



Elloughton School News

The Newsletter of
Elloughton Primary School



September 2023



Word from the Headteacher

Once again It has been a delight to welcome everyone back to school after the summer break. The first few weeks have been full of positivity with the children so enthusiastic, keen and happy to be reunited with friends, settling well into their new classes. A special welcome to all our new staff and children who have joined us in nursery, EYFS and other year groups. They have all made a fantastic start and quickly adapted quickly to the daily routines of daily school life.

Life during the summer holidays was extremely busy with lots of premises development to further improve the school buildings and grounds and enhance the learning environment. The reconstruction of the hall was completed and the teaching kitchen was refurbished. The hall now looks very different (the water stained ceiling tiles have now gone and we no longer need buckets and paddling pools to catch the rain water!). Further work is to take place during October half term to refurbish the hall floor and fit new external doors. Thankfully the Local Authority has fully funded all this much needed work.



Internal developments also took place to set up our new Treehouse provision, an additional space in school to support children who have social communication difficulties. Within this area we have incorporated a Dark Den, a small sensory room and different areas for learning. In addition we have restyled our SMILE room and The Nest, where Mrs Robbins and Mrs Dakin (our Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) provide social and emotional support for pupils. Both rooms provide a quiet, relaxing and calming space for children when needed.

The excitement of OPAL play has really taken off this term and playtimes have been transformed. I'm sure you may have heard the children talk about all their new playtime adventures! We're delighted to now have a new play shed and along with a refurbished shelter and welly storage in and around school. Special thanks to FESA for their generous donation to support our exciting new project. We also really appreciate all the wonderful items that parents have donated as we continue to work hard to make playtimes engaging, inspiring and inclusive. Remember your waste is our treasure! The creation of our new giant sandpit is our next exciting project and we hope the Colour Run event will provide much needed funds.



So as we embark on the new school year we look forward to all the children's achievements, both big and small, Myself and staff will continue working closely with you all as 2023/2024 promises to be fulfilling and successful. Thank you for your continued support as together we ensure Elloughton is a wonderful place for all our children to grow, thrive and flourish.



Warmest wishes
Mrs Fulstow



Coming together is a
BEGINNING
Keeping together is
PROGRESS
Working together is
SUCCESS

Henry Ford

Opal Play

Lunchtimes are truly transforming at Elloughton. OPAL play is in full swing. Over the summer we have seen the addition of the mud kitchen, rope swing and boat. Children are enjoying the wheeled toys area, the water area, den budding, dress up.



We believe that: *“Play is freely chosen, personally directed, intrinsically motivated behaviour that actively engages the child. Play can be fun or serious. Through play children explore social, material and imaginary worlds and their relationship with them, elaborating all the while a flexible range of responses to the challenges they encounter. By playing, children learn and develop as individuals, and as members of the community.”*

(Children’s Play Council 2001).

Results from the Parent survey

100% of parents feel play is extremely or very important. When you asked your children what they didn't like about playtime they said:

- Not allowed on field
- It's boring
- Not much to do when they get older
- Restricted to a playground

Now children can:

- Mix on both playgrounds
- Go on the field
- Play with their siblings
- Play football on the field
- Have more time to play
- Enjoy nature

Our lunchtime playtimes are developing skills like resilience, perseverance, social interaction, self control, respect, independence, risk management, negotiating, teamwork to name just a few!

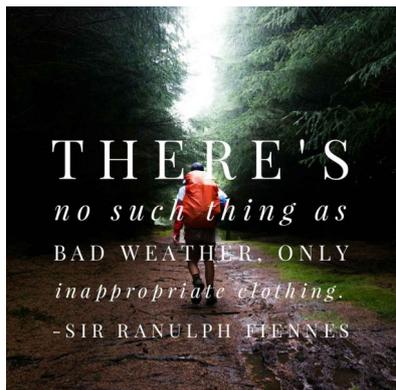
Just be aware that your child may come home a little messy

All parents who responded to the survey were happy with their children coming home with muddy clothes and were not worried about minor accidents. Children getting mucky is a sign of them having a good day!

**SORRY
ABOUT
THE MESS
BUT WE'RE
MAKING
MEMORIES**

Out whatever the weather

We will be playing outdoors whatever the weather so please make sure your children have a coat and wellies in school everyday!



Harvest Donations

Many thanks for all the wonderful donations of food. The East Yorkshire Foodbank was extremely grateful and overwhelmed by our kindness and generosity. All the children enjoyed their Harvest service at St. Mary's Church reflecting on the meaning of harvest.



A Huge Thank You

Thank you so much to Katie Kirk for donating this beautiful boat for OPAL play. The children absolutely love it! Thank you to Craig Kirk for organising delivery!



A massive thank you to Dixon Group for our fantastic new outdoor tap. The children will love outdoor water play at lunchtimes!



A huge thank you to Associated Pallets for their incredibly kind donation of plastic pallets for Opal Play. The children have loved using these to build some amazing creations.

We'd also like to thank...

- Jon Bennett for his donation of spools
- Paul Hodgins & Danny East for building the mud kitchen
- The Wilsons for donating decking boards



What's next?

We are now fundraising for a giant 12m x 10m giant sand pit and a hill to roll down!

Can you help?

Are you able to.....?

- Sponsor some sand or fake grass
- Help at the Colour Run?
- Donate some time to help create the sand pit

We'd love to hear from you if you can help in any way. Contact Mrs Brammall if you're able to support Opal Play.



Moral Compass - School Values



During September our assemblies will be focused on the new school year, what is special about our Elloughton Primary school and our community along. We will be reinforcing the purpose of our Moral Compass, the values within it as well as a three school expectations.



Staffing

It's a delight to welcome Miss Amy Johns (Year 4 teacher) and Mrs Fiona Colley (Year 5 teacher) to Team Elloughton. Mrs Louise Ward has now returned to our school, along with Mrs Kate Welton, joining our team of dedicated Learning Support Assistants.



Baby Boom!

Congratulations to Mrs Emily Jenkins and her husband on the safe arrival of their baby girl, Isabella 7lbs 15oz



Congratulations to Mrs Rae and her husband on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Cormac (Cory) 8lbs

School Recycled

Our collection of plastic lids keeps growing thanks to your support. We'll soon be able to purchase items for school using our earth tokens. Please keep collecting plastic lids and bottle tops. Remember to ask friends and family to collect too!



Lifestyle Project 2023

It was lovely that three of our ex pupils (now in Year 8 at South Hunsley) donated a seat made from Eco Bricks (Bottles filled with non-recyclable plastic)

The seat has been put to good use!



Charity walk – Mission Accomplished

Several members of Team Elloughton walked the High Hunsley Round (27.7miles) on Sunday 24th September in just 9 hours to raise money for the Queen's Centre Oncology and Haematology unit at Castle Hill which are providing wonderful care and treatment for our much loved Learning Support Assistant Charlotte Beardsley.

Sadly we know many of us have family and friends who are also currently receiving treatment so we wish to do all we can to support this extremely worthy cause.

We have raised an amazing £1,550 so far. Thank you for all your wonderful support.

<https://gofund.me/3c612af7>



Calling all Volunteers

If you as parents or grandparents, or you know a willing member of the local community who would like to help in school in some way this year, on an occasional or regular basis e.g. listening to readers, helping with classroom activities, supporting FESA, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

We love
OUR
Volunteers

Named Uniform

Please make sure all your children's clothing and uniform for school is clearly named.

If there is no name we are unable to return to the correct child.



Water only

Please ensure that all children come to school with a named water bottle as it is important your child has access to water throughout the day.



As a 'Teeth friendly' school we only allow water in bottles for drinking during lessons, not juice or flavoured water.



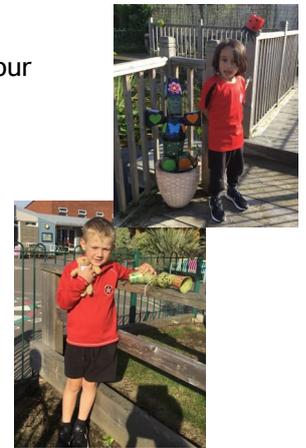
Britain in Bloom

It was a pleasure to welcome the judges of Britain in Bloom to our school during the holidays when members of our Gardening Club gave a guided tour of our grounds to admire the flower beds they had created, along with the allotment area and Ali's garden. The judges were really impressed by how much the children had achieved last year.



Competition Winners

Well done to the winners of our Flowerpot and Treehouse competitions.



Important Dates – Autumn Term

26th September	Y6 Residential talk
27th September	Individual school photos
29th September	Colour Run 2.30pm–5.00pm
	Preloved uniform sale
2nd October	EYFS Come and Read Savannah
3rd October	EYFS Come and Read Arctic
5th October	EYFS Come and Read Ocean
	Hull Fair Lunch Menu
9th October	Nursery Open Morning
16th October	Y6 Anglo Saxon Day
17th October	Y5 Anglo Saxon Day
24th October	Y5/6 Prison Me No Way Workshop
25th October	Fireman Visit EYFS



Term and Holiday Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

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

<u>Teacher Training Days</u>	
	Monday 4th September 2023
	Friday 22nd December 2023
	Monday 8th January 2024
	Friday 22nd March 2024

