

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter

4th February 2022



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Mr. Buttery's Update

Miss. Kay

I am pleased to inform you that from next week, Miss. Kay will be talking over the teaching responsibilities previously held by Miss. Miles. Miss. Kay has already got to know the children in Class 5, as she has covered the class on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon, thus allowing Mrs. Haffey to deliver Year 6 booster sessions.

Kingswood Meeting

Parents and Carers of children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend a virtual meeting on Monday 14th February at 4pm (meet.google.com/qec-tsqr-umz).

At the meeting we will outline the timetable for the residential trip, which will take place between Wednesday 9th and Friday 11th March 2022. We will be available to answer any questions that you may have.

At the time of writing, I am hopeful that the residential will go ahead as planned. However, as with so many aspects of life, the visit will be subject to COVID-19 related factors.

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. **You should now have received a Google Meet link via email; please let Mrs. Greening know if you have not.**



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

Golden Book

Class 1 Hedgehogs – Kit Richardson
Class 2 Bears – Jude Corps
Class 3 Bats – Erin McEwan-Wright
Class 4 Foxes – Tabitha Wright
Class 5 Owls – Grace Holderness



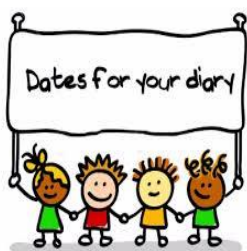
Safeguarding Concerns

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.



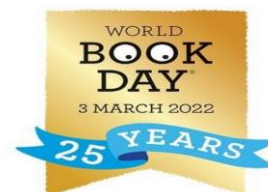
If you have a concern that a child is vulnerable or at risk of significant harm, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) in York on 01904 551900 and select option 3 or email MASH@york.gov.uk. Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays contact the emergency duty team on 01609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



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! More exciting details to follow...



New dates appear in red

FINAL KINGSWOOD PAYMENT IS NOW DUE

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.



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 have been measuring liquids in maths. We are beginning to compare amounts and use the appropriate language.



Class 2 have been learning about Henri Moore the famous sculptor. We made a goose sculpture and placed it in a sculpture park

Class 4 have been creating Tudor self-portraits.

Class 5 have been recreating Maya glyphs used in the jab. They used string, card and paint.



Class 3 looked at Greek pots as part of our art work. We found out how the pots could tell us a lot about how the ancient Greeks lived. We then designed our own, then used pastels and black sugar paper to make our own pot.



Menu - WC 07/02/2022



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.





ELVINGTON PTA NEWS



Thank you PTA

A huge thank you to the PTA for donating £700 to the school to fund lovely new Guided Reading books.

The staff and children are extremely grateful.

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



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...

Plastics pollution has a direct and deadly effect on wildlife. Thousands of seabirds and sea turtles, seals and other marine mammals are killed each year after ingesting plastic or being entangled in it. Micro plastics are a major part of the issue. Micro plastics are tiny pieces of plastic which come from larger plastics that have degraded over time. After ingesting micro plastics, seals, and other animals, may suffer for months or years before they die.

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



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



