

# St. Peter's Elwick CE Primary School

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News to You - Weekly Newsletter

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent and Carer

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



It is a wonderful time of the year in school and our staff have gone that extra mile to ensure that Christmas is as much fun as possible for our pupils. Christmas is usually a time when the whole of St Peter's community come together to celebrate the joys of Christmas through the school performances, singing carols and delivering mince pies to the neighbours etc. We know how much our families support and enjoy this. School still wants to spread the joys of Christmas to our community. As you our families can't come into schools to see the festive displays, we have put them outside the building for you all to enjoy! I am sure that you will agree that they look fantastic – let's hope the weather is kind to them. You have also been given access to the children's personal video wish list to Santa Clause which are an absolute joy to watch! I hope they get all that they wish for!

Below is another reminder of the Christmas events to come. Photos of events and pupils will be posted on our school Facebook post which is also accessible via the school website for you to enjoy <https://www.hartelwickfederation.org.uk/elwick/>

### Present for staff

I have been approached by several parents and carers expressing that they would like to buy staff Christmas gifts as a sign of their appreciation for their hard work this year. Please note that staff do not expect gifts and we know that Christmas is a difficult time financially for many parents. However, should you want to bring a gift, can we ask that they are only brought into school between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December so that we can quarantine them in line with our COVID protection measures.

### Christmas cards

We want to keep Christmas as normal as possible at school this year and this includes sending Christmas cards to our friends. Children will be able to bring cards in (if they wish) from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of December only. We have had to determine a fixed period so that we can implement all COVID protective measures to mitigate any risks. Pupils can post them in the class post boxes which will be located in the corridor near the hall. They will then be quarantined for at least 72 hours and be given to the children on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. Children may wish to bring a bag on this day to carry all Christmas cards and crafts home. Anything received after the 9<sup>th</sup> of December will unfortunately not be accepted

### Homework

In the last 2 weeks, there has been a decrease in the number of children completing the Socrative Homework which is set every Monday. Can we ask parents/carers to support and encourage their children to complete the task. Any queries, please contact the class teacher.

We are hoping to start 'in school' after school sports clubs from 11<sup>th</sup> January in line with the government guidelines. Our proposed days are Monday's Y1/2 3:15 - 3:45, Thursday's Y3/5 3:15 - 4 and Wednesday's Y5/6 Virtual Physical Activity 4 - 4:30. However, we will confirm in January.

Have a great weekend and stay safe

Mrs Hill

## AWARD WINNERS

### Super Star

EYFS—Sydney Lavelle/Frank Hughes  
Y1/Y2—Marielle Corrigan/Martha Longbottom  
Y3/Y4—Poppy Jobson/Thomas Ashton  
Y5/Y6—George Kirk

### St. Peter's Key

EYFS—Belle Aggio/Thomas Hosker  
Y1/Y2—Indi Laycock/Rocco Da Rocha  
Y3/Y4—Tommy Wharton/Layton Stokes  
Y5/Y6—Ave Hughes

### Golden Quill

EYFS—Eleni Corrigan/William Davis  
Y1/Y2—Libby Stokes/Percy Smith  
Y3/Y4—Josh Jobson/Lucy Scott  
Y5/Y6—Alexis Lakey

### Maths Award

EYFS—Daisy Corner/James Bryan  
Y1/Y2—Penny Grimston/Theo Thompson  
Y3/Y4—Cohen Atkinson/Grace Ambler  
Y5/Y6—Cody Hall

## Reminder of Drop off and Collection times

### Early Years

Drop off: 9.05am-9.15am  
Collection: 3.05pm

### Years 1 and 2

Drop off: 8.55am-9.05am  
Collection: 3.15pm

### Years 3 and 4

Drop off: 8.45am-8.55am  
Collection: 2.55pm

### Years 5 and 6

Drop off: 8.45am-8.55am  
Collection: 2.45pm

## FAMILY NEWS

The winner of the Reading Competition!  
What a fabulous entry from one of our younger children! This raised a smile from the judges! Congratulations Thomas.



**I would like to thank parents/carers for following guidelines and ensuring that individuals who are displaying one or more of the symptoms of Coronavirus must NOT enter the school premises and working with school by informing us immediately if your child is displaying symptoms . This helps to keep our children , staff and school community safe.**



### **Dates for your diary and other information.....**

**Friday 11th Dec**—Christmas Jumper Day/School Games—All Pupils—We would like to invite pupils to come to school in either a Christmas jumper, create their own Christmas outfit (e.g. wear some tinsel) or if they would prefer, come in their own clothes.

**Due to the current restrictions we do not want our families worrying about buying new things for the children to wear, so they can come in whatever they wish.**

**Thursday 17th December**—All Pupils—Christmas Dinner and Dress Down Day— Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes or if they wish something Christmassy. If your child does not currently have a school meal and would like to have a Christmas dinner, please contact the school office by the 4th December.

**Thursday 17th December**—All Pupils—Christingle Service—The service this year will be held in school for children only.

**Friday 18th December**—All Pupils—Polar Express themed PJ Day —All pupils and staff can come into school wearing their favourite pyjamas. We are going to have a fun filled day watching Christmas movies and playing party games. Children are welcome to bring in a snack/treat.

**Friday 18th December**—All Pupils—School Closes at the end of the normal school day.

**Tuesday 5th January**—All Pupils—School reopens

**Please ensure that you inform school if there are any changes to your child's medical needs or to your contact details. You must also keep your contact details up to date with ParentPay.**

If you need support or any further information please do not hesitate to contact school via the [info.elwick@nllt.co.uk](mailto:info.elwick@nllt.co.uk).

**Parents/carers wishing to speak with Mrs Hill at any time should contact the school office to arrange a mutually agreeable time.**

