

Elvington C of E Primary School Newsletter 11th February 2022



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Mr. Buttery's Update

After-school Clubs and Whole School Collective Worship

As a result of COVID-19 mitigations, after-school clubs have not taken place since early November. Although the aforementioned is regrettable, these preventative measures have allowed us to maintain high quality face-to-face education.

We are now increasingly confident that as a result of everyone's efforts in reducing the transmission of COVID-19, after-school clubs will be able to resume from week commencing Monday 28th February 2022.

Information about school based after-school clubs will be distributed later today. **Please do not rely on these clubs for childcare, as they could, unfortunately, be cancelled at short notice.**

It is also our current intention for whole school Collective Worship to resume after half term. The aforementioned has been facilitated via Google Meet since the start of this term.

All of this, however, is still taking place against the backdrop of the pandemic. Whilst normality is resuming to a point, there are still a number of cases in school. A huge thank you to the entire school team for all their hard work keeping school functioning at the high level it is, despite the inevitable difficulties that continue to be caused through staff and pupil absence at this time.

I've said it many times, but I feel hugely privileged to lead such a fantastic and committed staff team. Alongside your support as a community, these are the key ingredients that make Elvington Church of England Primary School the wonderful setting that it is.

Additional Bank Holiday

You will be aware that this year sees the Platinum Jubilee of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The Government announced it was adding a bank holiday in celebration of this event and placed it within our Summer Half Term. This means June 2nd and 3rd (Thursday and Friday) are designated bank holidays. However, unlike other bank holidays that are fixed, because this one has been added, the Government has stated that schools can set that bank holiday for a different time of year within term time.

The aforementioned additional bank holiday is designated to individual schools to set; we wished to cause as little disruption to the children's education as possible (considering the disruption that has already occurred over the past two years). To that end we have decided to place our day on **Friday 22nd July 2022**. That date was scheduled to be the last Friday of the academic year. This means our last day in school, at the end of the summer term, will now be **Thursday 21st July 2022**. Our term dates on the website will be adjusted to take account of this, however, I wanted to let you know at the first available opportunity.

Parents' Evenings

As you know our Parents' Evenings will be taking place virtually on **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February**. You should now have received a Google Meet link via email. The aforementioned link will enable you to access your appointment at the time you requested on School Jotter.

I would like to suggest that you attempt to access the meeting at some point prior to Tuesday 15th February. The meeting will not be live, however, you will know if you need to setup a free Gmail account in order to access it.



Appointments will last for ten minutes. Please do not request access before your meeting is due to start.

The focus of these meetings will be reviewing work covered during the academic year so far; discussing end of year targets; progress and wellbeing. The aforementioned meetings will take place via Google Meet; with the option of a phone call if this would be preferred.

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-tszr-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.

Healthy Snacks

The school operates a healthy snacks policy whereby children choosing to bring a snack for break time should choose fresh fruit or vegetables. Children have been bringing Bear Pure Fruit Yo Yos into school, these are permitted. However, an increasing number of children are bringing predominantly chocolate based snacks into school. I would like to politely request that this stops. Our school discourages the consumption of snacks high in fat and/or sugar.

The Foundation and KS1 children receive fruit and vegetables, offered under the government initiative to provide all infants with free fruit and vegetables during the day.

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.



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
- Sore or "scratchy" throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing

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,



Mr. Andrew Buttery

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

Linked to World Book Day, we are inviting pupils to take part in our Extreme Reading Challenge.

Think about different, exciting, fun and SAFE places you can enjoy a book.

What to do: Choose a book, find an unusual place to read it then ask your parent/carer to take your photograph.

Email your photo to office@elvingtonprimary.org.uk or print it out and hand to your class teacher. Don't forget to include your name and class with the photograph.

Please send all entries into school by Monday 28th February so that we can reveal the winners later that week.

We may use some of the photos for display purposes so please let us know if you do not wish for yours to be included on a display.

Have fun reading!

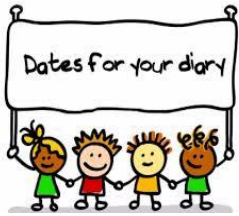
Mrs Holmes



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!





New dates appear in red



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.

- 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.



Class 1 celebrated Chinese New Year by writing story books about the Chinese New Year

Class 4 have been continuing to make their own Tudor portraits and have added collage materials to enhance their work.



Class 2 have planted beans and watching them grow in science.



Class 3 have been making their Greek pots using clay. They hope to paint them soon.



Class 5 have been making information posters about the Bible in R.E, following a visit from YO YO.



- 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
- Friday 22nd July 2022 Additional Bank Holiday (Platinum Jubilee of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II)
- Monday 25th July 2022

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





Electrical items contain a range of materials that can be separated for recycling and used in new products, such as plastics and precious metals including gold and copper. All this saves resources and energy.

If electrical items end up in landfill, hazardous substances will leak out and cause soil and water contamination – harming wildlife and even human health.



Every bit of plastic ever produced still exists and will be here with us for hundreds of years. Once in the environment, plastic breaks down into smaller and smaller particles that attract toxic chemicals, are ingested by wildlife on land and in the ocean, and contaminate our food chain. **Please help by reducing the amount of single use plastic/cling film/plastic bags in your child's packed lunch.**

Menu - WC 14/02/2022



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.



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

Monday 14th February 2022 Valentines Day Sweet Cones Afterschool in the Playground



£1.50 each

PTA Fundraiser



Saturday Morning Club
Saturdays 10am-11am @ Elvington Sports Club
Starting Saturday 5th March - £3/session



Introducing little ones to the game with fun games and exercises
Under 6s (Reception and Year 1) - all abilities welcome.
No kit required, boots advisable, shin pads and socks required.

Please contact Andrew on 07733410355
to register/for more info



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