



Elburton Primary School

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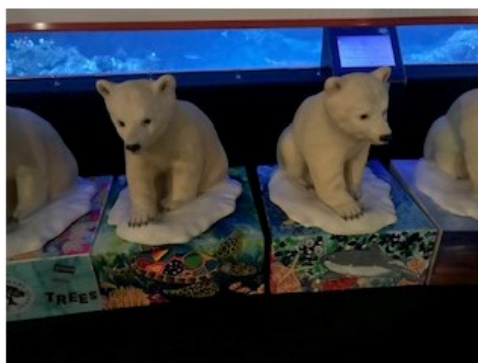


Message from Mrs Anderson...

It is difficult to believe we are half way through term 2 and that next week we will be starting our Christmas performances. It is superb walking around the school at the moment and hearing the beautiful singing of the children. As you can imagine there is a great deal of excitement! We are really looking forward to sharing these performances with you over the next three weeks.

Polar Bear Explorer - Can you be a Polar Bear Explorer?

We are delighted to have been involved in the design and painting of the plinths for two polar bears who are taking part in the Polar Bear trail this year. The theme for this is based on Climate Change and tells the story of a Polar Bear cub, George, who travels around the world finding out about climate change. The trail is a fun activity that you can do as a family from 1st December 2019 until 1st March 2020. Some staff and children attended the launch of the event on Wednesday at the National Marine Aquarium. You can find the polar bears that we painted at the National Marine Aquarium and at Rockfish - there will be 20 to find across the City. Thank you to our Foundation and Year 2 teams who took the lead on this.



Christmas Shows and Events

- Foundation Nativity to parents : Friday 6th December at 2pm
- PTA Christmas Fair : Friday 6th November 5.30 - 8.00pm
- Key Stage 1 Christmas production : Tuesday 10th December 2pm
- Key Stage 1 Christmas production : Wednesday 11th December 4.30pm
- Christmas Dinner Day : Thursday 12th December
- Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' : Friday 13th December
- Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance in the Church
 - Monday 16th December at 2pm
 - Tuesday 17th December at 6.30pm
 - Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm
- Friday 20th December - Last day of term

Anti-bullying week

Thank you for joining us at the end of anti-bullying week and finding out about the learning that had taken place during the week in classes. It is our aim to build more opportunities like this into the school year so that you can find out about the learning in classes.

Thank you to those parents who have given us feedback on this afternoon and in general, this is very valuable to us as a school. Remember if you have any queries, concerns, general thoughts on how we can do better or improve, please let me know. We are all about working in partnership with you.

2019-2020

06-01-2020 - 14-02-2020
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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Used Stamps

We are still collecting used stamps in school for a hearing impaired charity. Any used stamps can be left at reception.

Dates for your diary

- 11.10.19 Wine & Wisdom
- 06.12.19 Christmas Fair
- 14.01.20 Class photos
- 13.03.20 Pig Race
- 20.03.20 Spring Disco
- 15.05.20 Duck Race
- 22.05.19 Silly Hair Day
- 03.07.20 Summer Fair



Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

We are delighted to announce the amalgamation of the PTAs of Stepping Stones and Elburton Primary School. The two settings officially joined in 2016 and as such Elburton Primary now welcomes children from 2-11 years. Over the past 3 years we have developed a very close relationship between the staff in Foundation and the pre-school leaders, working together on the Early Years curriculum.

The location of the pre-school moved from Elburton village hall into the former caretaker's house on the grounds in 2008 and since then the children have been able to visit the school premises during their pre-school sessions and have benefited from working closely with the school.

Although parents of rising 5's still need to apply through Admissions at Plymouth City Council for a place in Foundation with the same requirements, we have been able to ensure a smooth transition for those children who choose Elburton Primary as their school choice.

With joining of the PTAs, the committee will now support the 2-4 year olds in the same way as it does with children in Foundation to Year 6. Stepping Stones will join with the school fairs and fundraising events and we look forward to the future as one school.



Website developments

As some of you super observant parents and friends will have noticed we have updated the structure of the school website. We felt that it was not easy to navigate and find the useful information that you need about the school.

In light of this, it has changed structure considerably. Please take a look and let us know your thoughts. There are some sections that are in the process of being populated and updated in line with key developments in the school at the moment.

The curriculum section, is empty at the moment, as we are updating the key documents. As we move towards the end of term and into the spring term, you will find a great deal of useful information in these sections about the curriculum at the school.

The Elburton Book Swap Box

Have you got books at home that your child has outgrown? Are they much-loved books that another child would enjoy? If the answer is yes, we would like your help as we are looking to set up a book swap box in the school reception. This is where children add a book that they have enjoyed but no longer want and swap it for a book that they wish to read. There is no need to return the book like you would with a library; however, books can be swapped again so that their enjoyment continues.

Initially, we are looking for good quality book donations in three categories: Key Stage 1 books (including picture books), Year 3 and 4 books and Year 5 and 6 books. These books can be handed into Mrs Barrett or Miss Fraser at the office.

Once we have a few books in our box, we will open the box for swaps. These swaps can take place before or after school as the box will always be open in our entrance area. Watch this space for further details!

Thank you for your support with helping developing a love of reading at Elburton!

Safeguarding at the School...

We wanted to say 'Thank you' for your support in the mornings in developing the independence of your children at drop off time. It is good to see the children across the school coming in and organising themselves so well. We appreciate your support in not coming into the building at this point, if there are ever any issues please do speak with the staff on the door who will pass on a message, or speak to the admin team who will be delighted to help.

All of the teaching team greet their children at the class door to ensure they have a quality meet and greet, checking in with the children straight away. We want to ensure this is the case for all of the children from Foundation to Year 6. This is having an impact on them settling into the classes straight away.

