



Elloughton School News

The Newsletter of
Elloughton Primary School



October 2024



Word from the Headteacher

It's been a busy first half term and I'm sure all the children are now ready for a well-earned break. I know many of them are excited for the holiday with Halloween and Bonfire Night approaching. A special thanks to FESA for organising yesterday's Halloween bun sale and disco. Lots of spooky fun was enjoyed by all!

Yesterday we also enjoyed our "House Sing Off" where each house performed a song of their choice linked to a given theme. It was a fabulous musical extravaganza with everyone joining together to impress the judges, who had a very tricky job! Well done to "Leo" who were worthy winners singing very enthusiastically "Titanium". We loved their house chant too!

So once again it's been a pleasure to welcome parents into school for various events such as Fun and Fire, Taco Tasting, Parent Opal Play and of course our very popular Colour Run. This has to be undoubtedly the highlight of the term so far and a wonderful way to start the school year. Thanks for all your support which made it a phenomenal success, raising a whopping £5,600.



We're so fortunate to have such a supportive group of parents, carers and grandparents, whenever we organise events either for fundraising, celebrating the children's achievements or simply joining together to learn and have fun. Our children are always so welcoming and love to share and take part in activities with grownups. Thank you as always for your overwhelming support.

So it's been a super start to the Autumn term. Now it's time to enjoy some much needed rest and recuperation. I'm sure once we return the excitement of Christmas will begin to build!

Warmest wishes

Mrs Fulstow



Attendance in School

Every minute counts—please ensure your child arrives to school on time! Being late is distressing for pupils, missing the start of a lesson disrupts the whole class and embarrasses the child walking into the classroom where children are working. Look at this table to see the impact of being late has on your child's attendance...



MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY =	3.4 days 98.4% attendance
10 MINUTES A DAY =	6.9 days 97.6% attendance
15 MINUTES A DAY =	10.3 days 94.6% attendance
20 MINUTES A DAY =	13.8 days 92.9% attendance
30 MINUTES A DAY =	20.7 days 89.2% attendance

Water Bottles

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.



Calling all Volunteers

If any parent or grandparent, 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.



Calling all keen gardeners!

Visitors often comment on the lovely garden areas we have in and around school. Our two gardening clubs, run by Mr Wallis and Mrs Stillings, do their utmost to look after the flower beds but as any keen gardener knows it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to keep on top of the weeds!

If anyone can spare a little time to help tend the garden areas we'd love to hear from you! Please contact the school office if you can assist on a regular or occasional basis.



Following on from success of the EYFS Plant-a-Plant days we hope to host a day for each year group with the help of Elloughton-In-Bloom. Watch this space for more details!

Bags2School

Our next collection is Wednesday 6th November 2024.

This is a fundraiser for our school. We will receive 50p per kg that's £500 per tonne.

Having a clear out over the October half term? Please keep any unwanted adult/children's clothing, shoes, hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

Thank you for your support!



Term and Holiday Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term

Closes Friday 25th October 2024
Re-opens Monday 4th November 2024
Closes Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term

Opens Tuesday 7th January 2025
Closes Friday 14th February 2025
Re-opens Monday 24th February 2025
Closes Thursday 3rd April 2025

Summer Term

Opens Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Closed Monday 5th May 2025
(Bank holiday)
Closes Friday 23rd May 2025
Re-opens Monday 2nd June 2025
Last day Friday 18th July 2025



Teacher Training Days
Monday 2nd September 2024
Monday 6th January 2025
Friday 4th April 2025
Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Term and Holiday Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term

Opens Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Closes Friday 24th October 2025
Re-opens Monday 3rd November 2025
Closes Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term

Opens Tuesday 6th January 2026
Closes Friday 13th February 2026
Re-opens Monday 23rd February 2026
Closes Thursday 26th March 2026

Summer Term

Opens Monday 13th April 2026
Closed Monday 4th May 2026
(Bank holiday)
Closes Friday 22nd May 2026
Re-opens Monday 1st June 2026
Last day Friday 17th July 2026



Teacher Training Days
Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Friday 27th March 2026



We recently had Kofi Smiles from BBC Radio Humberside in school to talk to the children about Opal Play, the chats will be going out next week from Monday please tune in at 7:15am and 8:15am. The children were fabulous talking enthusiastically about Opal and all the wonderful things they can do at playtimes.



Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

Due to the ever increasing mountain of unnamed school uniform and other items, such as water bottles, we will have a weekly lost property display in the front playground every Friday 3.00 -3.30. If items are named we can easily return found items to children but sadly this is not possible when items have no names.



Harvest Donations

Thank you for all of your harvest donations. Thanks to Dr Andrew Milner, Dale Farm, Brantingham, who collected and delivered all the food parcels to Hull Foodbank, it was such a generous donation too weighing in at 98.15kg. We received this thank you certificate from Hull Foodbank which indicates how many meals that would make - it's enough for them to help around 10 people for at least 3 days/to a week! So we, and the Foodbank, are very grateful.



Thank you!

Elloughton Primary

For your incredible food donation of 98.15kg. This is enough to make 230 meals!

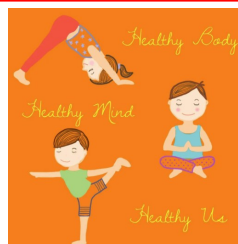
Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Russ Barlow
Foodbank Manager

Registered charity number: 1144286. Registered in England and Wales.

PE Lessons

We firmly believe if children are well enough to be in school then they are well enough to take part in PE lessons unless we have a letter of medical exemption. When children have a minor injury, minor illness or suffer with anxiety our Sports Coach Mr Jenkinson and/or class teachers will always endeavour to adapt lessons to suit specific needs. They are mindful of children who find PE more challenging. It is vital that children take part in all lessons which are part of the National Curriculum. There is no right to withdraw from PE lessons, We pride ourselves on having excellent Sport and PE provision. Legally children must have a minimum of 2 hours PE provision each week and there is well documented evidence of the physical health and mental health benefits when children are regularly physically active.



PE Kit

On PE days children are required to have their uniform in school (including shoes) to change into in the event of getting wet during PE and therefore requiring a change of clothes. Y5/6 must come in PE kit if have PE in the morning or if PE is the afternoon bring their PE kit to change into. Children must have a change of shoes for PE i.e. trainers (school shoes should not be worn for PE)



Governor of the Month - Lesley Hemingway

This year are continuing with our Governor of the Month initiative and each month the nominated governor will enjoy a 'Back to School Day', shadowing a child so they can experience life at Elloughton through the eyes of a child!

This month Lesley had the pleasure of being with Bella in Year 2, who brilliantly chaperoned her throughout the day, telling her lots about life at Elloughton School. Here's a few words about her day.....

"What a pleasure it was to spend my "back to school day" with Mrs Hurwood's class alongside Bella, who was my partner for the day. The class made me feel very welcome and I enjoyed joining in with the lessons of the day. The various groups I worked with made sure I understood what I had to do and had the correct equipment, even correcting the way I wrote my letter f!! OPAL play was especially good fun although I did decline having a go on the crate slide!!"



GOVERNOR OF THE MONTH

≡ OCTOBER ≡

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. I fly, kite, 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, caring 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.

Out whatever the weather

Remember we will be playing outdoors whatever the weather so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and pair of wellies in school, so they can enjoy the range of play opportunities on offer. Children must have a pair of wellies to go into the giant sandpit.



Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12th November

All children and staff are invited to come to school wearing odd socks, an annual event when we remind ourselves the importance of celebrating individuality and uniqueness.



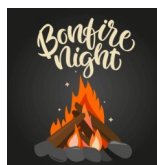
Doodlemaths Champion

Wow ... this young man has achieved a 2000 day streak on Doodlemaths a phenomenal achievement!



Fire Fighters

We're delighted we will have two local Firefighters talking to the children in assembly on 4th November about how to keep ourselves and others safe on Bonfire Night.



Reach More Parents Messaging

Teachers check the messaging section regularly but not always daily therefore the messaging feature is for non-urgent simple queries for subjects such as:

- Lost property
- Forgotten items to school
- Clarification of home learning tasks

All other queries must go via official means through the school office (admin@epsch.co.uk) and should not be discussed through Reach More Parents. Examples include:

- Discussions about behaviour
- Appointments/holidays
- Complaints
- Concerns about a child
- Going home with another child

For any Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Pastoral queries, please email send@epsch.co.uk

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Own Clothes Day Friday 22nd November – Donations for the Christmas Fair

Children are invited to come into school in their own clothes in exchange for bringing a jarbola (jar filled with goodies!) a donation for the Chocolate raffle or a donation for the bottle stall.



Children in Need – Friday 15th November 2024

Children and staff are invited to come to school wearing 'Something spotty' or Children in Need merchandise' with their school uniform.



Smart School Uniform

We ask that all of our children wear school uniform with pride to school every day. This includes polishable black school shoes; trainers are only to be worn with PE kit and/or for a change of shoes at break/lunch when playing on the field.

Make-up, nail varnish, jewellery, should not be worn with the exception of small studded earrings and watches which should be removed for PE lessons. If a child cannot remove their own earrings we suggest they are not worn on PE days. Children should only be putting tape over earrings if recently had their ears pierced.

Thank you for your help and support in reinforcing these expectations with your children. They always look so smart!



Staffing

After half term we welcome Danielle Davies and Clare Close as a new Learning Support Assistants in Key Stage One. We also welcome Amanda Lawes as a new Lunchtime Supervisor.



Sadly we recently said goodbye to Mrs Salt, a Learning Support Assistant in EYFS, Key Stage One and The Treehouse. She is now working as an outreach Practitioner with the Hub where she'll be utilising her knowledge of SEND to support families of children with additional needs .

School Activity Clubs

We do our utmost to offer a range of clubs. We are very grateful to have such dedicated of staff and willing volunteers who give up their own time either at lunchtime or after school to organise a club.



Trading cards / Tiny ducks

Due to disagreements and children getting upset, we request that children do not bring trading cards such as football and Pokemon cards into school.

We also ask that children do not bring into school small ducks to swap



Moral Compass – Assembly Focus—Respect



During October our assemblies have focussed on Respect, a key value that is at the core of everything we do in school, and underpins all our learning. In school we continually encourage children to show respect for themselves, respect for each other and respect for the things around us. We are extremely lucky that our school community is a very positive, supportive and respectful one. It's a joy to see so many children take home Rex Respect every week as a reward.



Our definition of respect at Elloughton Primary School: To admire the qualities, abilities and achievements of others, even when they may be different to our own. To consider the feelings, wishes, or rights of all other people, even when they are different to our own. Our definition of respect at Elloughton Primary School:

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ASDA – Cashpot for Schools

Please download the ASDA Rewards App to raise money for our school or continue to use, thank you for your support.



Socks wanted!

If you have any spare socks, we would love them for OPAL Play please. Thank you



Boules Set Needed!

Do you have a spare Boules Set? Please donate to school for Opal Play.



Important Dates

4th November–8th November	Year 6 East Barnby Residential
4th November	Year 4 Residential Initial Talk to Parents 3.30pm–4.00pm (In the school hall)
5th November	Year 3 Residential Initial Talk to Parents 3.30pm–4.00pm (In the school hall) Bonfire Lunch Special Menu
6th November	Bags2School collection 9.00am
11th November	KS2 Remembrance Service at Church (children only) Stay and Cook – Ocean 1.45pm
12th November	Stay and Cook – Savannah 1.45pm
13th November	Stay and Cook – Arctic 1.45pm
14th November	Family Breakfast 8.15am
15th November	Children in Need Day
18th November	Invite a Special Person for Lunch 12.15pm Year 5 Bushcraft Talk 5.00pm (virtual)
19th November	Nursery Open Morning 9.05am and 9.35am Elloughton Explorers – Forest Schools 2.00pm
21st November	Reception Open Morning 9.05am and 9.35am Coffee & Chat–Emotional Support
22nd November	Own Clothes Day
24th November	Christmas Light Switch On (Time TBC)
26th November	Invite a Special Person for Lunch 12.15pm
27th November	Year 3/4 Stay and Read 8.40am FESA Wreath Making 7.00pm
28th November	KS1 Stay and Read 8.40am
29th November	Year 5/6 Stay and Read 8.40am FESA Christmas Market 3.30pm–5.00pm

