

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter 28th January 2022



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Mr. Buttery's Update

Carole Barlow

After over 25 years as a Midday Supervisory Assistant at Elvington, today is Mrs. Barlow's last. Mrs. Barlow is popular member of staff and will be missed by both children and adults alike - I am sure you will join with me in wishing her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Road Safety

If your child walks, bikes or scoots to school, without an adult, could you please remind them of how important it is to do this in a safe and responsible manner. This is a message we continue to reinforce in school.

THE GREEN CROSS CODE

A thorough knowledge of the Green Cross Code is vitally important to primary school children over 7 years:

1. First find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, look all around again and listen
5. When it is safe go straight across the road - do not run
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross

STOP - LOOK - LISTEN

Parents' Evenings

We will be continuing to use our online booking system for the upcoming Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February. The aforementioned booking system is provided by School Jotter and will enable parents/carers to make their own bookings within the available time slots.

It is my intention that the aforementioned meetings will take place via Google Meet; with the option of a phone call if this would be preferred. Each appointment will last up to ten minutes (this will enable us to keep to timings), we appreciate your support with this.

Following the 2021 parent/carer questionnaire, it was clear that the majority of you preferred face-to-face meetings (33 out of 60 responses). I was really pleased that this was something we could offer in the Autumn Term, when infection rates were far lower than at present. However, given current infection rates, and the highly transmissible Omicron variant of COVID-19, it is clear that school based meetings (even with mitigations) present an unacceptable risk.

Maintaining high quality face-to-face education remains Elvington's main priority and creating multiple contacts is not a viable option, as this could negatively impact on all those connected to our school. This would directly jeopardise our ability to provide face-to-face education and more importantly risk people's health.

To log in to School Jotter and make a booking for parents' evening, please use the following link: <http://elvingtonprimary.bookings.schooljotter2.com/> and log in using your current username and password. If you have forgotten these, please use the "can't access your account" link on the login page, and then enter your email address.

The online booking system will close at 12pm on Thursday 10th February, please ensure your time slot is reserved by this date and time. We will then email out the Google Meet link for your appointment.



PTA Meeting

Elvington's PTA will be meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 1st February; this will be both an in person and virtual event.

The face-to-face option will be held at The Grey Horse in Elvington (meeting room upstairs), for virtual attendance please follow this link: <http://meet.google.com/uxo-hvak-tfy>. As always, members both new and old are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions please contact the PTA via this email address: elvingtonpta@yahoo.com.

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

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. From Monday 17th January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr. Andrew Buttery

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



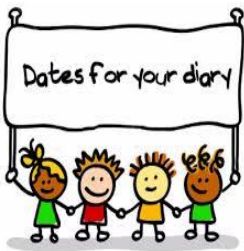
Safeguarding Concerns

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



Golden Book

Class 1 Hedgehogs – Cameron McGouran
Class 2 Bears – ~Eliza Atolagbe
Class 3 Bats – Vienna Brazil
Class 4 Foxes – Emily Bainbridge
Class 5 Owls – Daisy Elson



New dates appear in red

Tuesday 1st February – Chinese New Year Menu

7pm Grey Horse - PTA Meeting

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Monday 14th February – 4pm Virtual Kingswood Meeting

Tuesday 15th February – Parents Evening

Wednesday 16th February – Parents Evening

Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th March – Kingswood Residential

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

Menu - WC 31/01/2022



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.



Goodbye Mrs Barlow

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

Carole and her husband Steve moved to Elvington in 1989. They settled well in the village and had two children. Carole started working at the school on the 24th September 1996 when her son, Calvin, was 7 years old and her daughter, Sophie, was 5.

Carole is a doting Grandmother to Earl and Caspar, with Grandchild number three arriving shortly.

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

Chinese New Year Menu

To celebrate Chinese New Year our cook will be providing the children with a Chinese Feast, which will replace the usual meal option;

Chicken Chow Mein Quorn Chow Mein

Ham Sandwiches will also be available, there will be no Jacket Potatoes on this day.



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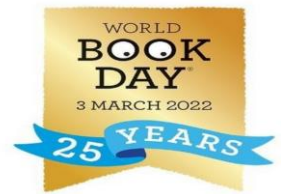


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World Book Day

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



Please help.....

Research indicates that half of sea turtles worldwide have ingested plastic. Some starve after doing so, mistakenly believing they have eaten enough because their stomachs are full. On many beaches, plastic pollution is so pervasive that it's affecting turtles' reproduction rates by altering the temperatures of the sand where incubation occurs.

Please help by reducing the amount of single use plastic/cling film/plastic bags in your child's packed lunch.



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



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

Family Service
The Stories Jesus Told

Join us at our Family Service at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Sutton on Derwent on the first Sunday of every month at 4pm, starting 6th February 2022.
February – The Lost Sheep



