



# Elloughton School News

The Newsletter of  
Elloughton Primary School



November 2023



## Word from the Headteacher

We recently took part in national Anti-Bullying week and Odd Socks day to celebrate our differences and to emphasise that everyone is unique. It was an opportunity to remind the children of what bullying is and what it isn't, encouraging the children to take individual and collective action to prevent it. We want every child to be valued and included, able to be themselves without fear of unkindness. Every child should be able to learn in a school environment where they feel safe and supported. We pride ourselves on knowing and caring for our children as individuals, actively promoting respectful behaviour and tackling any form of bullying. We record all reported incidents, working closely with children and parents until issues are fully resolved. All our staff and in particular our ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) Mrs Robbins and Mrs Dakin, support children who have been on the receiving end of ongoing unpleasant behaviour and/or by working with those who have been unkind to others. In addition regular class circles not only build class community but also allow children to share their thoughts and feelings, talking about conflict or tricky social situations that sometimes arise inside and outside of school. Parents can find out more about our how nurture/pastoral provision supports children socially and cares for their mental well-being at our next Coffee, Cake and Chat on 12th December at 2.00pm in The Learning Lodge, our focus will be Lego Therapy. Watch out for further details.

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Fulstow



## Computing at Elloughton Primary by Mrs Callaghan (Computing Lead)

At Elloughton Primary School, we want children to become digitally literate so we ensure quality lessons are being taught from Year 1 to Year 6. In Nursery and Reception the children are provided with the opportunity to explore technology in provision and structured group sessions.



Throughout the year in KS1 and KS2, computing is taught in one of three subject areas: information technology, digital literacy, and computer science. All children take part in computing sessions using a range of devices and programmes such as Chrome Music Lab, Scratch and TinkerCad.

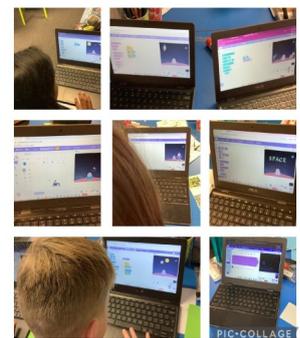


As part of our efforts to maintain and promote our children's online safety, we begin each computing lesson with an E-safety question. These questions allow children to talk about current online E-safety issues and how to deal with them.

We want the children in our school to enjoy using technology and see all the advantages it has to offer. This is why we use technology not only in computing lessons but in a wide range of curriculum subjects.

There are lots of fun ways to explore computing concepts at home as well:

Please see the links provided below:  
<https://www.barefootcomputing.org/>  
<https://www.raspberrypi.org/learn>  
<https://blockly.games/?lang=en>



## Our Opal Play Project

Last week saw the opening of the mound. Children enjoyed the freedom and challenge of climbing and running down the mound. They love it!

### Opal Play Audit

It was a delight for our Play team to recently have the opportunity to work with Michael Follett, one of the founders of Opal Play and Nichola Green, our assigned Opal Play Mentor, who undertook an initial audit for our Opal Play project. We were delighted to receive some excellent feedback.

*Well, that was an amazing experience.*

*I think that your school will shortly be one of the very best in the country and a beacon of outstanding practice for the region. What your staff and parents need to appreciate is that your school are leading the UK and in effect global best practice in supporting the mental, social, physical and educational development of your children. I am looking forward to following the development of play at your school - it is very exciting and something that all of the staff, children and parents should have a tremendous amount of pride in.*

*Best Wishes*

*Michael Follett*



### Teachers Playing

Last Friday saw our very first extra OPAL play session where staff from across school came out to experience the joy of OPAL Play.

*I was blown away by the transformation of playtimes. Everywhere I went, children were smiling, happy, busy, imaginative and buzzing with excitement. Children were so enthusiastic to show me everything- "Come on the hill!", "Come and watch this!" Mrs Hurwood*

*Seeing the children enjoying OPAL play on Friday was amazing; they were all so engaged and happy! It was great to see those building a fortress with the crates and pallets really thinking about their strategy to stop the building from falling and allocating a watch-person to raise the alarm if the structure became unstable. It was also lovely to see children from all different year groups playing together and being accepting of each other. Mrs Dows*

### Den Building

*I was so impressed with the loose part play. This has really developed over the week - our children are incredible! The problem solving and decision making that went into their fort was amazing. Using the green tubes to secure the crates as the wind was blowing them down. Using the long planks to secure the roof. We will definitely be growing some architects and designers! Mrs Brammall*

### Coming soon

Parent Play Day - Friday 2nd February 1.30pm

Join us to experience playtimes at Elloughton School and find out more about Opal Play. A chance to ask any questions you may have.

### Meet The Team

The Opal Play team consists of

- Carole Fulstow (Headteacher),
- Rebecca Brammall (Curricular lead for Play)
- Sara Sutherland (Play Coordinator)
- Gemma Shaw (Teacher for Play)
- Paris East (Parent)
- James Fairbank (Governor)



## Parental Complaint

In response to a recent anonymous letter from an unspecified number of parents, in which concerns around the use of financial donations from our recent Colour Run event were raised, we would like to reassure our school community that as with all school monies, we have detailed accounts of all income and expenditure for our Opal Play Project. The money from the Colour Run has so far paid for the construction of the sandpit and the mound.

We'd like to clarify that the MKM sand was paid for in full, however, the usual delivery fee was waived on this occasion. In the interest of full transparency, these concerns will be raised at the next Full Governing Body meeting on December 6th, to whom we are accountable to for all aspects of financial reporting.

In addition all play areas and equipment are carefully risk assessed and maintained. As with the EYFS sandpit, the large sandpit is raked and checked on a daily basis in the interests of pupil safety.

If any parent has any particular worries or concerns it would be helpful to discuss these confidentially with a member of the Senior Leadership Team and/or a governor. At no point would such discussions have a detrimental impact on a child or their family.

Once again, thank you to all who have generously donated to our OPAL play fund, we will keep you updated with developments and any evidence of the impact it is having with children across the school.

## Moral Compass - Teamwork



During November our assemblies have focussed on Teamwork. 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 and needed in all areas of life. In school the children experience teamwork in many different forms. Whilst children will experience team based activities at school, it is important to continue the ethos of good teamwork at home too.



## Scouting Injury!

A polite reminder for parents to please not permit children to scoot or cycle on the school site. A child has recently been injured because of this. Please ensure your child walks with their scooter/bicycle on the school site.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Bag2School

Your child will come home with an empty charity bag next week. Bags2School is a fundraiser. We will receive 50p per kg that's £500 per tonne.

Please fill your bag with unwanted adult/children's clothing, shoes, hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

Thank you for your support!



## Children in Need

Thank you for supporting Children in Need. We all loved 'Wearing Something Spotty or Something Pudsey' and raised a whopping £374.00.

Thank you for your generosity!



## Spreading Christmas Cheer

We're encouraging children to send Christmas cards to a class rather than every pupil within a class.

You may prefer to donate money to charity!



## Christmas Appeal - Book Donations



Thank you so much for supporting our Christmas Appeal by donating new or nearly new good books. The book bin is already overflowing with many lovely books. Each book will be gift wrapped and given to a child in one of 19 schools in areas of high deprivation throughout Hull. Jo Walker, who set up the charity 6 years ago, will be joining us in celebration assembly on 8th December to receive the books and say a few words about the work her charity do. A big thank you for all your support.



## Polite Reminder

Please remember to leave promptly from the playground after the school day, if you are waiting to collect older siblings please ensure you are supervising younger children at all times. Sadly we have recently received a complaint about children's behaviour towards others on the pirate ship at the end of the day.



## Britain in Bloom

The Elloughton & Brough Town Council would like to thank our school, especially Mr Wallis and the Gardening Club for their hard work. The Britain in Bloom judges visited our school in the summer, the final report mentioned the encouragement of plant growing and showed appreciation of the children's environment.



The Royal Horticultural Society is proud to present

Elloughton cum Brough In Bloom

with a 2023 Britain in Bloom UK Finals

Certificate of Achievement - Children and Young People's Participation



Presented: Royal Horticultural Society



## Welcome

Mrs Fulstow recently had the privilege of attending the celebration of ministry at St. Mary's for the licensing and installation of Reverend Rebecca Allright as Priest-in-charge in the Benefice of Elloughton and Brough with Brantingham. Rev Becky visited school last week to meet the staff and children. We look forward to working closely with her and continuing to further develop our links with St Mary's church.



## Opal Play Award

Well done to Layla Minett for her wonderful design for our new Opal Award. It looks fantastic. Thank you to all the other children who entered our competition to design the new award.



# GOVERNOR OF THE MONTH

## NOVEMBER

**Lesley Hemingway**

**All about me!**

I was a Primary School teacher for 28 years and am now retired. I have 2 daughters, 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter who I love spending time with. Two of my grandsons live in Tokyo Japan and I love visiting them there. Having grandchildren gives me the chance to go to theme parks and farms, fly kites, make sandcastles, read out-loud and generally have lots of fun.

In my spare time I enjoy travelling, walking and bird watching with my husband, going to the gym, swimming, reading and spending time with friends.

**Why did I choose to be a governor at Elloughton?**

I loved being a teacher and when I retired I wanted to continue being actively involved in Primary Education and make use of the skills and experiences I had built up in my teaching career. I applied to be a Local Authority Governor and was delighted when a place came up at Elloughton so close to home.

**My favourite thing about being a governor is...**

Elloughton is such a warm, inviting and happy school where there is always something new and exciting happening. I have especially enjoyed joining in with lessons, assemblies, class trips, sports days and other school events where I have met so many lovely pupils and parents. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be part of Team Elloughton and contribute to the continuing success of the school.

## Lost and Found

Once again we have a very large pile of unclaimed and unnamed uniform and outdoor clothing. Please can you remember the importance of naming all items in school so when lost they can be return to their rightful owner.



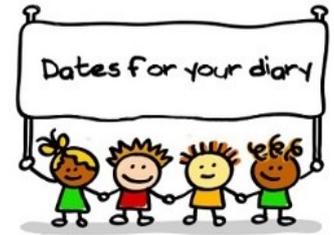
## School Recycled

Please keep collecting plastic lids and bottle tops.



### Important Dates – Autumn Term

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fair 3.15pm – 5.00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Visit to Hull Truck Theatre – Pinocchio
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa's Grotto (FESA) 3.45pm–5.30pm (15 minute sessions) Buy a gift for someone special (FESA)
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Parents Evening in person 3.35pm – 6.05pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Cluster Christmas Choir event at South Hunsley Nursery visit to the library
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Elloughton Explorers – Nativity 1.30pm Last day for Christmas appeal donations
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery new starters – Come and Play 3.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Coffee and Chat 2.00pm with SEND/Pastoral team Year 6 Parents Evening virtual 3.35pm – 6.05pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity 1.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity 5.00pm Nursery Christmas singing 2.00pm - 3.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day
18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Music Service Christmas Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Come and See (A chance to visit classrooms Year 3–6) 3.25pm–3.45pm
20 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Services –St Mary's Church (Parents and grandparents welcome) Year 3 & 4 9.30am – 10.00am Year 5 & 6 11.00am – 11.30am KS1 Christmas Christingle Services–St Mary's Church Year 1 1.15pm – 1.45pm Year 2 2.15 – 2.45pm (Parents and grandparents welcome)
21 <sup>st</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Visit to Leeds Theatre – The Enormous Crocodile End of Autumn Term



#### Term and Holiday Dates 2023/2024

##### Autumn Term

Closes Thursday 21st December 2023



##### Spring Term

Opens Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Closes Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Re-Opens Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Closes Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024



##### Summer Term

Opens Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Closed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
(Bank Holiday)

Closes Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Re-Opens Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Closes Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024



##### Teacher Training Days

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

#### Term and Holiday Dates 2024/2025

##### Autumn Term

Opens Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Closed Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Re-opens Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024



##### Spring Term

Opens Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Closed Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Re-opens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Closed Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025



##### Summer Term

Opens Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Closed Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

(Bank holiday)

Closed Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Re-opens Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Last day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025



##### Teacher Training Days

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025