



Elloughton School News

The Newsletter of
Elloughton Primary School



16th April 2021



Word from the Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope you've had a lovely Easter. The term has started well, with everyone in fine spirits and a renewed energy. The fact that the sun has shone this week has also helped put a spring in everyone's step!

It's incredible to think it's over a year since the first lockdown began and on reflection a year like no other. We have been through a period which none of us could have previously comprehended. Some have suffered loss or separation, some have caught the virus, others have experienced shielding and had to deal with anxiety and self-isolation. Many have continued to cope with challenges of home working, whilst others have faced unemployment and financial loss. The majority of us have experienced times of stress as a result of juggling so many different pressures. However, we have a lot to be proud of, working as a community, supporting each other and recognising the needs of others.

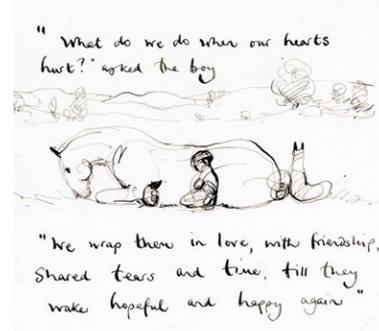
Now everyone has settled back we are keen to restore certain aspects of normal school life for the children as restrictions are slowly lifted. Their education, wellbeing and happiness are always our priority. We may still not be able to welcome you all into school in the usual way, or host many of our annual events that bring the community together, but we still want the very best for each and every child. All the staff have a sense of optimism about the term ahead and a willingness to do the very best they can to support all the children. If you have a concern, question or the need to reach out, please get in touch.

Despite our optimism and the hope that we can resume a sense of normality, it is important not to lower our guard and continue to exercise caution when Covid symptoms occur to keep everyone safe. As the Prime Minister reported, a third wave could easily "wash across our shores". Thank you for your continued support, your partnership and most of all your understanding as we navigate our way through these most challenging times.

Here's to a positively healthy term!

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Fulstow



Easter Egg Donations

We received this lovely letter from one of the charities that the Easter Eggs were donated to. Thank you again for your generosity.

Dear FESA

Donations of Easter Eggs

Please accept this letter as our thanks for the HUGE donation of Easter Eggs collected by the children of Elloughton Primary School.

I haven't seen them in real life yet but Lucy Jefferson's Mum, Nikky, has just sent me some pictures – what a wonderful collection.

It really is much appreciated as many of our residents just don't have anyone who would think of buying them an Easter Egg.

Please pass on our thanks to all the children for bringing in the Easter Eggs and to FESA for organising this, it really is fantastic.

Yours faithfully

GWYNETH A SARGENT (Mrs)
Administrator



Song for Sports Day

We're excited about the possibility of taking part in Sports Day and the return of singing to reunite us all. Do share your song suggestions by sending an email to admin@epsch.co.uk

We Need YOU!

We need a song for our sports day celebration!



Do you know a song that features the following themes?

- **determination & motivation**
- **resilience**
- **perseverance**
- **working together / teamwork**
- **achieving**

Skipping Challenge

Matilda, Anneli and Annabel in Year 3 learnt to skip at school during their time attending as key worker children. They told their parents that they wanted to raise some money for charity by doing a skipping challenge.

As many parents and teachers know the Brain Tumour Research charity is very close to Elloughton Primary Schools' heart so it seemed fitting that the girls put their skills to use to raise money for them.

The challenge is to skip for one hour continually between all three girls. When one girl stops the next will jump in and continue to skip, they will repeat this for the full sixty minutes until the challenge is complete.

Any donation can help this fantastic charity so even if you can spare £1 it would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to make a donation, please follow this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/skippingchallengey3>



**THE
BRAIN
TUMOUR
CHARITY**

HRH Duke of Edinburgh - A Life Well Lived

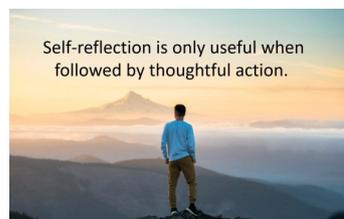
This week in assemblies we have paid tribute to Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh. We spoke about the meaning of the phrase 'A life well-lived'. We often talk about this during our assemblies, thinking about ways to create a better, more loving school community. 'A life well-lived' is also about making the most of every moment, every opportunity that's before us, living not just for ourselves, but for others.



We reflected on the loss of an important member of our Royal family - the Queen's husband, Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh. We gave thanks for his extraordinary life of dedicated service. We also spared a thought for the Queen and Royal Family who will be feeling sadness and pain at this time.

Moral Compass—Reflection

Throughout April we will be focusing on reflection and thinking about the importance of learning by reflecting on experiences.



Polite request

It has been brought to our attention that some parents have been smoking just outside of the school gates, whilst our No Smoking policy only applies to the school premises, please can we politely ask parents to be mindful especially when there are children in close proximity. Thank you.



PARENT VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

The topic that we will be discussing is Screen time

Wednesday 19th May 2021

10:00am - 10:30am

All Parents/Carers are welcome to join our Pastoral Support Advisor Mrs Dakin in a zoom meeting

Please RSVP at admin@epsch.co.uk if you would like to attend and a link for the zoom meeting will be emailed to you.

Parents' Evening

Staff have met with parents via video call this week to discuss children's progress and personalised targets for the term. It's been a wonderful way to celebrate achievements and successes.

If you haven't yet done so please book an appointment for the next Parents' Evening on 20th April.

Nursery parents have a chance to meet virtually with Mrs Hannah on 10th/17th May.



Before and After School Club

The drop off and collection times for the Before and After School Club are:

Drop off

7.30-8.45am (Monday–Friday)

Collection time

3.30-6.00pm (Monday–Thursday)
3.30-5.30pm (Friday)



Staffing

•Mr Mawe, our school caretaker, remains absent from work

•Mrs Hannah is now teaching in nursery to cover Mrs Callaghan's maternity cover. We excitedly await the news of the new arrival.

•It has been a delight to welcome Mrs Cope back to Year 4 on a phased return following her accident in October. We'd like to thank Miss Brewster for all her hard work during Mrs Cope's absence.

NOTICE



Holiday Clubs

Sit back, relax and let us support you by arranging holiday activities suitable for children from Nursery-Year 6.

Our staff will structure an action packed day catered specifically for the children booked, with activities such as Sports Games, Art and Crafts, Films and many more!

All your child will need is a packed lunch, snacks and plenty of water.

**£25 Per Day
9.00am-3.00pm**

Sessions will run:

- W/C 26th July 2021 Monday - Friday
- W/C 2nd August 2021 Monday - Friday
- W/C 9th August 2021 Monday - Friday

Please wear comfortable clothing suitable for indoor and outdoor. Be prepared for all weathers.

Book on to as many sessions as you like!

How to Join:

To secure a place for your child on any of the sessions listed above, FIRST please book using <https://elloughtonprimaryschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> THEN add up the total number of sessions booked and either make payment via SIMS Pay <https://www.sims-pay.co.uk/Home> or apply Childcare Vouchers to your child's account <https://elloughton.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/> and email admin@epsch.co.uk to make us aware. All payments must be received by Friday 2nd July 2021.

Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.



Staff Leaving

Sadly two valued members of our Elloughton team will be leaving us at the end of April.

Mrs Johnson will be retiring as Play Worker. She has worked at the school for almost 20 years in a variety of roles and she will be greatly missed. We wish her a long and happy retirement with her family.

Mrs Mawe will be leaving us to start in a new role as cook at a local nursing home. We thank her for all her hard work and commitment over the last 14 years. How will we cope without the delicious chocolate crackle!



School Cook Vacancy

(Closing date midnight, 19th April 2021)
 School Cook (Grade 4) £19,312 pro rata (pay award pending from 1.4.21)
 32.5 hours per week, Mon - Fri, Term time only plus 4 cleaning days.
 8:00 - 2:30pm

Elloughton Primary School are seeking a positive, hardworking and skilled School Cook to join our dedicated and innovative team of staff. Hours of work will be; 8:00am - 2:30pm Monday to Friday, term time only plus 4 cleaning days.

For further information and if you wish to apply, please go to our school website: <https://www.elloughtonprimaryschool.co.uk/vacancies.html>

VACANCY

Parking

We know parking is more tricky than normal with all the roadworks on Stockbridge Road, but please can everyone show your customary courtesy to the local residents and park with consideration for others e.g. not blocking driveways, on the grass verges or double parking.

'Hi,
 I am writing to let you know of my concerns for your parents parking down Stockbridge Park. On a regular basis we are unable to get our cars out of our drive way, due to cars parking in front of the drive and blocking us in and making it very difficult. I appreciate this is an on going problem for you, and am well aware of the issues parking causes, I work in a school myself, so know all too well about the difficulties you face with parents being inconsiderate when parking. But wanted to make you aware of this regular problem, although I am sure you already know about this ongoing issue.
 Many thanks'

From a Resident on Stockbridge Park



COVID-19
 Keep following the 3 Steps to Safety.

Thank you for helping to stop the spread.
 For more information visit eastriding.gov.uk/3stepstosafety



PARENT PASTORAL DROP IN

With our Pastoral Support Advisor
 Mrs Dakin

Discuss any emotional/social concerns you have about your child

Thursday 6th May 2021
 10.00am - 11.00am

Please log on to our Parents Evening system if you wish to make a 10 minute video call appointment

<https://elloughtonprimaryschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Term and Holiday Dates 2020/2021

Autumn Term

	Opens	Wednesday 9 th September 2020
	Closes	Friday 23 rd October 2020
	Re-Opens	Monday 2 nd November 2020
	Closes	Friday 18 th December 2020

Spring Term

	Opens	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
	Closes	Friday 12 th February 2021
	Re-Opens	Monday 22 nd February 2021
	Closes	Thursday 25 th March 2021

Summer Term

	Opens	Monday 12 th April 2021
	Closed	Monday 3 rd May 2021 (Bank Holiday)
	Closes	Friday 28 th May 2021
	Re-Opens	Monday 7 th June 2021
	Closes	Friday 23 rd July 2021

Teacher Training Days

Monday 7th September 2020
 Tuesday 8th September 2020
 Monday 4th January 2021
 Friday 26th March 2021
 Monday 26th July 2021

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Autumn Term

	Opens	Tuesday 7 th September 2021
	Closes	Friday 22 nd October 2021
	Re-Opens	Monday 1 st November 2021
	Closes	Friday 17 th December 2021

Spring Term

	Opens	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
	Closes	Friday 18 th February 2022
	Re-Opens	Monday 28 th February 2022
	Closes	Thursday 7 th April 2022

Summer Term

	Opens	Monday 25 th April 2022
	Closed	Monday 2 nd May 2022 (Bank Holiday)
	Closes	Friday 27 th May 2022
	Re-Opens	Monday 6 th June 2022
	Closes	Friday 22 nd July 2022

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Monday 6th September 2021
 Tuesday 4th January 2022
 Friday 8th April 2022
 Monday 25th July 2022
 Tuesday 26th July 2022

Year 3/4 Drop Off

A number of Year 3/4 children have been seen running through the staff car park unaccompanied by an adult. Can we politely request that Year 3 parents escort their children through the staff car park to the side gate at school drop off to avoid any accidents from occurring. Thank you for your understanding.



ECO Deli

What a delight to see the return of the ECO Deli thanks to the support of FESA.

This week we saved around 160kg of food from going into landfill.

Our Eco Deli will take place on the front playground every Thursday at 2.30-3.30pm. We have some great value items expected each week.

Still need to become a member? Join here (it takes 30 seconds) <https://form.jotform.com/210773350101037>



Every Thursday

Eco Deli
 100% FRESH FOOD

£3 for 6 items
 £5 for 10 items

Save your pennies and the planet



Tuesday 20 th April	Parents' Evening (R-Year 6)
Thursday 29 th April	5.30pm Year 6 Parents—South Hunsley Virtual Presentation
Tuesday 4 th May	Year 6 CATs Test (South Hunsley)
Wednesday 5 th May	Year 6 CATs Test (South Hunsley)
Thursday 6 th May	10.00-11.00 Virtual Pastoral Drop In
Monday 10 th May	Parents' Evening (Nursery)
Monday 17 th May	Parents' Evening (Nursery)
Wednesday 19 th May	10.00-10.30 Parent Workshop-Screen time
Thursday 20 th May	Wrates Photography- Class and Leavers Photographs

All dates can be viewed on the calendar on the website