilation. Elvington's teachers are continuing to plan lots of outdoor learning activities; therefore it is essential that the children come suitably dressed for all weather possibilities. This will be especially important as we head into the winter months.

Please be aware that children can wear additional clothing (fleece or extra sweatshirts) over the top of school uniform. An Elvington branded fleece can be purchased via this link: <https://school-shop.co.uk/product/navy-blue-fleecejacket-elvington-ce-primary-school/>. However, please don't feel that a branded fleece is essential.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 7th - Census Day, the Government calculates part of our school funding based on the number of pupils having a school meal on this day. Please support the school by encouraging your child to have a school meal on this day.

Friday 8th October - Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church. Following a discussion between the Church and School, **unfortunately parents/carers will not be invited** to attend this event.

Whilst we all want to get back to as normal a school day/week/month/year as possible, the prevalence of the virus in society does mean we need to proceed with caution. Wider restrictions may have relaxed, however, the virus is now approximately 30 times more prevalent than it was in September 2020.

Monday 11th October - Walk to School Week.

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st October - Parents' Evenings.



Term Dates

<u>Term</u>	<u>First day for pupils</u>	<u>Last day for pupils</u>
Autumn 2021 - first half term	Tuesday 7th September 2021	Friday 22nd October 2021
Autumn 2021 - second half term	Monday 1st November 2021	Friday 17th December 2021
Spring 2022 - first half term	Wednesday 5th January 2022	Friday 18th February 2022
Spring 2022 - second half term	Monday 28th February 2022	Thursday 7th April 2022
Summer 2022 - first half term	Monday 25th April 2022	Thursday 26th May 2022
Summer 2022 - second half term	Monday 6th June 2022	Friday 22nd July 2022

2021-2022 Training Days and Bank Holiday Closures

- Monday 6th September 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Friday 8th April 2022
- Early May Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022
- Friday 27th May 2022
- Monday 25th July 2022

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 (including weekends).

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





Golden Book

Class 1 Hedgehogs – Ryan Rickard

Class 2 Bears – Esmail Swales

Class 3 Bats – William O'Keefe

Class 4 Foxes – Alice Green

Class 5 Owls – Harry Botha

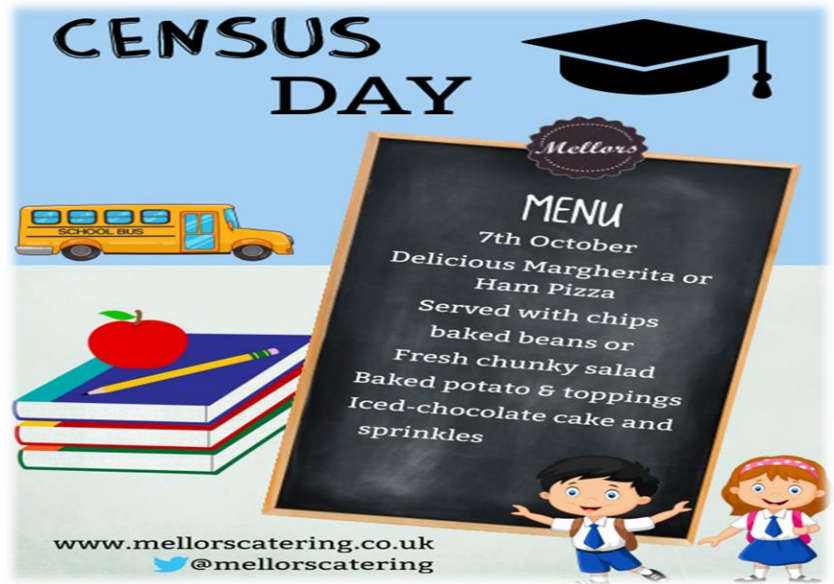
CLASS 1 & 2 - HELP NEEDED!

Thursday 7th October 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.

Margherita or Ham Pizza is on the menu, which is always a tasty favourite for the children. **If your child is unsure, they could always bring a packed lunch too!**

Our finances have been put under considerable strain due to COVID 19, please consider this an option to help our funding.

Many thanks.



Walk to school week



York City's 'Walk to School week' begins Mon 11th October. This week we will be encouraging all children to participate by walking, cycling or scooting to school to highlight both the health & environmental benefits of leaving the car at home. If it is not possible to do this perhaps you could park further away and walk for a short distance or encourage your child to walk around the playground several times before the morning bell rings.

Thank you

School Council Update

Our new school council members have been elected within their classes and have had their first meeting. Congratulations to; Edith Taylor, Charlie Thomas, Katie Bainbridge, Jimmy Stapleton, Emma Duncalf, Anika De Kock, Millie Packman, Thomas King, Eden McPhillips and Joseph Osborne. Items under discussion were Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week. Details to follow shortly.



Other news...

Message from Mr Richard Crinnion

As many parents will be aware, my wife Vicky Crinnion worked at the school for a number of years. She loved being part of the school community and often told me stories of her daily interaction with the children and how she loved the sound of the playtimes. Many will also know that Vicky lost her long battle with breast cancer in November 2020 at the age of 48. Over the past twelve months I have completed a few fundraising activities to seek support for local families fighting cancer. As we approach the anniversary of Vick's passing, I have taken on another fundraising challenge and am hoping to complete the London Marathon on 3rd October. Please look out for us with our banner!

For further details of the activity and how to donate to this worthy charity please visit;

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Richrd-Crinnion>

Alternatively, text "VICK" to 70550 to donate £5 to Macmillan (this will be added to my campaign)
Any donations will be most gratefully received.

Richard Crinnion



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

Elvington Out of School Club



Elvington Environment Group

.....are holding a

Swish Clothes Swap

October 16th 2-6pm



A Swish is an easy way to save your unwanted clothes from landfill and pass them on to be worn and loved by someone else. It's a great way to find new items without any cost to you or the environment.

If you have clean, wearable clothes and accessories (including Elvington school uniform) that you no longer want or use, you can donate them to this event and then come along and help yourself to whatever you fancy! There will be a small charge for uniform to raise funds for the PTA. Any leftover clothes will be donated to charity.

You can drop off clothes with Celean Camp, Laura Bojke or Lisa Smith, or alternatively bring them to the event.

If you'd like to find out more about Elvington Environmental Group or think you might like to get involved, join us on Facebook or chat to us at our upcoming events.



Elvington Under Fives

Halloween Disco

With DJ Ollie

Friday 29th October

Elvington Village Hall

6.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.

Elvington Village Hall

lots of spooky fun and games

fancy dress competition

Tickets £4.00 each for adults and for children

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Refreshments on sale

Tickets available from preschool or toddlers

Ring or Text Elaine to pre-book tickets

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