

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

8th October 2021



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Our Christian value for this
half term.



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Mr. Buttery's Update

Parents' Evenings

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.

You will have received parent/carer login codes (via email) earlier in the week. As these meetings will be taking place outside of standard school hours, it is my current 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.

During our October Parents' Evenings we would not normally look at books etc. This meeting is to discuss how your child has settled into their new class; targets for the year ahead; behaviours for learning; initial attainment and home/school partnership.

Lesson Observations

I had the pleasure of observing teaching and learning throughout Elvington's five classes this week. It was wonderful to see highly motivated and engaged children, interacting with an exceptionally high standard of pedagogy.

I observed a wide variety of lessons, from preparing questions for an archaeological visit to using a Newton-metre and adding prepositions to a setting description.

At Elvington, we view observed lessons as having two clear aims:

1. To enhance staff pedagogical knowledge.
2. To enrich children's learning and holistic development.



Photographer Visit

As part of our planned update to the school website, Nikki Bowling will be visiting us on Tuesday 12th October to take photographs. The aforementioned pictures will be utilised to give prospective parents/carers an insight into the life of our school and those who teach, work and learn here.

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

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

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL
YOUR CHILD'S
BELONGINGS ARE
CLEARLY LABELLED WITH
THEIR NAME**



Golden Book

- Class 1 Hedgehogs** – Jett Allen
- Class 2 Bears** – Albie Lawn
- Class 3 Bats** – Evie May Thackray
- Class 4 Foxes** – Ollie Spencer
- Class 5 Owls** – James Young

Class 3 Visits

The children of Class 3 were extremely excited to have a Stone Age visitor on Wednesday. The children were captivated by her account of day to day life and benefitted hugely as it brought their current project to life, enhancing their enthusiasm to learn. As well as being in full costume our visitor brought replica artefacts which encouraged the children to question and understand what life would have looked like in that time period.

Many thanks to all the parents who helped make this happen by making a voluntary contribution.

Their topic was further enhanced on Thursday when Dr John Kenny and Mrs Patrick visited to chat with the children about archaeology. They are currently working at a local dig and brought along some artefacts that had recently been unearthed. The children were allowed to inspect the items and were inspired to find out what history lies beneath their feet.



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

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



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

07940532315

Elvington Scout Group Annual Bonfire - Friday 5th November 2021

Elvington Scout Hut, Wheldrake Lane

Gates open at 18:15, Bonfire lit at 18:30, Fireworks at 19:00

Bar, BBQ, Hot Food, Tuck Shop. Entry by donation of a large firework

No parking on site or in The Conifers – please come by foot or park responsibly nearby.

No disabled parking on site as we need to leave access for emergency services (if required).





Christmas Design Project

The Christmas Design Project will solve your Christmas Gift worries, whilst raising money for the PTA! The PTA supports the school by raising money to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences and opportunities for the children.

This week your child will bring home an A4 sheet of paper on which to create a Christmas design, along with an order form to order a range of products. The Christmas designs can be professionally printed and purchased on a range of products including Cards, Tags, Wrapping Paper and Gift Mugs.

Further information has been emailed to you.

