



Elloughton School News

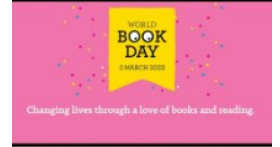
The Newsletter of
Elloughton Primary School

February 2023



A Word From The Headteacher

February seems to have whizzed by! The lighter nights and the brighter weather gives us hope that Spring is just around the corner. Here's to some warmer, drier weather!



It has been a real joy this week to walk around school and see the pleasure of reading being celebrated in so many different ways. The book sharing, the Book Swap Shop, the Book Fair, Stay & Read sessions, dressing as book characters (or wearing comfy clothes!), World Book Day Bake off, the masked reader, the book cover reading challenge are just a few of the planned activities for this week to promote the joys of reading and to promote a love of books. Thank you to all for supporting all our different events.

As I've often commented instilling a love and passion of reading amongst pupils at an early age is so important. The key to children becoming skilled, thoughtful, avid readers is to have enticing, interesting books that intrigue children. Nothing equals the power of the right book at the right time. We need to be surrounded by good books so that children can discover why reading is good for both now and in their literate lives to come. So investing wisely in texts that children will enjoy and find a passion for reading is vital. We are so privileged at Elloughton to be surrounded by a rich diet of books - our classroom reading corners, the Book Nook and the Reading Den, the pod, all contain a wide range high quality texts for children to read and enjoy. So this is a fabulous week thanks to your support. Reading can open up a world of possibilities and enhance the imagination, which is why it so important for every child to read books of their choice to be able to enjoy.

Have a lovely week and hopefully finding time to relax with a good book!

Warmest wishes

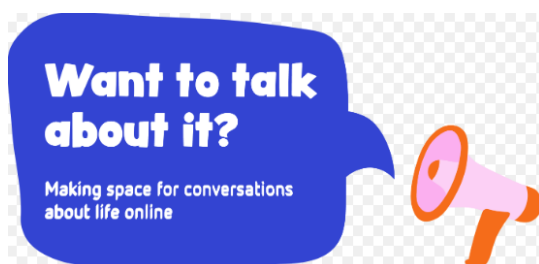
Mrs Fulstow



E Safety

In February we took part in e safety day to continue to raise the profile of the importance of children keeping themselves safe when using electronic devices and when online. E-safety is a continually high profile in our school with weekly class circles being used as a forum for talking about using the internet safely and positively. It is a fundamental part of our child protection measures as government guidance highlights the importance of safeguarding children from harmful and inappropriate online material.

We believe that the internet should be a place of opportunities for children, where they can create, engage and share freely. We actively encourage children to ask any questions and participate in an ongoing conversation about the benefits and dangers of the online world. Each week Mrs Callaghan, our Computing Lead, posts the questions on Class Dojo so you can see what has been discussed and enables you to continue these discussions at home. Look out for details of our online Coffee and Chat YGAM event on 16th March. Focusing on...



Religious Education and Worldviews at Elloughton Primary by Julie Fitzpatrick (REW Leader)

Our Religious Education and Worldviews curriculum has blossomed this year. The children are fully engaged in the new curriculum and they are able to articulate their thoughts respectfully and sensitively during class debates and discussions.

This year, we have acquired a grant from the Jerusalem trust which has enabled us to update our Christian resources. EYFS and Year 1 are particularly enjoying the Puddle Book resources and props.

The children now have a classroom set of resources for their focus religion. (Year 1/2 Hinduism, Year 3/4 Buddhism and Year 5/6 Islam) to bring their learning to life.



Religious Education and Worldviews involves a range of experiences and creativity. For example: EYFS visited the cenotaph to begin to understand Remembrance Day; Year 1 visited the church to re enact a Christening with Reverend Fryer; Year 2 had their own Christingle service and later invited Reverend Fryer to discuss his beliefs; Year 3 created Sukkots and had a really interesting time in the graveyard looking at how people are remembered; Year 4 looked at where different religious communities are within and beyond our community; Year 5/6 thoroughly enjoyed creating their own peace banner reflecting on the wall of peace in Belfast.



Children's Eye Tests

Children under 16 are entitled to a free NHS funded eye examination every year and are also eligible for an NHS optical voucher helps towards the cost of glasses.



Although serious vision problems during childhood are rare, routine eye checks are offered to newborn babies and young children to identify any problems early on. Book a free eye test at any opticians.

MORAL COMPASS - Integrity

During February we will have focussed on the value of "Integrity", exploring the meaning and importance of integrity.



We define integrity as:

- Adherence to moral principles
- Always doing the right thing even when you know no one is looking
- Uprightness, honesty, and sincerity

We have reflected upon how we show integrity:

- We keep to our word and don't let others down
- We accept responsibility for our wrongdoing
- We tell the truth even when we know we won't be found out
- Make people confident that we are always open and honest
- We make our thoughts and feelings known in an appropriate way

If we all show INTEGRITY in OUR SCHOOL this will make us better people in OUR FUTURE.



Walkies dog walking service £10



Reading Volunteers Needed!

If you think you could spare a couple of hours one afternoon once a week for the rest of the Spring Term and/or Summer Term, we need you!



Please contact Mrs Holmes in the office to express your interest in being a reading volunteer. We really value your support.

Guidance will be given to all new volunteers.

Thank you.



Coffee and Chat

The next session will be led by YGAM (Young Gamers and Gamblers Education Trust)

<https://www.ygam.org/>

Parents are required to book a place on this workshop as the session will be run virtually. The workshop is from 6pm - 7pm on Thursday 16th March.



Save the date— Sports Day



Friday 16th June AM— EYFS & Key Stage 1

PM— Key Stage 2

Thursday 22nd AM – Nursery



Term and Holiday Dates 2022/2023

Spring Term

Closes Friday 10th February 2023
Re-Opens Monday 20th February 2023
Closes Thursday 30th March 2023



Summer Term

Opens Monday 17th April 2023
Closed Monday 1st May 2023
(Bank Holiday)
Closed Monday 8th May 2023
(Coronation Bank Holiday)
Closes Friday 26th May 2023
Re-Opens Monday 5th June 2023
Closes Friday 21st July 2023



Teacher Training Days

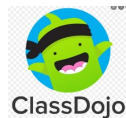
Friday 31st March 2023
Monday 24th July 2023
Tuesday 25th July 2023

Reminder—Parent to school communication

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



Contact the Office by telephone/answer phone

Attendance/illness, you **must** contact the school every day that your child will not be in school. Failure to do this will result in your child being marked as unauthorised, and this may incur in a fine from the Local Authority. We encourage medical/dental appointments to be made out of school hours, where this is not possible, we request proof of all appointments.

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 or Mrs Robbins on jrobbins@epsch.co.uk



Term and Holiday Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

Opens Tuesday 5th September 2023
Closes Friday 27th October 2023
Re-opens Monday 6th November 2023
Closes Thursday 21st December 2023



Spring Term

Opens Tuesday 9th January 2024
Closes Friday 9th February 2024
Re-Opens Monday 19th February 2024
Closes Thursday 21st March 2024



Summer Term

Opens Monday 8th April 2024
Closed Monday 6th May 2024
(Bank Holiday)
Closes Friday 24th May 2024
Re-Opens Monday 3rd June 2024
Closes Friday 19th July 2024



Teacher Training Days

Monday 4th September 2023
Friday 22nd December 2022
Monday 8th January 2024
Friday 22nd March 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024

Summer Holiday Club



Unfortunately due to major repair work taking place on the school roof during the holidays we will not be able to host a holiday club over the summer break this year. Access to the site will be restricted due to contractors being in and around school. Sadly we're also not able to offer a club at Easter this year.



Preloved Logo'd Uniform Sales

Date of next sale:

Monday 27th March 2023
2:45pm–3:30pm. Cash only please, on the front playground under the shelter. Thank you for all your donations of logo'd uniform. Lost property will also be on display.

BOOK SWAP SHOP

As part of the Book Swap Shop we have seen some wonderful texts, many in pristine condition, brought into school and shared. The children have loved being able to select new books.

After this week our Book Swap facility for KS1 & KS2 children to access throughout the year will be located in the Reading Den area next to Mrs Fulstow's office. We have two Book Swap trolleys and children can simply bring in a book and exchange it for a new one either before school, at break/ lunchtime or after school.



WALK AND TALK PATH

We love that fact that our Walk and Talk paths is used every day and children frequently visit Ali's garden. We received recently 30 free trees as part of the Defra funded tree planting scheme from The Humber Forest. Conservation volunteers, our Gardening Club and some additional keen helpers planted the trees around the field which will really enhance the path in the fullness of time.



Breakfast at Elloughton is Back!!

Our first breakfast is Thursday 9th March, 8.15am-8.40am, please book your breakfast via Pay 360 <https://www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home>



Red Nose Day - Friday 17th March

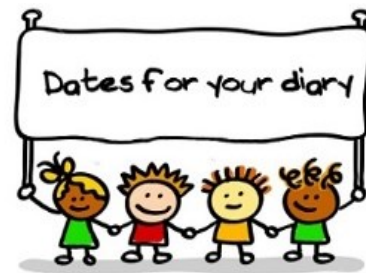


Non Uniform Day. Children to wear 'Something that makes you Happy'! Donations of buns on the day greatly appreciated for a Bun Sale, 50p a bun during break. All proceeds to Comic Relief (no Tasty Tuck this day).

Online donations https://www.justgiving.com/page/elloughton-primary-school-1677059151585?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/elloughton-primary-school-1677059151585&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=f7dbad9f701049cb9cb316b57fd13ca7

Important Dates – March

1st March	FESA World Book Day Bake-Off
2nd March	World Book Day
6th, 7th, 8th March	EYFS 'Come and See'
7th March	Year 2 Hindu Festival of Holi
8th & 9th March	EYFS Fire Station Visit
9th March	Family Breakfast at Elloughton 8.15am NSPCC, Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops
15th March	Nursery Stay & Play 9.15am–10.00am Year 1 Visit to Sewerby Hall
16th March	FESA Buy a gift for someone special Year 2 Forest School 3.30pm–5.00pm Coffee & Chat Workshop 6.00pm
17th March	Red Nose Day
20th March	EYFS & Year 6 Parents Evening EYFS Stay & Cook-Savannah
21st March	EYFS & Year 6 Parents Evening EYFS Stay & Cook-Polar
23rd March	EYFS Stay & Cook-Ocean Year 2 Big Quiz 2.00pm
27th March	Year 3 Residential talk to parents 3.30pm
29th March	Easter Church Services for children
30th March	Year 1 Big Quiz 2.00pm



End of the spring term