

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

7th January 2022



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Our Christian value for this
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Mr. Buttery's Update

EYFS & Primary Quality Mark Accreditation

I am pleased to announce that we have successfully gained both the EYFS and Primary Quality Mark. These prestigious awards externally validate the work that we do at Elvington Church of England Primary School. I would like to highlight the role that Miss. Rushmer, Mrs. Granger and Mrs. Holmes played in the inspection process, which resulted in the awards.

The EYFS Quality Mark provides a framework for self-evaluation and continuous improvement of the skills, particularly in communication, language and mathematical development, of young children through activities suitable for the stage of development they have reached.

The Primary Quality Mark is an award that celebrates and supports continuous improvement in literacy and numeracy. It is awarded to a school to recognise their provision, practice and performance in English and mathematics. A school must demonstrate a whole school approach to improving standards in English and mathematics, with evidence of the impact of its approaches.



Symptoms of the Omicron Variant

I would like to draw your attention towards the other symptoms widely reported for children who have tested positive for COVID-19, especially with the Omicron variant. These include:

- Fatigue
- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- Headache
- Other body aches (including lower back pain)
- Sore or "scratchy" throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing

PCR tests to be Temporarily Suspended for Positive Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Test Results

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11th January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Ongoing Priorities

Maintaining high quality face-to-face education remains Elvington's main priority. However, the starting point for that decision always has to be whether the school has a sufficient number of staff available to keep the children safe and facilitate learning. Whilst we will do all we can to keep children in school, we will not put site safety at risk and if necessary we may need to send classes home. If this were to happen, we will give you as much notice as possible and provide online learning.



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).

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11th January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

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. People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Pupils who have had a positive PCR or LFT test cannot return to school until they have a negative test result or have completed the required isolation time. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#)

Ventilation

Ventilation continues to be an important factor - 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.

Please remember 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.

School Admissions

For entry in the September 2022 school year, children will have been born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018. Applications for children who were born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 can be made from the Autumn of 2022. You can apply online at www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions from 12th September 2021. With an online application you will receive an email confirming submission of your application and the ability to view your application and results online at a later date. Please remember to submit your application by the closing date. If you can't apply online you can request a paper Primary Application Form by calling 01904 551554.

The deadline for submitting applications for a place in Reception starting in September 2022 is the 15th January 2022.

Please read the [Guide for Parents](#) when applying for a school place, as it contains key information on school admissions. You can also find the [Guide to School Catchment Areas](#) online. We would advise you to keep checking on the City of York Council Admissions site to keep updated with key dates throughout the year.

Safeguarding Concerns

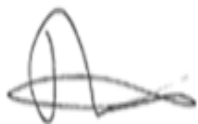
Please remember that if you have any concerns about a child's welfare, do not hesitate to get in contact by emailing head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk. I am Elvington's Designated Safeguarding Lead, with Mrs. Granger fulfilling the role of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – additional school specific information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



Please also be aware that as a school we subscribe to Operation Encompass. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified. Additional information can be found at: www.operationencompass.org/school-participation.

Yours Sincerely,



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 – Eli Nimmo

Class 2 Bears – Noah Sanderson

Class 3 Bats – Georgia Bojke

Class 4 Foxes – Thomas Skelton

Class 5 Owls – Kenneth Chisholm



Terrific Tudors – Class 4

As part of their next topic, Class 4 will be participating in a virtual Tudor workshop 'Meet the townsfolk: York in the time of King Henry VIII' on **Tuesday 11th January**.

The workshop, run by the Jorvick Viking Centre Group, will provide the children with a memorable 'super start' to this topic and subsequent lessons will be linked to this event. **We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3.27 towards this event.**

We are confident that this will be a very enjoyable event, which will benefit the children in their learning of this topic.



New dates appear in red

Tuesday 11th January – Class 4
Tudor Workshop

Due to current circumstances, events for 2022 will be announced nearer the time.

Menu - WC 10/01/2022



Week 3

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.



Animal Rescue Centre Donations

A big thank you for all the kind donations of pet food, toys, towels etc. I took them to the Rescue Centre before Christmas.

Here I am meeting Jimmy, one of the dogs looking for a new home.

The Centre relies solely on fundraising and donations to keep running. Therefore they are incredibly grateful that we continue to support them, allowing them to provide animals with the love and treatment that they deserve and need.

Mrs Granger



Class 3 Greek Temples

Class 3 would be grateful of any long paper tubes (wrapping paper, foil, kitchen roll) and shoebox lids, to make their own Greek Temples with. (Not toilet roll tubes please.)



ELVINGTON PTA NEWS

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

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

WHAT TO DO WITH unwanted gifts



Christmas Raffle

Many thanks to the organisers, the donators and the ticket buyers, who all helped to raise a mammoth £306 at the Christmas Raffle!

Given the success of this event, another raffle will be held later on in the year. If anyone has any unwanted Christmas gifts the PTA will be delighted to take them off your hands in preparation for the next raffle.

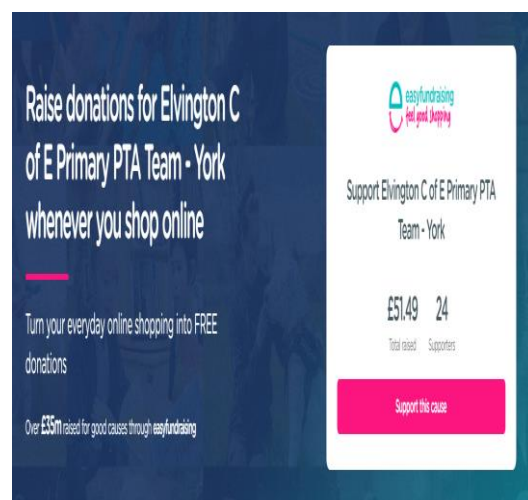
Donations can be sent into school all next week.

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/elvingtoncept/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e1



We recycle Mobile Phones.



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.

Thanks, Sue Challis

