



# Elburton Primary School



6th November 2020

Number 4



## Message from Mr Smithers...

I hope that you all had a lovely half term and were able to spend time with your families. As you will be aware, the school will remain open during this period of lockdown. In order to keep our children, their families and our staff safe, you will see that we have continued to review our risk assessment to include the wearing of face coverings. Staff will not wear these when teaching the children but will when meetings parents or crossing bubbles in school. This is to keep you and the community safe. Thank you to everyone for supporting the school with wearing face coverings and social distancing when on the school site.

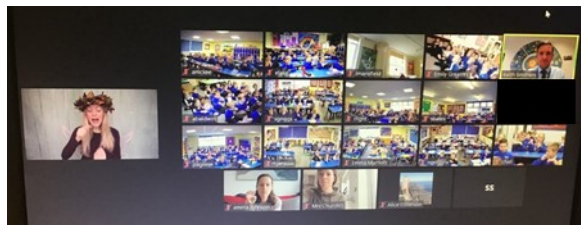
## Virtual Tour...

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are currently unable to offer tours of the school for prospective parents. If you are aware of any parents that would like to visit the school as their child is nearing school age, please share the website link below which offers a virtual tour of the Foundation Stage. [https://www.elburtonschool.com/web/virtual\\_tour/518203](https://www.elburtonschool.com/web/virtual_tour/518203)



**Polar Bear...** Our fabulous polar bear has been finished. It was planned that it would be on display around Plymouth next week but due to lockdown it is staying with us a little longer. Come and say "hello", it is in school office area.

**Signing in Assembly...** Whilst we cannot sing together, our children have been learning to 'sign' together. We have been learning 'I can sing a rainbow' in sign language. We joined together in assembly to perform virtually.



**Bags2School...** A huge thank you to everyone that brought clothes into school for Bags2School. We filled the van and raised an amazing £333! Thank you so much!

**Assistant Headteacher...** We had some excellent applicants for the position of Assistant Headteacher. After a rigorous two day interview process, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Lisa Birnie will join our team in January 2021. Mrs Birnie is currently a senior leader and SENCO at Glen Park Primary School. Mrs Birnie will work alongside Mrs Lakey this term to ensure she has a smooth transition into her new role.

**Foundation Stage...** You may have noticed that we have markings on the floor by the Foundation Stage doors to protect staff and parents from becoming too close to one another. In order to keep staff safe, please can Foundation Stage parents avoid handing items to our team such as book bags/coats. The children will be able to bring these items into school independently.

**Christmas Cards...** This year we will be not be able to allow Christmas cards to be brought into school and shared with the children. I apologise for this and thank you for your understanding.

## 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

## 2021-2022

06-09-2021 - 22-10-2021  
01-11-2021 - 17-12-2021  
06-01-2022 - 18-02-2022  
28-02-2022 - 08-04-2022  
26-04-2022 - 27-05-2022  
06-06-2022 - 22-07-2022  
02-05-2022 May Bank Holiday

## Twitter

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## Dates for your diary

- **9th & 10th November** - Parents Evenings
- **11th November** - PTA Meeting (7:30pm)
- **18th November** - Flu immunisations for all year groups
- **18th December** - Last day of term

**Absence** - If you child is absent during term time due to a foreign holiday, you must inform the school of the country visited to ensure you as parents and the school comply with COVID isolation regulations.