

# Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022



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Our Christian value for this  
half term.



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## Mr. Buttery's Update

### Miss. Miles

I wanted to make you aware that Miss. Miles has accepted a fulltime post at another school; as a result this will be her last day at Elvington. Miss. Miles was employed through our supply agency (Work with Schools). We are currently discussing potential options to cover Miss. Miles' hours.

Miss. Miles has spent time in all classrooms this academic year, with a significant proportion of that time in Key Stage Two. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best in her future career.

### Symptoms of the Omicron Variant

We have continued to have a number of confirmed cases in school this week. 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

### Household Support Funding Available

The second round of the Household Support Fund opened for applications this week. The aim of the HSF is to support households in the most need with food, energy and water bills.

Residents who have not been invited to apply and are struggling to meet their winter bills can also apply directly for a grant.

You can check your eligibility before you apply at [www.york.gov.uk/information-covid1-9/household-support-fund/2](http://www.york.gov.uk/information-covid1-9/household-support-fund/2).

You can find more information about the support available at [www.york.gov.uk/HouseholdSupportFund](http://www.york.gov.uk/HouseholdSupportFund).

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.operationencompass.org/school-participation).

## **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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

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** – Julia Bennett-Hill
- Class 2 Bears** – Tommy Peel
- Class 3 Bats** – Anika De Kock
- Class 4 Foxes** – Patrick Brazil
- Class 5 Owls** – Riley Lawn

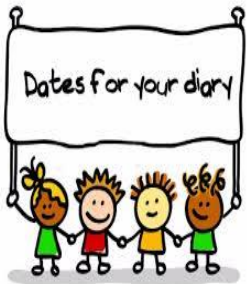


# GOODBYE

## Goodbye Mrs Barlow

Next Friday, the staff and children at Elvington School will bid a sad and fond farewell to Mrs Barlow, our lovely midday supervisor, who has worked here for over 25 years.

I am sure everyone will join us in wishing her a happy, healthy retirement.



### New dates appear in red

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – 4pm Virtual Kingswood Meeting

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Kingswood Residential

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

## Menu - WC 24/01/2022



### 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

Well done to everyone who entered our story writing competition before Christmas. I was so impressed with the entries and it was a pleasure to read them over the holidays.

There were entries from children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and almost one fifth of the school entered! It was such a difficult task when deciding the winners as I could see that so much effort had gone into these stories.

So, a huge well done to our children who deserve a 'special mention':

- Year 2: Oliver Hartley-Bonner
- Year 3: Emily Owen
- Year 4: Jack Povey
- Year 5: Isabelle Venton
- Year 6: Lila Hudson

And a fantastic well done to our overall winners from each year group:

- Year 2: Jimmy Stapleton
- Year 3: Freya Corps
- Year 4: Charlotte Senior
- Year 5: Nihal Sharma
- Year 6: Joseph Osbourne



Finally, I would like to say an extra special well done to Year 4 as this was the year group that had the most entries across school. Consequently, it was particularly difficult to choose the winners in this year group. Excellent work Year 4!



## Mayan Masterpieces

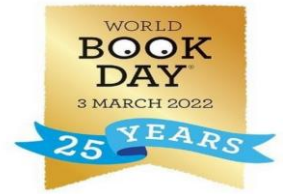
As part of Class 5's current topic, Marvellous Maya, the children made Mayan Headdresses.





## 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!



- Spring 1:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February
- Spring 2:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April
- Summer 1:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Summer 2:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/elvingtoncept/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e1)



### Elvington Out of School Club

Bookings can be made by email [info@elvingtonoutofschool.co.uk](mailto: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

**£105 commission was raised from the cards and gifts bought through Cauliflower Cards. Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA through this event.**

### 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.

