

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter 3rd December 2021



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Mr. Buttery's Update

Decorating our Christmas Tree

Children throughout school enjoyed a range of different art and craft activities earlier in the week. This resulted in each child making a decoration which they placed on the tree.

I am sure you will agree that the finished tree (kindly donated by Mr. Hutchinson - www.fieldsgardencentre.co.uk/online-shop/christmas/) looks wonderful...



Father Christmas & Rocking Rudolph

On Wednesday 8th December, Father Christmas will be arriving at school on his sleigh! All classes, and Elvington Under Fives, will have the chance to wave at Father Christmas and even join him in singing a carol or two!

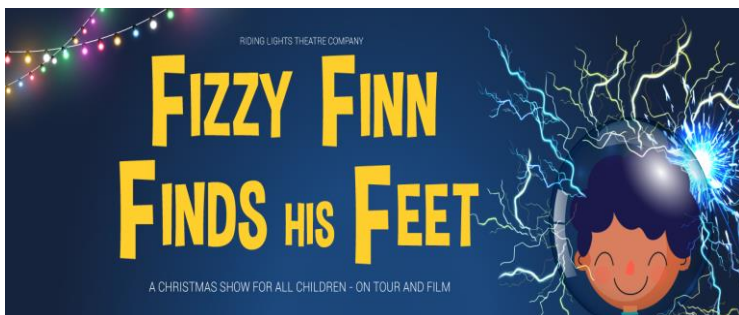
The special guest has been organised by the Derwent Lions. A huge thank you to them for making Christmas at Elvington that extra bit special. The visit is free, although it would be much appreciated if you could make a donation, however big or small, to the Derwent Lion Just Giving Page: www.justgiving.com/derwentlions.



Riding Lights Theatre Company

On Thursday 9th December, the children will enjoy a performance of Fizzy Finn Finds His Feet (<https://ridinglights.org/fizzy-finn/>). Precautions are in place to ensure that we will enjoy the Christmas performances, in the knowledge that Riding Lights will be delivering the activity safely for all involved.

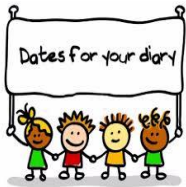
I would like to thank Elvington's PTA for kindly covering the cost of this performance.





Golden Book

- Class 1 Hedgehogs** – Earl Moore
- Class 2 Bears** – Lydia Brabbs
- Class 3 Bats** – Jayden Markwell
- Class 4 Foxes** – Florence Bojke
- Class 5 Owls** – Eden McPhillips



New dates appear in red

- Thursday 9th December - Fizzy Finn finds his Feet
- PTA Sweet Sale & Christmas Jumper Swap**
- Friday 10th December – Animal Rescue Donations
- Monday 13th December – Story Writing Competition
- Tuesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 15th December- Christmas Parties
- Friday 17th December - Church Visit



- 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

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

Christmas Lunch - On Tuesday 14th December our kitchen team will be cooking a Christmas lunch for the children to enjoy. This will also be Christmas Jumper Day and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper (or a bright coloured/sparkly top). Apart from the aforementioned, children should wear normal school uniform. There will be no donations collected within school, however, those of you wishing to make a donation could visit www.christmasjumperday.org.

Christmas Parties - On Wednesday 15th December, the children are invited to come to school wearing their party clothes. They will have party games and other fun activities.

Holy Trinity Church – Our proposed date to visit Holy Trinity Church is Friday 17th December. Unfortunately, given the mitigations we have in place, it is highly unlikely that parents/carers will be invited to attend this event.

Christmas Cards - With COVID-19 mitigations in place, we will once again need to distribute Christmas Cards a little differently this year. I would like to request that from Monday 29th November 2021, children bring their Christmas Cards into school on the Monday and Tuesday of that week e.g. Monday 29th November, Tuesday 30th November, Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December etc. The last day to bring cards into school will be Tuesday 14th December; cards will then be distributed weekly on a Friday. Could you please ensure that envelopes clearly show the recipient's full name and class; this will help us to deliver cards efficiently.

The Big Little Nativity - As you will now be aware, unfortunately it will not be possible to invite parents/carers to watch a live performance of The Big Little Nativity (COVID-19 mitigations). However, to ensure you and your relatives do not miss out on this festive treat, the performance will be recorded. Look out for an email containing the unlisted YouTube link...

Christmas Carols - You will have received a letter, via email, detailing our plans to record individual class carols this Christmas. Look out for an email containing the unlisted YouTube link...

Gifts for Staff - The generosity of parents and carers at this time of year is always appreciated, although in no way expected. Any gifts sent into school will need to be quarantined. Therefore, we invite parents/carers who would like to send a gift into school to do so on either Monday 13th or Tuesday 14th December.

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,

Andrew Buttery

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



Menu

We have an exciting new menu offering a Sandwich and Jacket Potato option alongside two main dishes.

Please note these options are not available each Wednesday.

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Week 1

Please check out our new [menu](#)

We recycle pens/felt tips



Why is recycling pens so important? Plastic pens end up in landfills and as litter. Some of this plastic waste makes its way to our waterways, where it breaks down into micro plastics, polluting our water and harming ocean life.



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.

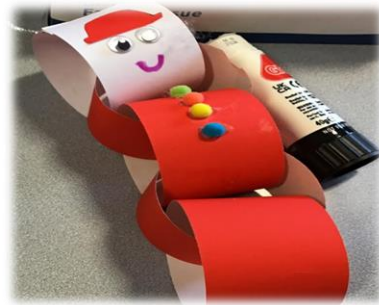


Class 1 enjoyed making snowmen using paper chains.

Class 2 used lolly sticks and sparkles to create Christmas trees.



Class 3 have been looking at physical features on maps; identifying hill forts by contour lines and noting other physical features. They then compared two localities on maps and drew what they would expect to see if they visited each location.



Class 4 were also in the Christmas spirit making tree decorations while Class 5 began making pom-poms.



Donations for Animal Rescue Centre Appeal

The School council would like to organise a Christmas appeal to various pet products for donation to South Cave Animal Rescue. The trust care for dogs, cats and small animals such as rabbits until they can be rehomed. They would appreciate any donations of pet, food, toys or bedding. They also welcome donations of old clean towels.

If you would like to make a donation please bring to school before **Friday 10th December**. Many thanks to all who chose to support this worthy cause.



Story Writing Competition

Following on from Newsday Tuesday's theme of National Novel Month, Mrs Holmes has introduced an Elvington story writing competition.

Children in any year group are welcome to enter and write a story of their choice (please note that this competition is optional).

If children would like any inspiration for their story, we highly recommend The Literacy Shed, which has images and video clips that spark your imagination.

All entries are to be passed to Mrs Holmes by **Monday 13th December**. Winners and prizes will be announced in January!



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Toy Sale



We had a phenomenal amount of excellent quality donated toys. Whilst the weather may have deterred people from venturing out, we managed to raise a good amount for the PTA school fund. The remaining toys were then bundled into age appropriateness and given to charities across York, to be distributed to the families most in need this Christmas. An amazing contribution to our local community from Elvington School.

Easy Fundraising

Elvington's PTA Team are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites from Amazon to holidays and car insurance, will donate to us when you use easyfundraising, at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations make a BIG difference as we've missed out on this year's disco and summer fair. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/elvingtoncep/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e1



PTA Sweet Sale & Christmas Jumper Swap

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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).

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

Christingle Service Elvington & Sutton on Derwent

We are delighted to invite you to our 'green' Christingle service at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Sutton on Derwent on 5th December at 4pm. Please come wearing something green and if possible bring something red to wrap around the orange that can be reused or recycled.



Judy Willis has been a staff member at Elvington Under Fives for over 20 years and, sadly, will be retiring at Christmas. We are having a secret collection for her and would like to give everyone the opportunity to contribute. Please contact me on 07940 532315 should you wish to give.

Thank you,

Elaine Scott

