



Elburton Primary School



6th March 2020

Number 19



Message from Mrs Anderson...

It appears that we are already whizzing through term 4 of the school year. There has been a real buzz around the school this week, with the fun and enthusiasm from World Book Day. It is wonderful seeing the children dressed up and talking passionately about vocabulary and books. Thank you for your support with this.

Parents Forum

It was wonderful to have our first Parent Forum meeting this week. We had representation across the school which is brilliant. During the meeting we discussed the following items, Home Learning, Communication strategy and Meal Manager - this prompted some good ideas and points for consideration for the school. We agreed that to enable more input from you as parents, that we would put the agenda in the newsletter a couple of weeks before the meeting, so that you are all able to share your views. These can be shared through your reps or through the communication box in the main entrance. The reps for the school are, Mrs Prue, Mrs Anning, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Cann, Mr Brightman, Dr Rago, and Mrs Chown.

South Africa Visit

Since our last newsletter Miss Collinson, myself and 8 other people from Horizon MAT schools have visited our link school in Cape Town, South Africa. We spent the half term week in Cape Town in a very full week, at Bergvliet Community Primary School. While in the school we both spoke to the whole school in an assembly and worked with individual classes. We found out about the work they are doing on recycling, reducing and reusing items in our drive to reduce the use of plastics and protect our environment. They have a school recycling system, where the community bring their recyclable rubbish to the school to dispose of it, this brings an income to the school. We also saw how the children are making eco-bricks and how they are using them. During the week, we were able to share the learning from our Year 2 classes with them. Mr Paulse, the Headteacher will be visiting us in June as part of our ongoing link. This development and partnership work would not be possible without funding and support of Connecting Classrooms through The British Council. It is an outstanding initiative that brings our classrooms and children, wherever they are, together across the world.



British Council Visit

Yesterday we were able to welcome Mr John Rolfe MBE, from The British Council to Elburton. The aim of his visit was to explore the International Schools work we are committed to at Elburton. It was wonderful for him to be able to talk to the children in Year 2, about their South Africa link project and talk to our staff who have benefitted from these overseas opportunities.

2019-2020

24-02-2020 - 27-03-2020
15-04-2020 - 22-05-2020
01-06-2020 - 17-07-2020
08-05-2020 May Bank Holiday

2020-2021

03-09-2020 - 23-10-2020
02-11-2020 - 18-12-2020
05-01-2021 - 12-02-2021
22-02-2021 - 01-04-2021
20-04-2021 - 28-05-2021
07-06-2021 - 20-07-2021
03-05-2021 May Bank Holiday

Twitter

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Absence

Please can we remind parents to call the school office by 0830am to report your child's absence from school.

Dates for your diary

- 10.03.20 Parent Workshop Supporting your child reading in KS2
- 13.03.20 Sports Awareness Day (Sports Relief)
- 13.03.20 Pig Race
- 17.03.20 Parent Workshop Relationships in the digital age
- 20.03.20 Spring Disco
- 04.05.20 Emotional Logic Training for Year 5 & 6
- 15.05.20 Duck Race
- 18.05.20 Whole School Photo
- 18.05.20 Sport Teams Photos



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Online Relationships in the Digital Age

You will have received information about a survey linked to online relationships this week. Please can we urge you all to complete this for us. In preparation for our workshop on Tuesday 17th March, we want to ensure all of the elements that will be useful to you as parents. This survey is seeking your views and opinions and we will be planning the session around your feedback. We really want to make this session beneficial to you and cover the key elements you may be seeking answers. The survey will only take you a few minutes to complete.



Time to Celebrate, World Pasty Champion 2020 - Daisy in 3AB

We are delighted to let you know that we have a World Pasty Champion among the ranks - many of you might have seen the media coverage of this during the week. A massive well done to Daisy for winning this award last weekend at The Eden Project. It sounds like a delicious pasty.

Athletics Competition

On Friday the 28th of February, Elburton Primary School's talented athletics squad excitedly left for Plymouth Life Centre where they would be competing in the prestigious Level 3 Devon Indoor Athletics Festival; the months of hard-work were paying off.



A few months ago, they had been to Plymstock School where they had competed in their first athletics competition beating 3 other schools to grab the Plymstock gold medal and a place in the Plymouth Athletics Competition (the next stage in their competition run by PSSP). This event was held at Marjons Sports Hall. The team performed fantastically; however, some slight hiccups resulted in them coming second by 14 points, losing to our rivals, Bickleigh Down. Even after they had had a stunning performance, the team knew that getting a pole position against the 14 best schools in Devon would be tough. Our hard working coaches, Miss Marriott, Mrs Hall and Mr Kerridge were determined to give them the best chance so they took every opportunity, every assembly and every PE session (when it wasn't raining – which wasn't as often as they'd like!), to practise their events.



These events included - our 6 relay events (1x1, 2x2, 4x1, 6x2, obstacle relay and over and under), javelin, speed bounce, chest push, standing long jump, triple jump and vertical jump.

The Elburton squad included Sienna, Beth, Erin, Annabelle, Darcie, Scarlett, Roman, Josh, Tobi, Joel, Thomas and Ethan. Our talented team came

3rd out of all the schools in Devon. Wow! What an incredible achievement for all of the children that took part.

We are immensely proud of this team and hope next year's team will keep up the reputation.

By Sienna, Beth and Erin J

Coronavirus - Emphasis on hygiene and hand cleaning

In light of the ongoing world wide health concerns, we are being extra vigilant with children passing on colds and coughs. Children are being encouraged to use tissues and discard them afterwards and then wash their hands thoroughly with soap. We ask that parents continue good hygiene routines at home. Reinforcement of good hygiene practice will help to combat the spread of nasty germs.

Please refer to previous communications on ParentPay from the school regarding Coronavirus updates and links for the latest information.

World Book Day 2020

Do you know why schools celebrate World Book Day?

The Year 6 children researched the history of World Book Day and found that it has been celebrated for the past 23 years in order to raise awareness of authors, illustrators and their books. The charity also believes that *all* children should be given the opportunity to possess their own book and this is why each year all children are given a book token which can be exchanged for a World Book Day title or used as a £1 contribution towards a book of their choice. By doing this, it is hoped that every child has their own book to start their collection. To us, World Book Day is so much more than dressing up and enjoying a book!

We began our World Book Day celebrations on Wednesday 4th March when St Luke's Hospice allowed Elmer to visit for two days. All the classes had the opportunity to meet Elmer and share a book, story or some story-telling with him. We would like to thank St Luke's for this wonderful opportunity for our learners. We would also like to thank you all for your kind donations which totalled £325.00.

On World Book Day itself we continued with the Elmer theme and the children had great fun designing and making their very own Elmer's for the parade. There were many interesting designs and the children had fun collaging and creating their own patchwork elephants. Many children had further opportunities to read with Elmer, create Elmer images and explore his adventures.

It was wonderful to see the vast array of costumes and words that the children creatively dressed up as during our parade - thank you all for your efforts in putting the costumes together and for helping bring books to life.



The day itself was action packed with a wide range of activities on offer throughout the day which were all intended to promote a love of reading: vocabulary challenges, creating books and producing illustrations. One of the highlights had to be the Book Buddy time and it was wonderful to see the children sharing stories and celebrating books together.

Thank you all for your support with World Book Day, it has certainly been a day to remember!

Miss Marriott and the Elburton team



Date for your diaries...

Emotional Logic Training for Year 5 and Year 6 parents

4th May 2020 - 3.40pm - 5pm in the school hall

By Emotional Logic trainer – Christiaan Stirling



This training is part of the direct work taking place with our Year 6 children as part of their PSHRE curriculum (Personal, Health, Social and Relationships Education).

What is Emotional Logic?

Emotional Logic was developed in a healthcare setting during the late 1990s. The method is now used in welfare settings, schools, inclusion units, parenting and youth support organisations, care support and for people with learning or communication difficulties.

Emotional Logic is a structured way to understand the useful purposes of emotions and the ability to turn unpleasant emotions into positive action whilst limiting distress and confusion. This life-long learning method leads to emotional strength and resilience in the face of life's challenges. In turn, this gives the foundation for positive character development.

Adjusting to change is an emotional process and can be difficult. Emotional Logic is used by many counsellors and therapists. This course will NOT be counselling or therapy but will help you in your everyday conversations, parenting and teaching.

Emotions are all useful as we adjust, even if they don't feel great. They are not just in the mind; they are chemistry, thoughts, feelings, posture and facial expressions all rolled in together as you prepare for change. In the training and materials, we explore the seven emotions related to change especially when it involves loss. These are called stepping stones and they are triggered whenever something we value is lost or at risk of being lost. This may be very intense, as in bereavement, or fleeting when experiencing the smallest loss. Even these small losses can trigger a very big loss reaction in children and adults alike. Emotional Logic equips the learners with a tool kit to support emotions and lead to emotional development. Consequently, this method is effective in helping people to cope better with day to day setbacks and disappointments.

The Emotional Logic Centre is working in partnership with MAST (Multi-Agency-Support-Team) and Elburton Primary School.

If you would like to attend and are a parent of a child in Year 5 and Year 6, please come and train with our school staff. To register your interest, please log onto your ParentPay account to confirm your attendance and let us know how many seats you require.

There will be a crèche facility in the Year 2 classrooms for Primary School aged children.

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Spring Term Dates 2020

Monday 6 th January	New term starts
Tuesday 7 th January 2.15pm	Parent Workshop - foundation parents: Early reading, phonics and supporting your child with maths.
Tuesday 14 th January	Tempest: Class Photos
Friday 17 th January 2.30pm	Trutex uniform sale - school hall
Tuesday 21 st January 3.30 - 4.15pm	Parent workshop - F/KS1 focus on supporting your children with maths
Wednesday 5 th Feb 3.30 - 4.15pm	Parent workshop - KS2 Supporting your child with maths
Monday 10 th Feb 6.00 - 7.00pm	Parent workshop - Effective behaviours at Elburton
Friday 14 th February	Last day of term 3
Monday 24 th February	New term starts
Wednesday 26 th February 3.30pm	PTA Second hand clothes sale
Wednesday 26 th February	PTA: Bags 2 School
Thursday 27 th Feb 2.00 - 3.00pm	Parent workshop - Phonics and Early Reading KS1 upwards
Monday 2 nd March	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day - focus dress up/mufti
Tuesday 10 th March 2.00 - 3.00pm	Parent workshop - Supporting your child with reading at KS2
Friday 13 th March	Comic Relief/Sport relief
Friday 13 th March	PTA Pig Race
Tuesday 17 th March 6.00 - 7.00pm	Parent workshop - Relationships in the digital age
Friday 20 th March	PTA Discos
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term 4
Wednesday 15 th April	New term starts

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Summer Term Dates 2020

Wednesday 15 th April	Start of term
Friday 8 th May	Bank holiday
Monday 11 th May – Friday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 11 th May – Friday 15 th May	Year 5 Residential to Barton Hall
Friday 15 th May	PTA: Duck race
Monday 18 th May	Tempest: Whole school photo
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of term & Silly Hair Day
Monday 1 st June	Start of term
Thursday 4 th June	Bag2school
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
Tuesday 9 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 12 th June	PTA: Summer Fair
Monday 6 th July	Celebration of Learning Evening in classes (3.30 - 5.30pm)
Thursday 9 th and Friday 10 th July	Whole School Transition Days
Friday 10 th July	Infant, Junior & Leaver's Disco
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term & Leavers Assembly