



# Elburton Primary School

19th November 2020

Number 5



**Message from Mr Smithers...** Ordinarily, at this time of year we hear singing in each class room as children practise for their nativities and their carol concerts. Christmas will look different at Elburton School this year but rest assured, it is not cancelled! The teaching teams are adding finishing touches to plans to share a nativity with all parents. More information regarding this will follow. Our PTA have also been working extremely hard to consider some exciting events that will make the festive period fun for all of our children (and adults!) We will keep you informed of forthcoming events through the normal channels of communication.



**Children in Need...** Thank you for your Children in Need donations. We raised an impressive £482!

**Consent for images...** Each year we ask for your consent to share images. This may be on the School Twitter account, newsletter, website etc. Some classes currently only have 7 children who have returned their forms to give consent. If you are happy for your child's image to be used, please ensure you have given the School consent.



**Commonwealth War Graves Commission...** Rebecca Smith from the CWGC led a virtual assembly for years 4-6 about the importance of remembrance and the fantastic work they do. The children found this special assembly on Armistice Day very informative indeed.

**Contacting Teachers...** We understand that it is particularly difficult to make contact with teaching staff at the moment as there is understandably less face to face conversation. Should you wish to make contact with your child's teacher, please email them directly or send a message to our admin team who will happily forward this on for you. Please do not contact staff through eSchools as this may not be checked regularly and we would not want to delay responding to you.

**Mrs Lake...** We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Lake is having a baby. Mrs Lake will continue to teach in 2EL until approximately April 2021 when she will begin her maternity leave. Mrs Kenny is currently working in Year 2 every morning and will continue to do so until Mrs Lake starts her maternity leave. At this time, Mrs Kenny will teach 2EL full time. This will ensure there is a smooth transition for all of the children and they will be taught by a familiar teacher already working in the Year 2 team.

**Poppy Appeal...** The school helped to raise £523.03 for the Royal British Legion - thank you.

**Remembrance Display...** Thank you once again to Mr Griggs for organising our wonderful and poignant Remembrance display. We have received lots of lovely feedback from the community.



**Dog Fouling...** It has been brought to my attention that there has been some dog fouling on Haye Road South. Plymouth City Council have been contacted. Please be vigilant.

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## Stephen Spender Trust Winner...



Congratulations to Aaron Ferguson. Aaron took part in a national poem translation competition with the Stephen Spender Trust and won the category in under 10s, the 'Polish Spotlight Prize.' There were over 1000 entries into the competition. Aaron attended a virtual prize giving event and will now have his poem published. Well done Aaron, we are all very proud of you!

If you would like to read Aaron's poem, please click on the link below:

[http://www.stephen-spender.org/2020\\_prize/polish\\_spotlight\\_2020/2020\\_PS\\_10\\_winner\\_AF.html](http://www.stephen-spender.org/2020_prize/polish_spotlight_2020/2020_PS_10_winner_AF.html)

## PTA events and dates...

### This lovely Reindeer needs a name!

This year our 'Guess the Name of Reindeer' has kindly been sponsored by Plymouth Estates. You will see the reindeer in their office window in Elburton Village, pop in to their office and choose a name from the list for a suggested donation of £1.



**PTA Raffle...** The Christmas raffle will continue this year with some slight changes. The tickets were delivered to school earlier this week and have been in quarantine. The tickets will be sent home this week. The draw will be made on Friday 4th December. Please see the email sent on 18.11.20 for further information.

**Sponsored Race to the Pole...** More details to follow.

**Festive Art Competition...** As the children do not cross bubbles at the moment, we have decided that rather than purchasing one large Christmas tree, we will buy three smaller trees. These will be on display at Stepping Stones, in the infant area and in the junior area so that all of the children can see them. The PTA are holding their annual art competition to decorate these trees with some great prizes for the winners. Your children are challenged to create a decoration with the theme 'something that makes you smile at Christmas.' These will decorate our trees. All entries to be taken to your child's classroom by 30th November with the winners being announced in December.

**Christmas Jumper Day...** Friday 11th December to raise money for Save the Children. More information to follow.



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