

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

14th January 2022



Perseverance
Our Christian value for this
half term.



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Mr. Buttery's Update

What a Week!

Thank you for your support, flexibility and patience following the announcement of additional mitigations on Tuesday. I realise how inconvenient the aforementioned are, however, I would like to assure you that they are vital, as we now have multiple confirmed cases throughout school. Unfortunately, these are still increasing as a result of the highly transmissible Omicron variant of COVID-19.

I remain hopeful that the current mitigations will only be in place for the remaining duration of this half term - we will maintain close contact with the local health protection team (HPT) during this challenging period.

Maintaining high quality face-to-face education remains Elvington's main priority. I am optimistic that these additional mitigations will reduce the number of children, parents/carers and staff contracting COVID-19.

I would like to wish all those individuals who are currently unwell a swift recovery. Home learning is provided via Google Classroom, however, we will never place any unreasonable demands on those who are too unwell to access it – it's there if you need it.

I would also like to thank the staff team for continuing to provide face-to-face education, in addition to Google Classroom.

EYFS & Primary Quality Mark Accreditation

As I made you aware last week, we were awarded the EYFS & Primary Quality Mark awards. I just wanted to share some of the feedback we have received in relation to this:

Cllr. Ian Cuthbertson (Executive Member for Children, Young People & Education at City of York Council) – *"Well done to your EYFS staff and your primary team for gaining these two awards from Tribal – they are a great recognition of the hard work and commitment displayed by both teams, besides being a powerful testament to their dedication to continuous improvement."*

Maxine Squire (Assistant Director of Education and Skills at City of York Council) – *"Many congratulations to you and your team Andrew. Your commitment to continuous improvement is exemplary."*

Derek Sutherland (Head of Effectiveness & Achievement at City of York Council) – *"Huge congratulations to you and team Elvington for the tremendous achievement of gaining both the Early Years and Primary Quality Marks. The Early Years and Primary Mark awards reflect the hard work and dedication of yourself, staff, children, governors and community at Elvington Church of England Primary School. It is also a recognition of the continuous improvements you are all making at the school for your children. You can be very proud of your achievements!"*

Alison Smith (Assistant Director of Education at the Diocese of York) – *"Andrew, please do also accept my congratulations on this achievement and pass onto your team. Well done to all!"*



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

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 LFD 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](#).

School Admissions - Final Reminder

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

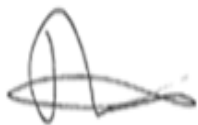
Please remember that if you have any concerns about a child's welfare, do not hesitate to get in contact by emailing head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk. I am Elvington's Designated Safeguarding Lead, with Mrs. Granger fulfilling the role of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – additional school specific information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

Class 2 Bears – Oliver Handley

Class 3 Bats – Riley Farrow

Class 4 Foxes – Rosie Fogg

Class 5 Owls – Millie Stephenson

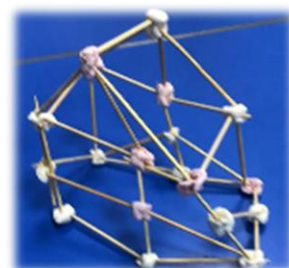


New dates appear in red
Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day



Due to the reinstatement of 'groups', this will be the last 'Roving Reporters' article this term.

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.



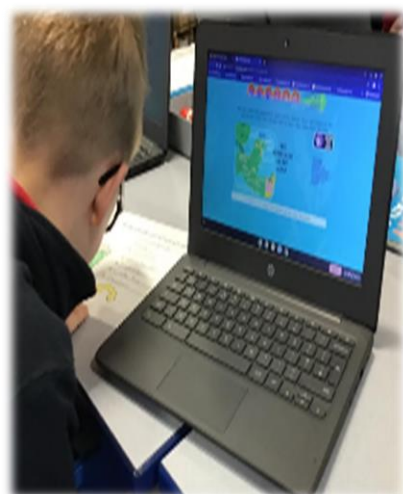
Class 1 began work on the sculptor Henri Moore, looking at colours that he used in his work. This has inspired art work related to Farmer Duck!

Class 2 have made shelters for animals as part of their farming topic. They used sticks and marshmallows.

Class 3 wrote their New Year's resolutions after careful thought! They made up slogans and then used subordinate clauses in our work.



Class 4 began to learn the ukulele at their first lesson from York Schools' music service.



Class 5 began their topic by researching the Mayans, using Chrome books.

Tuesday 15th February – Parents Evening

Wednesday 16th February – Parents Evening

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

Menu - WC 17/01/2022



Week 1
Please check out our new [menu](#)

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

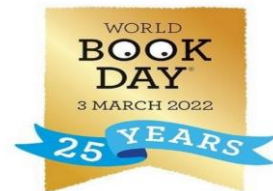
Please note these options are not available each Wednesday.





World Book Day

On World Book Day, Thursday 3rd March, children are invited to come dressed as a book character of their choice. Their outfit could be as simple as a prop or, if they prefer, a full character outfit!



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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



Recycle Paper

Save 31 percent of
the energy used to
make paper;
Eliminates 53 percent of
the water needed to
make paper, and;
Produces 39 percent
less solid waste.

Let's do it!

Does this belong to anyone?



WHAT TO DO WITH unwanted gifts



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

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.



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

