

St. Peter's Elwick CE Primary School

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News to You - Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term — 12.02.21

Message from the Headteacher

School life is always busy and, although this half term has been very different, it too has been very busy for our whole school community. Every family in our school community has their own unique circumstances and for many COVID has brought additional worries and workload. Yet despite this, parent/carers have managed to ensure that their children access nearly 100% of the live lessons – which is fantastic! Staff too have been balancing their own circumstances whilst giving 100% commitment to the education and well-being of the children St Peter's. The half term break will also be very different this year but I hope you get chance to grasp the opportunity to move away from the screens, have a rest and recuperate for Spring Term 2.

Half Term and COVID Cases

As you may be aware, the Government instructed schools to close to all pupils over the half term. School leadership will continue to work to support Track and Trace over the half term holiday to support our school community. We therefore ask that if your child has been in school, develops symptoms and receives a positive Covid result that you follow the guidelines below:

48 hours of last being in school AND they test positive, please email the school on the info email address below.

If a child is taken for a test without symptoms and they test positive AND they were in school 48 hours or less before they were taken for a test, then please email the school on the info email address below
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If a child shows symptoms 48 hours after being in school and tests positive, or your child has no symptoms but has a test more than 48 hours after finishing school on 12th February 2021 and tests positive, please contact Test and Trace in the usual way.

If school are notified of a positive case that impacts upon anyone in school as a close contact, an email will be sent to parents to notify them. Please ensure that you check your email inbox.

The Government have given a little indication that we may be able to begin reopening from the 8th of March. School have not received any additional information but as soon as we do, we will communicate with our families.

Vulnerable and Critical Worker Pupils

We are noticing an increase in the number of requests for critical worker places in school and, as a result, we may need to review places in line with government updates and capacity within the building. The DFE states that critical workers should keep their children at home if they can. It may be that places are not needed every day and on the days that they are not needed we ask that you keep your children at home. The booking forms **MUST** be completed weekly for those requiring a place.

We are extremely grateful for your positive comments and support for our remote learning offer. Thank you to those who completed our remote learning offer evaluation and for your time when speaking with us on the telephone. We know that it would be impossible to tailor provision to meet the unique needs of every family which is why we offer a broad range of learning opportunities. That said, we are committed to continuously improving and welcome your feedback on any aspect of our remote learning offer. Please email us via the info account if you have any further comments. You can find our responses and actions to the parent feedback on our website in the remote learning section.

Art

Parent and pupil feedback on our remote learning provision identified that you wanted more opportunities for Art. Due to the need for specialist equipment, we will be prioritising the teaching of Art on return to school. However, in the meantime, we will be setting weekly art activities and opportunities to share in order to develop key art self-reflection and evaluation skills. These activities will give pupils opportunity to recall and apply previously taught skills and will be launched by your child's class teacher after half term.

Reading

Research tells us that reading for pleasure improves life chances (OESD, 2009), educational outcomes (Sullivan and Brown, 2013) and has a positive impact on mental wellbeing (The Reading Agency 2015). All of our children currently have access to online reading books via 'Bug Club' and are exploring quality children's literature through our Power of Reading curriculum. However, we recognise that there is also something special about a physical reading book. With this in mind, we will be organising reading books for each child that will be available to be collected from school on the dates stated in the section to the right. If you are unable to collect a book on your assigned day then please contact your child's class teacher via MS Teams to arrange a mutually convenient time. (Mrs Wilson)

Have a restful half term and, hopefully a little fun.

Mrs Hill

AWARD WINNERS

Rainbow Award

EYFS— Daisy Dickinson
Y1/Y2— Libby Stokes
Y3/Y4— Frederick Mounter
Y5/Y6— Izabel Walsh

St. Peter's Key

EYFS—Belle Aggio
Y1/Y2— Luna Stamper
Y3/Y4— James Ashton
Y5/Y6— Esme Moore

Golden Quill

EYFS—Lincoln Coleman
Y1/Y2— Darcey Seed
Y3/Y4— Josh Jobson
Y5/Y6— Florence Tiplady

Maths Award

EYFS—Mason Thompson
Y1/Y2— Marielle Corrigan
Y3/Y4— Thomas Ashton
Y5/Y6— Ava Hughes

Book Collection

Early Years

Collection: Friday 26th
February 1:15 - 2:15

Years 1 and 2

Collection: Wednesday
24th February 1:15 - 2:15

Years 3 and 4

Collection: Thursday 25th
February 1:15 - 2:15

Years 5 and 6

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