Elloughton School News

The Newsletter of Elloughton Primary School

25th March 2021

Word from the Headteacher

As Easter approaches we can reflect on what a turbulent year it has been since the first national lockdown. When we closed our doors on 20th March 2020 little did we know that twelve months on we would just be emerging from a further school lockdown.

School has clear routines and brings security and predictability that, in turbulent times, also gives reassurance. It brings a breadth of learning that is always evident every day around school. After working at home for several weeks, the routine for many took some adjusting as they stepped from remote learning back into school. Even those who had remained in school found it tricky having classrooms and the playground full again with more children, less space and more noise. What is clear is that so many have loved being back with their friends and teachers, it has had been a delight to have a busy buzz in every corner of the school with children enjoying lessons and working with their peers.

You will have no doubt heard the phrase 'catch-up' a lot in the media, with a big focus on academic catch up. With this in mind we continue to adapt our curriculum and be proactive in closing gaps. We're using assessment to focus on areas of knowledge and skills that may not have been fully understood or where children feel less confident. However, the core values and vision for our school still hold strong. We want our children to believe in themselves and persevere in a bid to reach their full potential.

Thank you to parents who have shown their ongoing support for the school in so many ways. I only wish all our parents could receive the brilliant recognition they deserve as I know the challenges that home schooling has brought. I do hope, with your child back in school, the transition has gone well. On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to say thank you to you all!

Do have a relaxing Easter break and I look forward to welcoming you all back for the start of the summer term.

Happy Easter!

Mrs Fulstow

Easter Eggs

Thank you overwhelming support. We received 166 Easter Eggs which will be donated to Doorstep and The Hull Foodbank. Your kindness and generosity is really appreciated.

Practising times tables with a difference

Oliver in Year 5 has created a 100 square in his garden and as times table questions are given he has to jump on his pogo stick to the relevant square with the answer without falling off! A novel way of practising and recalling those key multiplication facts as well as keeping fit.

doodlemaths

Spring Challenge

*Between the **1st of April and the 30th April**, Doodle will be running a Spring Challenge — the **DoodleMaths Challenge**! The Challenge encourages children to use Doodle for a few minutes each day, helping them to **rebuild their confidence** and **get back on track** in their learning. Best of all, those who take part can earn a free pin badge and certificate!*

***How to take part: From the 1st of April**, visit parents.doodlemaths.com and press **Register** next to your child's name. Then, encourage your child to **earn 450 stars** (or **350 stars** if they were born on or after 01/09/13) **and achieve a 7-day streak** in DoodleMaths. Once they've reached their target, you'll be able to claim their reward by logging in to the Dashboard and pressing **Claim reward**.*

Social Distancing

We have once again received concerning emails from parents about the lack of social distancing by some parents at drop off and pick up times.

There have been cases of COVID recently linked to staff and families. We would like to reiterate though that we all must be extra vigilant, WE CANNOT RELAX. Lockdown has NOT ended. Regulations have not changed. The only thing which has changed is the ability of all children to attend school. We know however, if we get these staged changes wrong, the availability of the shops, facilities and holidays which we yearn for will be delayed even further. We have a responsibility to all to do our bit. We must all maintain our guard and not relax.

May we remind everyone of the following:

•We ask those collecting or dropping off children, including secondary children, to wear a face covering. This is in direct response to the increased transmission risk of the new variant. This is particularly to help protect you.

•Do not gather in groups on the playground, by the entrances and on the pavement outside school.

•Do not arrive early – gates will not open before 8.40am or 3.00pm.

•Younger siblings must stay with parents at all times.

• Maintain social distancing at all times. Remember SOCIAL DISTANCING IS DESIGNED TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. The closer you are to another, the easier it is to catch it!

•It is also important that just one person comes on site to pick up or drop off a child.

•Secondary pupils must wait outside the grounds unless they are the only pick up person.

•We think the advice that we "presume everyone we meet could be Covid positive" is still worth keeping in mind.

…sadly and very frustratingly I have noticed in the last week and beginning of this week the lack of masks and social distancing parents and grandparents are not abiding by. I would say at least half are wearing masks and others simply are not. I suffer with extreme anxiety I find school drop off and pick ups really stressful as well as the uncertainty of the pandemic which I believe and looks like everyone seems to have forgotten about.

Still what seems to be a big problem is that parents are hanging about chatting to each other by the gates blocking the entrance and exit as well as standing by cars blocking pathways to stand and chat again with no masks worn..

From a concerned parent.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 13th April and Tuesday 20th April (Reception-Year 6) and Monday 10th May and 17th May (Nursery) via video call. A letter and video call instructions has been sent to parents. You will be able to make appointments in the same way using our Parents' Evening System from the 1st April 2021.

parentsevening system

Home Learning

The arrangements for home learning will remain in place for those isolating and should a 'Bubble' have to close. As before, if anyone in a household is displaying symptoms and/or waiting the results of a Covid test, pupils MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL.

We are told that the new variants of the virus are more easily transmitted than the original and now we learn that the Brazilian and South African variants are in this country. We have kept the school open as much as possible. However the danger of a case in school resulting in a Bubble being sent home is as great now as it has ever been. Cases may be falling, but the virus is still prevalent in our area. The virus has not gone away, prevalence in the East Riding is actually above the national average per 100,000 people.

Governing Body Vacancies

We have two vacancies for **non-parent** positions on our Governing Body. We are particularly keen to recruit individuals with experience in data analysis; financial management and monitoring; risk management and performance management, as well as an interest in Education. Experience in the education sector is not essential for these positions. If you know of family members, friends or colleagues who would be interested in finding out more please ask them to email admin@epsch.co.uk or visit our website https://www.elloughtonprimaryschool.co.uk/our-governors.html

Red Nose Day

Thank you for all your support. We Loved the wacky hair, hats and Red Noses. We raised £365.70!

WHY NOT BOOK A SLOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EXPERT FITTING ADVICE?

From their very first crawling shoes to robust and stylish school shoes or shoes for those big weekend adventures, our kids in-store fitting experts will help you find the perfect fit for their growing feet. Plus, we have a personal shopping and fitting service for adults, too.

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Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you think a shopping experience without crowds, noise and bright lights would be better, then book a Quiet Time appointment.

To do this, contact Clarks Beverley on 01482 870736
Or call the Customer Care team on 01458 899053
Opening hours, Monday to Saturday 9.30am-5.30pm, Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm

Clarks

Tuesday 13th April	Parents' Evening (R-Year 6)
Tuesday 20th April	Parents' Evening (R-Year 6)
Tuesday 4th May	Year 6 CATs Test (South Hunsley)
Wednesday 5th May	Year 6 CATs Test (South Hunsley)
Monday 10th May	Parents' Evening (Nursery)
Monday 17th May	Parents' Evening (Nursery)

All dates can be viewed on the calendar on the website

Science Week

This week at Elloughton our pupils have been celebrating British Science Week. There has been a real buzz around school as the children have learned about various aspects of science from the life cycle of flowering plants and trees to the life cycle of animals, and the differences in states of matter. Our pupils are lucky that we have some amazing resources and grounds at our school. We have our own pond which is currently full of frogs' spawn so that the pupils can see life cycles first hand, as well as our large grounds that include lots of flowering plants and trees, as well as various wildlife.

The week started with an introduction to Science Week assembly where children were introduced to innovations such as thermochromic paint and apps that can help them investigate the inside of the human body. The children were involved in lots of science including investigations and enquiry to promote their natural curiosity.

Don't forget the BSW poster competition closing date is the 30th April. If you wish to enter your design, go to www.britishscienceweek.org and remember to share them with me for display around school.

Good luck and stay curious.

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

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Closes	Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term

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Closes	Friday 18th February 2022
Re-Opens	Monday 28th February 2022
Closes	Thursday 7th April 2022

Summer Term

Opens	Monday 25th April 2022
Closed	Monday 2nd May 2022 (Bank Holiday)
Closes	Friday 27th May 2022
Re-Opens	Monday 6th June 2022
Closes	Friday 22nd July 2022

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