



Elloughton School News

The Newsletter of
Elloughton Primary School



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Word from the Headteacher

Sadly school continues to be challenging with COVID cases in several classes. Since we returned in January, as in many other schools, staffing has been difficult, a tricky juggling act, yet we have endeavoured to cover multiple absences to minimise disruption for all our children. We have maintained provision and kept the show on the road for most year groups. Children at home have been accessing their learning by Class Dojo or Google Classroom and where possible staff have been teaching remotely working in conjunction with staff in school to keep continuity.

Today we have reopened the kitchen as two of the catering team are back at work. I apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding and support by providing packed lunches for your children. Recently there has been positivity in the form of the government's intentions to end some restrictions, bringing a glimmer of hope that things will gradually improve and normality will eventually resume.

Despite all the challenges there's been lots exciting learning happening throughout school. It's always a delight to share the children's successes in celebration assembly every week. I have recently had the privilege and joy of talking to children about the work they do in class and looking through their books to see the teaching of the curriculum, the quality of their work and written responses. As with visiting lessons, you truly do gain a glimpse of the range of learning opportunities across the curriculum children experience each and every week. It remains an honour to work with such enthusiastic, eager children who are keen to do their best and share their learning with others.

Parental support at our school is hugely appreciated particularly at the moment. Please bear with us if calls and emails are not answered immediately. Our priority is the children who are doing so well, working hard and enjoying being in school. We hope for more settled weeks and months ahead, with the return of school events, times to share as a community and opportunities for you to visit and celebrate your children's learning much more.

So as January draws to a close, despite the recent challenges we have all faced, I feel heartened that there is a sense of renewed hope and growing optimism. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Here's to another super week.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fulstow

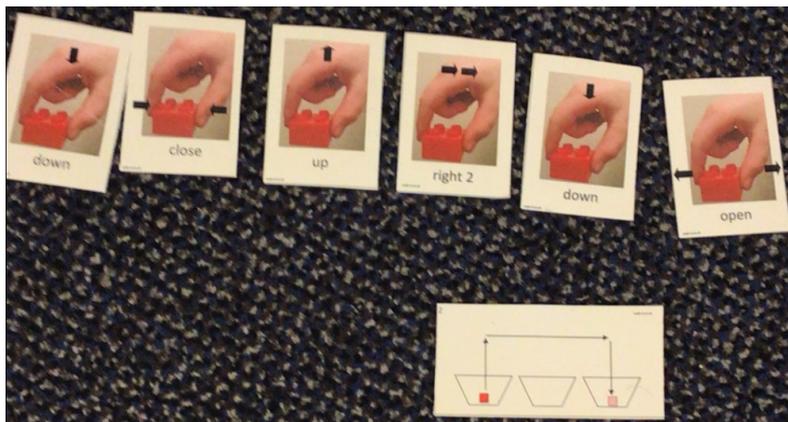


Computing at Elloughton Primary by Louise Hurwood (Computing Lead)

To some, computing seems daunting as new words such as 'coding' and 'programming' are discussed when many of us have a very different computing education from the 80s, 90s and early 2000's! But to our children, these words create a buzz effect! There are three aspects of computing:

- Digital literacy- this is the making and creating of digital work such as documents, spreadsheets, art, movies and music.
- Computer science- how to make instructions to make programmes work.
- Internet safety

Throughout the year, each of these aspects is covered more than once to ensure the children have a well-balanced diet and leave our school able to access a wide computing world!



Here is what we have done in the Autumn term to prepare our children for a safe, digital world.

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning all about algorithms (a set of written instructions) and how to create an algorithm that's correct. To start with, they have been 'human cranes' and moved a block from one bowl to another using the instructions given by a partner.

Year 2

Year 2 have learnt to open a Google Doc, rename it and even find it again in Google Drive to continue editing. They have learnt the basics such as adding a capital letter using the tab key, changing the colour of the font and also adding in an image from the insert image menu. They have blown the teachers away with their creativity in their document which explained what their favourite food was with a delicious picture!

They have recently moved onto coding, learning that when using a BeeBot, moving forward one moves the robot one square. They can now programme the BeeBot to successfully move across the mat to the right place.

Daniel | My favourite colours are orange and blue. I like killer whales because they are blue.
My favrest food is chiconrugs from mactonalds



Year 3

Year 3 have been working to change fonts, colour, size of fonts and have also added images from the internet. They have been developing their skills using Typing Club.

In the second half term, the children experienced Scratch 3 for the first time! The children worked 'unplugged' to work out what an algorithm is and how it works. Mr Atkinson pretended he was a robot and could only do the algorithm that he was instructed to do to make a jam sandwich! This created some messy situations and the children soon realised the importance of VERY clear and precise steps!

Year 4

In the first half term the children were covering digital literacy. The children have been recapping basic skills needed to produce an eye-catching document. They then had to prove their skills by editing a document shared by Mrs Cope and typing or changing text.

The children have been looking at a game made by an expert coder, Phil Bagge, called Toy Giveaway game. They started by working unplugged, looking at printed code and identifying what it would do. For example, how many times it would repeat, what colour the balloon would change and what movement an object would do. They then looked inside the game at the code using a programme called Scratch 3. They are now working to adapt the game into a Stone Age style.

Learning Objectives	What I did
Type with both hands using 2 or more fingers on each hand.	Yes I am using 2 hands and I am using 2 fingers
Use the bumps of f and j keys to locate home keys	Yes i am using the f and j
Begin to use 3 or more finger on each hand when typing	I am trying to not look
Practise touch typing	I'm trying
Change font size	Yes I can
Change font colour	I definitely can
Change font style	I can do it
Copy text or images	I can copy by tapping with 2 fingers and when the box comes up I tap copy image 

Year 5/6

Year 5 and 6 have been looking at algorithms like Year 4 but at the next level by investigating, modifying, evaluating, planning and making them.

They have also been working hard to understand how to work safely online, sending emails and the language we use in these. They have also looked at making internet safety searches specific and carefully selecting the most reliable websites.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Declan in Year 6! Declan has been awarded the Friends of the Ferens **SECOND PRIZE** award in the 7 to 11 years category in this year's Junior Open exhibition at the Ferens Art Gallery.



Declan's artwork was selected by the Friends of the Ferens out of nearly 300 entries to the Ferens Junior Open.

Declan has been invited to an award ceremony at the Ferens on Saturday 5th February to be awarded his prize and have a first look at the exhibition, with cake and an opportunity to meet the judges and the other winners. We're so very proud of him.

Easter Holiday Club

We are delighted to announce we are offering an Easter Club during the Easter half term from Monday 11th April until Thursday 14th April.

Timings: 8.30am-5pm

Bookings via the parents evening system.



December to Remember

Well done to Mrs Wilkinson, the EYFS team and Mr Wallis for their amazing Christmas display 'When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney' for the December to Remember competition. We are proud to announce Elloughton Primary came third place and won £10 Amazon voucher.



Reminder—Use of Class Dojo

Teachers check the messaging section on Class Dojo regularly. Please remember the messaging feature is for non-urgent. simple queries e.g.

- Lost property
- Forgotten items to school
- Going home with another child
- Clarification of home learning tasks



All other queries, comments and concerns must go via official means through the school office.

admin@epsch.co.uk

Any issues relating to SEND please email SEND@epsch.co.uk

For pastoral concerns contact Mrs Dakin on hdakin@epsch.co.uk

Term and Holiday Dates 2021/2022



Autumn Term

Closes Friday 17th December 2021



Spring Term

Opens Wednesday 5th January 2022

Closes Friday 18th February 2022

Re-Opens Monday 28th February 2022

Closes Thursday 7th April 2022



Summer Term

Opens Monday 25th April 2022

Closed Monday 2nd May 2022

(Bank Holiday)

Closes Friday 27th May 2022

Re-Opens Monday 6th June 2022

Closes Friday 22nd July 2022

Teacher Training Days

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 8th April 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Pre Loved Uniform Sale

Pre loved uniform will be on sale from the school office all week, commencing Monday 7th February, 8.30am-3.30pm



House Points

Well done to Andromeda were crowned champions at the end of the last term. Thank to you to Mrs Broomfield for making every team member a special treat. Here's the latest scores for this term.



	Orion 11 Points			Cygnus 11 Points	
	Scorpius 10 Points			Leo 12 Points	
	Andromeda 14 Points			Virgo 6 Points	

Once again so many children every week are keen to earn house points. It's wonderful to see children so proud when they receive the recognition of their amazing work, being kind and thoughtful, or simply doing their best!

Moral Compass

During the month of January we have been focusing on the value of confidence. In assembly we have been talking about the difference between self-confidence and having confidence in others. If we have the confidence to aspire to great things and have the tenacity and resilience to keep going when things get tough we can all succeed. It has been a perfect time to think about what we have achieved in 2021 and to look forward, with confidence, to 2022, hopefully a year of many more learning opportunities and adventures.



Believe in Yourself.

Toy Appeal

Thank you for all the wonderful donations of toys which have been now been taken to Welcome House in Hull to support refugee children. Bashir joined us for a virtual assembly to thank the children for their kindness. Special thanks to Harry B and his peers who recognised how fortunate they were having so many toys and games to play with. As an act of kindness they decided they would like to hand over a toy, and the sense of enjoyment, to another child. So very thoughtful!



Lost and Found

We have a growing pile of lost property; several hats and lonely single gloves! Please try to ensure all items of clothing are named so they can be returned to the rightful owner. Lost property is located in the school office.



Staffing

This term we have welcomed three new staff to Team Elloughton- Anna Lilley (Admin assistant), Laura Curtis (Nursery teaching assistant), Jensen Hattersley (cleaner) who are all fabulous additions and will be an asset to our school.



Dates for you Diary

Thursday 3rd February	EYFS/Nursery Balance Bike experience
Monday 7th February	Year 2 Scooter training
Monday 7th-Friday 13th February	Children's Mental Health week, 'Growing Together'
Tuesday 8th February	Year 5/6 Mosque visit
	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 10th February	FESA Puzzling Paul magic show (after school, children only) Tickets now on sale
Tuesday 15th February	Year 6 residential talk, 5pm
Monday 21st February-25th February	Half term
Tuesday 1st March	Year 3 trip to the Buddhist Centre
	Pancake Day
Wednesday 2nd March	Year 4 trip to the Buddhist Centre
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day—25th Anniversary
Friday 11th March	Start of British Science week
Thursday 17th March	Quiz Club Regional heats
Monday 28th March- Friday 2nd April	Year 6 Residential to East Barnby
Thursday 7th April	FESA Easter Disco, Brantingham Park, further information to follow
Friday 8th April	Staff training day
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th April	Easter holiday club in school

Easter events to be confirmed

We are excited to be now offering the Children Centre's

NURTURING PROGRAMME

In-house at Elloughton Primary School

LET'S FACE IT, FAMILY LIFE CAN BE HARD WORK AT TIMES!

From understanding your child's behaviour, changes in your relationships and even just making sense of what it means to be a parent, this popular Family Links course can help you work it all out!

The programme runs over 11 weeks, 2 hours per week with a different focus for each session:



The course will be hosted by Mrs Brammall and Mrs Dakin and will start after next half term during school hours. Exact timings TBC but tea/coffee/biscuits included!

If you are interested to know more about this programme Mrs Dakin will be holding a virtual Q&A at 10am on the 18th of January. Please email send@epsch.co.uk if you would like to attend. If you are unable to attend this session please ring the office.





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
8:30am-5:00pm

Sessions will run:
Monday 11th April - 8:30am - 5:00pm
Tuesday 12th April - 8:30am - 5:00pm
Wednesday 13th April - 8:30am - 5:00pm
Thursday 14th April - 8:30am - 5:00pm

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 Pay360 <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 25th March 2022.

Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

