

# Elloughton School News

The Newsletter of  
Elloughton Primary School

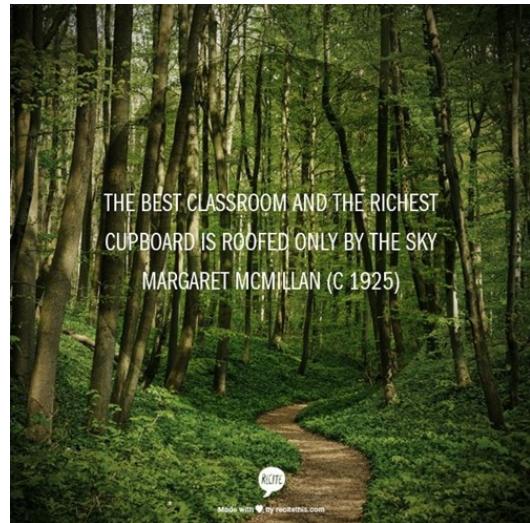
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## A Word From The Headteacher

With KS1 & KS2 SATs, phonics screening, New Starters Stay & Play, EYFS home visits, various sporting fixtures, Race for Life, field trips, Bikeability training, visiting farm animals, Year 6 Enterprise and transition visits to South Hunsley...it's already been a busy start to the term. I'm delighted there are lots more exciting events and activities to follow. The Year 6 rehearsals for the Leavers' production of 'School Of Rock', have now got underway and there are several other trips on the horizon. Sports Day practices have begun in earnest, staff are compiling annual reports, creating new class lists and preparing for transition meetings and days. A very busy term!

As you know Educational Visits are an integral of our curriculum at Elloughton and this week Taff Bowles from the Local Authority led our staff refresher training all about outdoor learning and school trips. Every year children get the opportunity to visit various locations - Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Sutton Bank, Thornwick Bay, Welton Waters, Elloughton Dale, Eden Camp, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Dalby Forest are just a few of the places visited by children this year. Careful planning and preparation are vital to ensure these are a success and bring the curriculum alive. Memories of school trips are among the most prominent of the formative years, largely because they are a welcome break in the routine for both pupils and teachers. While their purpose is essentially to educate, they can also be an enjoyable experience for everyone. Staff recognise how valuable visits are to stimulate and excite learning and throughout the next school year will be planning an even wider range of outdoor learning and trips to further enhance the curriculum.



Finally this week I would like to thank you, our pupils and parents, for being so supportive and making Elloughton so special. Be it a cheery hello in the morning, a polite greeting in the corridor, holding a door open, a conversation in the lunch queue, sharing thoughts in assembly, chatting about work when receiving a head teachers award...all the pupils make me proud. It's a delight to have so many conversations with so many pupils. Your children are great ambassadors for the school and it's a privilege to work with them each day. Visitors never fail to be impressed by the warm, welcoming and purposeful atmosphere and it's a pleasure to see pupils so keen to share their work and talk to visitors. A big thank you to you all!

Do have a good weekend - hopefully getting out and about enjoying some long awaited sunshine!

Kind Regards

Mrs Fulstow



## Welcome to New Pupils

It has been pleasure to welcome two new pupils to our school: Theo Burke has joined Year 5 and Abigail Burrell has joined Year 6. We are delighted that you have joined our school and welcome you and your families to our community.



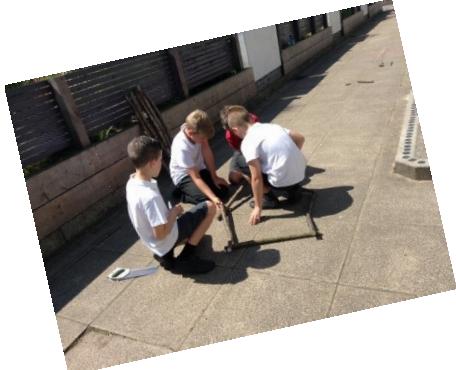
## Food Allergies

Could you please inform the school office staff of any food allergies your child may have. This information must be in the form of a letter from the Doctor confirming the allergy and the severity. Unfortunately we are unable to make catering provision for allergies unless we have written evidence from your GP. This will enable the school cook to ensure appropriate measures in the preparation of school meals are met and our school records are updated.



## Year 5 Native American Tepee Building

Year 5 have been learning all about Native Americans as part of our topic about North America. We have enjoyed learning about their homes, and how they are different to ours. We have used our outdoor learning skills to forage and collect sticks of the correct length, shape and size - to make the perfect tepee. We had to bind the sticks together using twine to make a sturdy tepee. Then we had to cover our tepees with paper and decorate with traditional Native American designs. Finally we sewed the edges together - just like the Native Americans did.



## Year 2 Make and Test Vehicles

Year 2 have been very busy with their Design & Technology and Science work. They were set the task to design and make a vehicle that would travel the furthest when first rolled down a ramp.

The children had wonderful ideas for their designs, but soon realised that when working with 'junk' materials, their ideas might need to be tweaked. Having said that they worked really hard to construct and paint their models.

They then added axles and wheels, using the skills they had acquired when they learnt and practised accurate measuring and sawing.

All this resulted in an afternoon of testing their vehicles outside. Some children were surprised with how far, or not, their vehicles travelled; whilst others were already thinking of ways to change their models if they did it again.



Mary's vehicle went the furthest and the children concluded it was because it was the heaviest and because the wheels moved more freely than other models.



## School Uniform from CS Enterprise

Just a polite reminder from CS Enterprises that delivery of purchases could take up to 4 weeks for orders taken during the period of July to September. CS Enterprise have announced they are open during the six weeks summer holidays (they are closed for 1 week commencing Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, but orders can still be placed on line with no delay). You will be advised when your order is either ready for collection from school or shipped to your home address.

## Nursery

The Nursery children have had a busy start to the last half term of this year.

We have been learning about all things that are 'wild' and took our inspiration from a book by Emily Hughes. We discussed emotions and how we would feel if we lived in the 'wild' like the wild girl in the story. Take a look at our page on Twitter to see what the children did with the book, the author liked it very much.

The children are continuing to work really hard on their Jolly Phonics phase 2 sounds... our next focus is hearing initial sounds. Games you can do at home, that really help with this skill are Eye Spy and getting the children to go on a Treasure Hunt around the home or garden for items/objects beginning with the letter...

The children have been 'crossing the midline' with a new song Ram Sam Sam. This song is available on You Tube, ask your child to show you their new moves! Crossing the midline helps the children to develop their gross motor skills in preparation for writing!



Keep working  
really hard  
Nursery  
children, you  
are all  
superstars!



## Excitement over The Big Sleep!

Thank you everyone for all your support with letting your children attend The Big Sleep. We have had so many positive responses about it and children enthused about raising as much money as they can for the all-weather pitch. Don't worry if you haven't returned your letter just yet, there is still time to do so and collect a sponsor form. The sponsor forms and money will need to be returned to school the week of the sleepover, giving you all plenty of time to ask as many friends and family as possible to sponsor you. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs. Shaw.



## Bag2School

Just a polite reminder for parents to please bring your filled Bags2School to the school office by 9.00am on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017.

Thank you in advance.



## Year 1 Green Fingers

We have green fingers in Year 1. Look at everything growing in the outdoor area!



Alan Titchmarsh would be impressed!

## FESA Lottery

Support us this term and you can

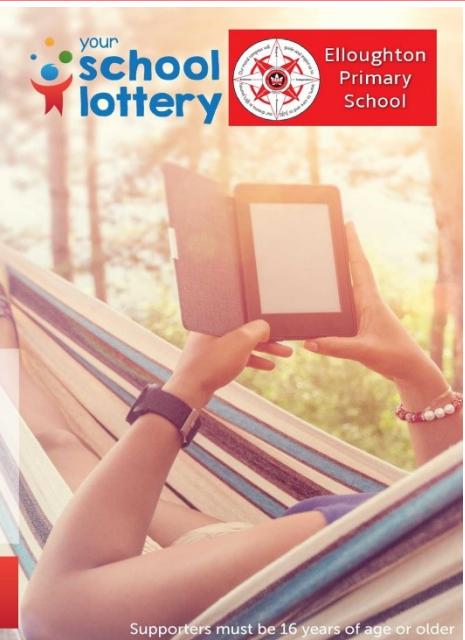
**WIN**  
one of four  
**Kindle e-readers**



- A GUARANTEED cash prize to one of our supporters every week!
- Match all 6 numbers and win £25,000!
- Tickets only cost £1 per week!
- Support our school and win prizes - WIN WIN!
- Joining is easy, it only takes a minute!



To Start Supporting, visit  
[www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](http://www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk)  
and search for: Elloughton



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

## Year 1 Fabulous Fish

Year 1 have been inspiring when creating fish collages for their homework task this term.



A range of materials and techniques have been used to create these truly fantastic models.

Well done Year 1!



## House Points League Table

Congratulations to Scorpius who are this weeks winners. So many house points are gained each week for achievements both big and small.

Keep up the good work!!



Scorpius	12
Virgo	11
Orion	9
Leo	9
Andromeda	4
Cygnus	3

## Nursery 30 hour Provision

We can now offer number of places of 30 free hours of early education a week (38 weeks term time only). These hours are to be taken between 8.45am and 3.15pm during term time.

This is a new entitlement for working parents of 3 and 4 year old children which will be introduced from September 2017. It is an additional 15 hours per week entitlement to the existing 15 hours free early education place.

If a parent chooses to take the full 30 hours , the morning session will run from 8.45am until 11.45am and the afternoon session 12.15pm until 3.15pm. There will still be a charge for lunchtime cover of £3.00. However, parents will not be required to take up all the hours (e.g. they could opt for 20 free hours).



## Wrap Around Care

From September 2017 we will be offering wrap around care for nursery aged children.

Our Mini Sunshiners will run from 7.30am until 8.45am at a cost of £4 (including breakfast) and our Mini Sunsetters will run from 3.15pm until 4.30pm at a cost of £4 or 3.15pm until 6.00pm (including a snack) at a cost of £7.

## Car Park

Please can we remind you that the car park is for staff use only. We are very grateful that all our users of before/after school club adhere by this.

We request that parents do not use the car park when collecting from after school clubs and fixtures.

Thank you!



## Hot/Cold Writing

As you are aware, writing has been a huge focus for this year. September started with the introduction of a new handwriting scheme and a new format in our writing books. Each class has daily handwriting practice and now that we are nearing the end of the school year, the progress the children have made is tremendous. Children have commented about how they enjoy the new scheme and about how the new books make the physical task of writing so much easier. Presentation in books has immensely improved and children are really proud of their writing.

In the Autumn term we also introduced a different approach to teaching writing skills. In order to teach the different genres and the vast amount of spelling, punctuation and grammar, each teacher plans a sequence of work beginning with a 'cold write'. This is when the children are introduced to a genre and asked to write independently with very little input from the teacher. An example of this would be to ask children to write a newspaper article about what they did at the weekend. From this, class teachers are able to assess what the children already know and the grammar and punctuation they are using, and then plan a sequence of work (usually 2 weeks in length) to not only teach the features of the new genre, but to teach the grammar and punctuation that is also needed for this style of writing, and for the children's development.

At the end of this teaching sequence, children will be asked to do a 'hot write'. This is again an independent piece of writing that is the same or slightly different from the cold write. For example the children will be asked to write another newspaper article about their weekend, or a different newspaper article with facts and a subject matter they have been studying in another area of the curriculum or an event they have experienced such as a school trip. Progress is measured from the cold write to the hot write.

As the two pieces of writing are so similar, children can instantly see the progress they have made when they compare the two 'writes'. They can discuss how they have been successful, the skills they have learnt, and even what they have missed or need to further improve on. Just like the handwriting, children can easily see their own progress, teachers can see any gaps, and progress in writing is rapidly improving across school.

As well as continuing with this drive to improve writing, we are now looking at reading across school and how we can further improve children's progress and enjoyment in reading.



## Race for Life

Thank you for all your support with our Race for Life. The children had a great day and there were some lovely heartfelt messages on display in the playground. We raised a whopping £538 (£225 from the Just Giving page and £313 from donations in school). A fantastic achievement. Well done everyone! Donations still gratefully received on the Just Giving page [www.justgiving.com/Carole-Fulstow](http://www.justgiving.com/Carole-Fulstow)



Good luck to all those who are running the Jane Tomlinson 10k this weekend raising money for Dove House Hospice and we look forward to seeing how many staff complete the Pretty Mudder next weekend at the Costello Stadium. 15 staff covered head to toe in mud will be a sight to behold!

## Decoration Programme

As you aware we have an on-going refurbishment programme to ensure the building and site is well maintained in order to provide a vibrant, stimulating and welcoming learning environment for all pupils and staff. Further decoration is scheduled for the summer holidays and all the Key Stage 2 corridor and classrooms will be having a much needed makeover making them much fresher and vibrant. Watch out for the new splash of colour!



## Moral Compass Teamwork

During June our moral compass focus is team work. The ability to work together with others as part of a team is not simply a skill needed at school, it is a vital skill used in all areas of life. In school the children experience teamwork in many different forms. Whilst children will experience plenty of team-based activities at school, it is important to continue the ethos of good teamwork at home too. In assembly we have discussed how teamwork requires people to work cooperatively with others towards a shared goal. For a team to work together effectively, it takes all members of the team to respect each other's abilities and opinions. Working as part of a team strengthens social and emotional skills, helps develop communication skills and can improve confidence.



## New staging

We are very grateful to FESA who have kindly agreed to fund the purchase of much needed new modular staging. This is lightweight and compact making simple to both store and assemble when needed. We look forward to this being well used for school events and performances. Year 6 will be the first to tread the new boards.



## Sports Day Arrangements

Sports Day has been arranged for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 starting at 1.00pm. Presentation to the winning house will be at 3.15pm. Designated seating area will be allocated, please bring you deck chair, picnic rug!

Thank you to FESA who will be selling refreshments throughout the afternoon.

Please ensure your child brings water, sunhat and sun cream for the event.



## KS2 Cloakroom

To make the Key Stage 2 cloakroom tidier, safer and hopefully have less likelihood of losing items we are installing lockers for all our older pupils next year. Children will be able to store their belongings - coat, PE kitbag, school bag, packed lunch. However please be mindful that we will not be able to accommodate large bags. Each locker is 450x300x450mm (H,W,D) so the smaller, more compact the bag the better!



## Year 1 Canopy

We're delighted that the outside area for Year 1 is to have a canopy fitted ensuring much better use is made of this outdoor area for Year 1 pupils.



## We're a Knockout

As a result of all the money raised by Year 6 Enterprise, and using income generated from our Tasty Tuck Tuck, we are having a fabulous whole school event which promises to be challenging and fun with the 'It's A Knockout' Team. A great way for Year 6 to enjoy their grande finale and for all the school to celebrate their achievements for 2016/17!

Parents are welcome to join us as spectators in the afternoon of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00pm onwards.

See this link for more details [www.we-are-a-knockout.co.uk](http://www.we-are-a-knockout.co.uk)



### Dates for your Diary

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Dad's Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	EYFS/Nursery Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park  Opportunity for parents to chat with governors about proposed class structure for next year at 3.45pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Open Evening for new starters
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Trip to Thornwick Bay
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Elloughton Entertains heats
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Festival of Sport
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Production 6.00pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day & School BBQ 1.00pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Consultations & Annual Reports 2.00pm-6.00pm
W/C Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	City of Culture Week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Box Concert, details to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Open Afternoon to view our City of Culture  Exhibition and winning acts to perform 2.00pm-4.00pm  Year 3/4 The Big Sleep
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	'We're a Knockout' Parents welcome to spectate from 2.00pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service 1.30pm



### Archbishop Visit

Due to recent events in London the Archbishop of York has been requested to attend the Houses of Parliament and is unable to visit the school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June to prepare lunch with Mrs Fulstow. We will re-arrange this event.

### FESA



The poster features the Friends of Elloughton School Association logo at the top right. The text reads: "Friends of Elloughton School Association WE NEED YOUR HELP at the SPORTS DAY BBQ". It asks for volunteers to help serve refreshments from 3.00pm. It also mentions that the sports day starts at 1pm and the BBQ starts at 5.30pm. A note states: "There will be a BBQ, sweet stall and an ice cream stand so the more volunteers the better. This cannot go ahead without enough help." At the bottom right is a drawing of a barbecue grill with food cooking on it, and a small basket of vegetables sits nearby.

### Hull City Culture Challenge

Each week we launch the latest Hull City of Culture Challenge which can be found at [www.hull2017.co.uk](http://www.hull2017.co.uk)

Last week it was : 'THE WASHING LINE'



### Hull City of Culture Week - Open Afternoon

In the final full week of term we will be celebrating the City of Culture and each year group will be exploring an aspect of Hull. On Friday 21st July 2.00pm-4.00pm there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and view some aspects of the children's work from the week. Throughout the afternoon there will be a live performances of music in our open air arena, a chance to see our City of Culture exhibition and the winning acts from Elloughton Entertains will be performing.