

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

5th November 2021



Friendship
**Our Christian value for this
half term.**



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Mr. Buttery's Update

As you know we have a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 linked to the school. As a result, we implemented Stage 1 of our additional measures on Wednesday 3rd November (as detailed below).

Stage 1 – confirmed case of COVID-19 (PCR)

If either a member of staff or child records a positive PCR test (outside of school holidays), the following will be actioned:

- After school clubs will be cancelled. Monday lunchtime Chess Club will continue as children can be allocated class bubble groups.
- Breakfast Club will return to a partitioned seating plan.
- Mask wearing will be encouraged amongst staff (in communal areas) and parents/carers will be requested to wear them at drop off & pick up (unless medically exempt).
- Continue to reinforce the importance of regular hand washing with soap and water or using hand sanitiser when soap and water are not readily available.
- Continue to promote good respiratory hygiene and "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" messages to encourage children to catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue and dispose of it in the nearest waste bin.

The following measures were reinstated with immediate effect until Christmas 2021, at which point they will be reviewed, subject to national guidance and the prevalence of the virus at any given time.

Thank you for your continued support. I know how important it is for your child to attend school. Please be assured that these additional measures are taken to support us to continue to provide face to face learning during a period of rising cases of the virus.

PTA Annual Meeting

Elvington's PTA (Parent Teacher Association) will be holding an annual meeting on Monday 22nd November at 4.00pm. This will be held via 'Google Meet'. If you would like to join, please email head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk for the relevant joining information.

Despite not being able to meet up in person, it is the chance to be part of a friendly team who relish the opportunity to plan and discuss fundraising ideas. Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 the school is under considerable financial pressure; funds raised will ensure we can remain consistent in providing the children of Elvington with educational resources to enhance their learning and holistic development.



Ventilation

Windows and classroom doors (internal and external) will be left open as much as possible to aid ventilation. Elvington's teachers are planning 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.

Monitors

We have now received and installed DfE CO₂ monitors in each classroom. I am pleased to inform you that each class is consistently below 800ppm.

Clothing

Please be aware that children can wear additional clothing (fleeces 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.

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

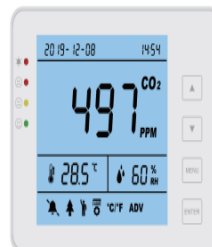
"I have come in order that you may have life – life in all its fullness." John 10:10

Understanding CO₂ monitor readings

A consistent value under 800ppm will show as green and does not require any action and implies that a space is particularly well ventilated. A consistent value of over 800ppm will show as amber/orange and should be seen as an early indicator to increase ventilation.

A consistent value over 1500ppm CO₂ concentration in an occupied space is an indicator of poor ventilation. This will also be indicated by a red light on the CO₂ monitors supplied by DfE. Monitors not supplied by DfE may be calibrated so that the red light comes on at a lower or higher level.

You should take action to improve ventilation where CO₂ readings are consistently higher than 1500ppm. There is no need to stop using the room.



This monitor shows a CO₂ concentration of 497ppm

- Remember to look out for consistently high values: Because many factors influence the level of CO₂ measured in a space, a single snapshot reading is unlikely to be reliable. We therefore recommend waiting for 5 minutes before taking action, to allow for a reading to settle.





Golden Book

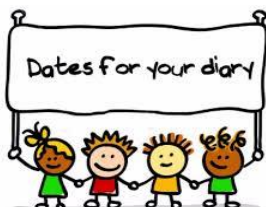
Class 1 Hedgehogs – Isla-Mae Walker

Class 2 Bears – Corah Malone

Class 3 Bats – William Hartley-Bonner

Class 4 Foxes – Isabelle Venton

Class 5 Owls – Daisy Reep



New dates appear in red

Monday 15th November –

Anti Bullying Week.
Odd Socks Day and Sock
Puppet Competition

Friday 19th November –

Children in Need.
Pudsey Activity Morning.

Monday 1st December –

Christmas Post starts.

Thursday 2nd December – Flu
Vaccinations

Monday 9th December - Fizzy
Finn finds his Feet

Tuesday 14th December –
Christmas Dinner



Autumn 2: Monday 1st
November – Friday 17th
December

Spring 1: Wednesday 5th

January – Friday 8th February

Spring 2: Monday 28th February
– Thursday 7th April

Summer 1: Monday 25th April –
Thursday 26th May

Summer 2: Monday 6th June –
Friday 22nd July

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

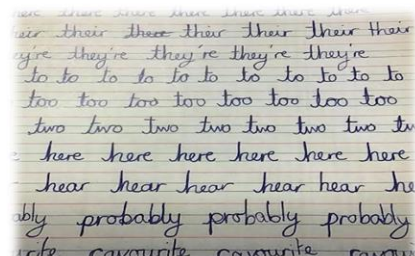


At Elvington Church of England Primary School, we have our own news team, 'The Roving Reporters'. The team is made up of children from School Council. The Roving Reporter's articles will be included in our weekly newsletter.

Class 5 have been enjoying basketball in PE. They have been developing their skill set and have enjoyed playing mini games. In music, they have been learning to play the viola with the aid of a specialist music teacher.



Class 4 are very proud of their presentation skills. They have worked hard to improve their handwriting. They have also enjoyed some cosmic yoga this week!



Class 3 have been using autumn as an inspiration for their literacy work and art work. They used sugar painting and pastels to record autumn leaf colours. They also did some observation work on apples. They have also created word banks ready for some poetry work. They used similes, metaphors and personification.



Protecting Children Against Influenza (Flu) and Complications

The **nasal influenza** vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception-Year 11. The team is scheduled to visit Elvington C of E Primary School, 2nd December. If you would like your child to receive this immunisation in school, please ensure your consent form has been submitted. **School are unable to give consent on your behalf.**

Please see below for details of how to consent for your child.

How do I give my consent?

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code **121531** and click **"Find School"**.
3. **Complete the form** with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the **green "Submit" button**.





I would love to reunite this Next, black, size 2, right shoe with its partner!

Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name when used for school.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week takes place 15th – 19th November 2021. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day which is supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks. If you would like to take part, please come to school in your 'oddest odd socks'!



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There will also be a **Sock Puppet Competition** with prizes for each class judged by School Council. Please bring in your entries on or before Monday 15th November.

Week 3 [Menu](#)

We recycle batteries



Why is recycling batteries so important? ... When batteries begin to rot away in landfill sites the chemicals leak into the ground, which causes soil and water pollution. When chemicals contaminate soil and water animals, humans and the environment are harmed.



Children in Need – Pudsey Activity Morning

Wear your PJs, your Onesies or your Spottiest Clothes and **enter the Gamezone** on Friday 19th November to support Children in Need. Year 6 will be running games and activities, with small prizes, between 9.30 am and 11.30 am.

Please give a voluntary, suggested, donation of £2 to support the charity using this [link](#).

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.



Elvington Out of School Club



Half term opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm Monday to Friday. 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). **Please note this is an independent organisation, bookings cannot be made via the school.**

I WILL NOT BE OPENING OVER THIS CHRISTMAS BREAK

Thanks, Sue Challis



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).

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 website: <https://www.cleanairday.org.uk/free-resources>



We have all been affected by the pandemic and many families are still feeling the after-effects as life gets back to a sort-of normal. The one thing parents say most about coming on a parenting course is, "I thought it was only my family but now I know that others are going through the same thing." It can be so helpful to hear of other parent's experiences and know that you are not alone. We have six courses starting after half term, some online and some in person. They are as follows:

Handling Anger in the Family
Time out for Parents – The Teenage Years
Time Out for Parents – Children with Additional Needs
Time Out for Dads
Couple to Couple Mentoring

To book a place or for further information please contact:
Helen Atkinson on 07393 147259 email helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk
or you can find more information about our courses on our website <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/>

