

Elloughton School News

The Newsletter of
Elloughton Primary School



3rd July 2020

Word from the Headteacher

It has been lovely to give children a brief chance to meet their new class teacher and some of their new classmates as well as have a chance to say goodbye to their existing teachers. Many of the children have wanted to stay longer and we only wish they could have. Seeing the transition sessions over the last two weeks has made me realise how much I have missed the children, my everyday interactions with them and seeing colleagues teaching with children smiling, learning and having fun together.

Returning to school will fill some children with excitement, but for others, it will seem a big, daunting step. At the time of writing this I am still awaiting further DfE and LA guidance so it's difficult to tell you what school will look like for the children in September. It is clear that the government want all school aged children back in school and rightly so. Rest assured a large amount of work is going on behind the scenes to make this happen safely.

We know our focus in September will be to know where every child is and adapt our curriculum to focus on getting the children to where they need to be academically yet also being mindful of their emotional well-being. We need to fully understand the general impact of the lockdown experience, and absence from school, before support can be provided. Every year in school we build on children's understanding. Invariably many forget things and we need to go back a step to move forward two. This always happens and it be exactly the same in September.

Our initial priority will be to ensure children feel safe and secure to be in school, to have the chance to reconnect, interact and socialise with others. As always staff will strive to build a sense of belonging and togetherness in their new classes. They will develop a caring, supportive ethos between staff and children so they all feel positive about the year ahead and eager to do their best. Regardless of any restrictions our core values and vision will remain at the heart of everything we will do.

We do fully appreciate how home learning has become more of a challenge to juggle as time has gone on and for many it's been hard to maintain motivation and enthusiasm with children. Please try not to worry about this too much. We know all our parents have done the very best they can. The children will have benefited in so many different ways and will have learnt more than you know, however you have used your time at home. As I said way back in May it is impossible to replicate school at home. Trust me, many teachers have found home learning extremely difficult and have had the same challenges that many of you have faced.

Over the summer holidays we think it's important for children and adults alike to have time out from school without the added pressures of school work. We will share some tips and suggestions on simple things you can do at home to consolidate your child's basic maths, reading and writing skills but we don't think it's helpful to have copious amounts of home learning to do in a bid to fill gaps. This could be counterproductive and switch a child off learning even more. Allow us to start to play the catch up game in September! Spending quality time together will be far more valuable.

These last few months have been exceptionally difficult and the daily challenges significant but recently there has been a glimpse of what existed before lockdown and partial closure. I am so very proud of how our children have handled all the changes. Hopefully we'll soon be able to learn under the same roof and all our classrooms will once again be buzzing with the excitement of learning.

Enjoy the weekend. Let's hope the sun begins to shine again soon (in more ways than one!)

Kind Regards
Mrs Fulstow





DEBBIE'S DELIGHTFUL TRAY BAKES!

SOLD EVERY LUNCHTIME

(TO YEARS 2 - 6 ONLY)

MONDAY—BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

TUESDAY—OATY BISCUITS

WEDNESDAY—CHEESE & CRACKERS

THURSDAY—CHOCOLATE CRACKLE

FRIDAY—FLAPJACK

Please bring in 50p on the day and place your order with your bubble teacher.

50p each



Term and Holiday Dates 2020/2021

Autumn Term



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

Spring Term



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

Summer Term



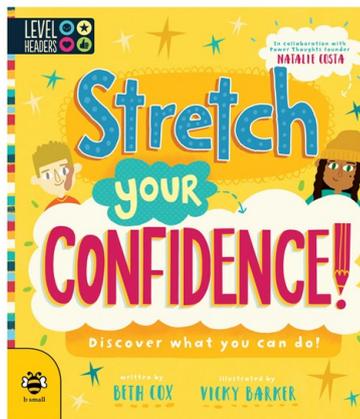
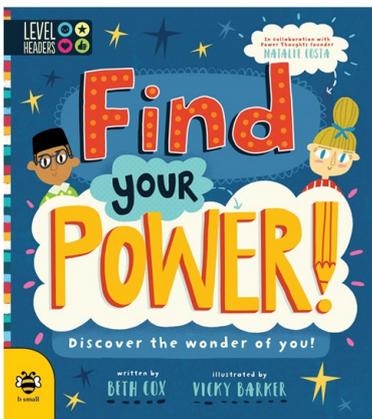
Opens Monday 12th April 2021
Closed Monday 3rd May 2021
(Bank Holiday)
Closes Friday 28th May 2021
Re-Opens Monday 7th June 2021
Closes Friday 23rd July 2021

Teacher Training Days

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

Back to School

If your child is feeling nervous about the year ahead check out some advice from the Book Trust to alleviate back to school worries.



Teo's Tennis Holiday Camps

Teo's Tennis are still waiting to hear from the Government and the LTA regarding increasing the group numbers. This may shortly become clearer as things are changing on a daily basis. However at the moment Teo's Tennis are taking provisional bookings, (without payment) for 20th July to 4th Sept.

Full details are on:
<https://www.teostennis.com/school-holiday-camps>



Kidslingo

Kidslingo are offering online French sessions during the holidays (via Zoom). They will run for 4 weeks in August and cost £20 per family.

If you would like to book onto a class go to www.clubenrolment.com/kidslingohelenw and search by venue Online.

Further details were sent in an email.



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.



Sessions will run:

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd July
Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th July
Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th August
Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th August
Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th August
Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th August

£25 Per Day
9.00am-3.00pm

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 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@eonsch.co.uk to make us aware. All payments must be received by Friday 10th July 2020.

Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

