

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter 10th December 2021



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half term.



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Mr. Buttery's Update

Father Christmas & Rocking Rudolph

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

The special visit was facilitated by Derwent Lions. A huge thank you to them for making Christmas at Elvington that extra bit special. There was no cost for the visit, although it would be much appreciated if you could make a donation, however big or small, to the Derwent Lion's Just Giving Page: www.justgiving.com/derwentlions.



Riding Lights Theatre Company

On Thursday 9th December, the children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed watching Fizzy Finn Finds His Feet – if you ask your child they will explain the title...

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

Christmas Arrangements

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 - in a bid to reduce the sharing of food, we ask that each child bring their own personal party plate. Perhaps a plastic or paper plate containing a small savoury snack and a sweet treat, or piece of fruit along with a drink (not fizzy).



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 – the performance will be recorded on Monday 13th December.

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.

Safeguarding Concerns

Please remember that if you have any concerns about a child's welfare, do not hesitate to get in contact by emailing head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk. I am Elvington's Designated Safeguarding Lead, with Mrs. Granger fulfilling the role of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – additional school specific information can be found at: www.elvingtonprimary.org.uk/school-information/whos-who/safeguarding-team.

If you have a concern that a child is vulnerable or at risk of significant harm, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) in York on 01904 551900 and select option 3 or email MASH@york.gov.uk. Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays contact the emergency duty team on 01609 780780. You can also visit www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk, for more information.



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Buttery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A'.

Andrew Buttery

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





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.

Golden Book

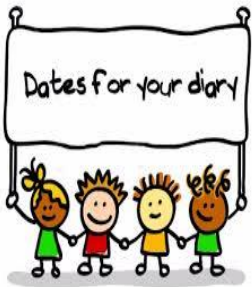
- Class 1 Hedgehogs** – Kit Richardson
- Class 2 Bears** – Ayla Moran
- Class 3 Bats** – Freya Corps
- Class 4 Foxes** – Joe Hornby
- Class 5 Owls** – Jessica Healy



Class 1 used marshmallows to look at structures and shape.



Class 2 Have been looking at Tudor homes and how they are made.



New dates appear in red

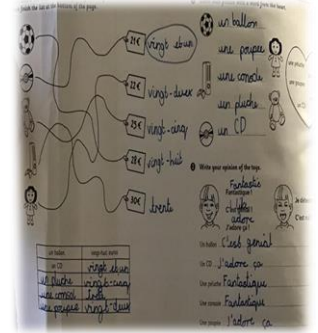
- Friday 10th December – Animal Rescue Donations
- Monday 13th December – Story Writing Competition
- Tuesday 14th December – Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
- Wednesday 15th December- Christmas Parties
- Friday 17th December - Church Visit

Class 3 looked at the artists Turner and Gaugin. They looked at artists use styles and paint to reflect a mood. We then used watercolours and acrylic paint to paint our own landscapes.



Class 4 have been using chrome books to follow a coding course as part of their computing week.

Class 5 have been learning to have a preference and an opinion about a toy or food in French.



Donations for Animal Rescue Centre Appeal

The School council have organised a Christmas appeal for 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. **Today is the last day for donations.**



Many thanks to all who choose to support this worthy cause.

Menu - WC 13/12/21



Week 2
Please check out our new [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.



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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Easy Fundraising



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

Spring 1: Wednesday 5th

January – Friday 18th 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

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



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



**Escrick Swimming
Academy**

swimming lessons

Spaces available on Monday and Wednesday
Evenings 5pm to 7pm every 30 mins

Start dates week commencing 10th January
2022

Start dates week commencing 17th January
2022

Beginners and improvers spaces available
From 4years upwards

Qualified level 2 swim England instructors

For information email

Escrickswimmingacademy@gmail.com

Or call 07399555715

"LIGHT" Family Service Thorganby Church

10.30am

Sunday 12 December

All are welcome!

Please bring or wear something with a
light!

