

19th June 2020

Elloughton School News

The Newsletter of
Elloughton Primary School



Word from the Headteacher

What an absolute pleasure it has been to welcome back EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils; such a delight to see so many eager faces in school. Several parents were excited, and relieved, too! The children, including those who have been in school on a regular basis, have all been amazing, embracing the many changes and quickly adapting to their 'new look' environment. They have shown a willingness to do their very best and it has been wonderful to have the school and playground alive again with children working, learning and playing happily in their bubbles.

Earlier this week, the government announced that primary schools may bring in pupils from other year groups if they have capacity. However, by the end of next week, when nursery children return, all our classrooms will be in full use and all staff will be allocated to bubbles. So due to the constraints we have to work within we would need additional space and extra staff to enable more pupils to return. It saddens me not to be able to welcome more pupils at this point as I firmly believe there should be fair access to education for all children.

There is currently ongoing debate, both locally and nationally, about what should happen within schools during the summer, September and beyond, with calls for more detailed plans from the government about how and when all pupils will return. At times, the media coverage has been misleading and confusing, with conflicting reports about the possible next steps. Recently there has been some talk of summer school, holiday clubs and catch up programmes although at this stage we are still awaiting further guidance from the DFE and Local Authority. We will, of course, keep you updated.

We are truly hoping that all pupils will be back by September but this will ultimately depend on the rates of infection and the measures in place regarding socially distancing. At this moment the next steps on our road back to normal remain unclear but as we have started to open our doors and unlock our school community we remain determined to keep everyone safe. In the meantime, we are reviewing our transition arrangements and our curriculum in preparation for the new school year, considering how to start closing the educational gaps and tailor the teaching that will be required to support each child as they return.

As a parent myself, I know that the challenges of home education, balancing work and family, have at times seemed impossible. The last few months have tested us all and it has been tough at times yet our strong community team spirit amongst all the staff and parents has remained steadfast. We have all worked together to develop new strategies and new ways of working to educate our children in a very different world, whilst continuing to look after their safety and wellbeing, and our own!

We are immensely grateful for all your continued support and the many thoughtful messages. While lockdown has meant that our children have moved in far smaller circles and the interactions between us all have become more remote, I hope that we can all take from this experience the chance to see our own children as pupils. This is an opportunity to understand them as learners; to see their frustrations as well as admire their triumphs.

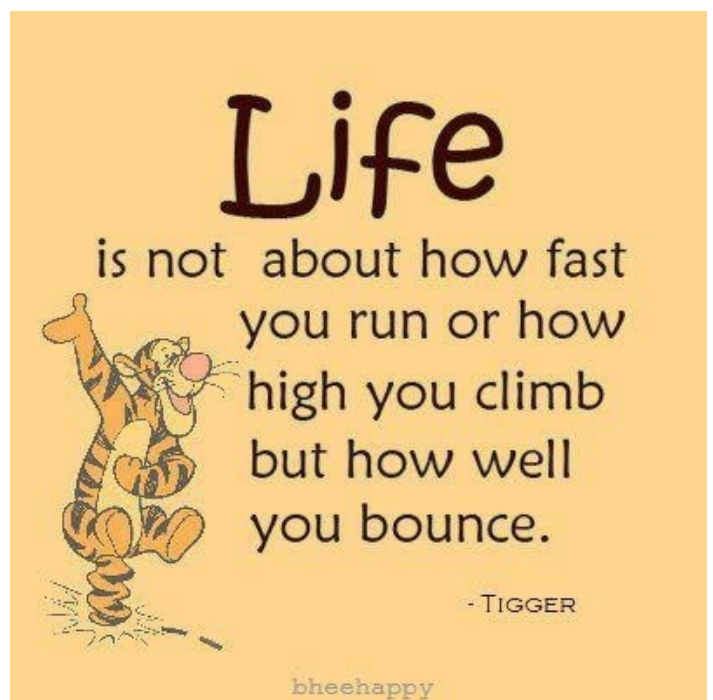
We are all absolutely looking forward to having all the children back, wearing their Elloughton school badge with pride and being united again, being with friends and teachers, being part of the community and experiencing the joys of school life. We are committed, determined and ready to ensure our school community continues to thrive.

As always remain safe and well.

Kind Regards
Mrs Fulstow

*Welcome
back!*

P.S. When I asked a little girl in Year 1 yesterday if she was glad to be back she replied "I haven't stopped bouncing since I got out of bed!" which really made me smile. She was renamed Tigger for the rest of the day.



Half Term Reading Challenge

Thank you to all the children that entered the half term reading challenge to recreate a book cover of their choice. It was a delight to look through all of the entries!

We had a top five! These were voted for by a selection of pupils in Year 4 and 5.

The final four were:

Oliver Sketch (Year 2) who created 'Jack and the trouble with Daisy'.

Lily Sketch (Year 5) who created 'Chocolatina'.

Matilda Richardson (Year 2) who created 'The Magic Faraway tree'.

Gracie Crossland-Green (EYFS) who created 'Matilda' and 'Gangsta Granny'.

And our winner was **Anisa Tyas (Year 3)** who recreated 'Princess Mirror-Belle'.

Well done to you all!



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

Congratulations

A huge well done to Felicity who entered a competition, organised by the local estate agent Matthew Limb, to design a dream house. Here's her wonderful, winning picture. Much to her delight she won a bag of sweets!



Gift of Kindness

We were so touched to receive this hamper of break time treats for the staff. Thank you to Morrisons for being so thoughtful and considerate.



Thank you

We received this really lovely and thoughtful message from the Revive Church in Brough, along with a large box of chocolates and biscuits. Thank you from all of the staff at Elloughton Primary School. How very kind!



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Keeping you all in our
prayers in this changing
season.

Kind regards,
Maggie + Dave Carr
+ the Revive Church Family

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