



# Elburton Primary School

14th February 2020

Number 18



## Message from Mrs Anderson...

Here we are at half term and half way through the school year! We have seen much excellent learning taking place across the school and some of this has been celebrated in class assemblies. It has been wonderful for the children in years 2, 4 and 6 to be able to share their learning through their assemblies with you.

The year 2 classes are leading a very important piece of work on Plastic Pollution and Looking after the world we live in. This links to a large project with the other schools in our Multi Academy Trust and link schools in Cape Town, South Africa. Miss Collinson and myself will be going to Cape Town to our link school during half term, sharing our learning with the children, and also finding out the issues there. In June this year, staff from their schools will be coming back to Plymouth in a reciprocal visit.



We will share our experiences in the next newsletter. It will be a very exciting week!

I hope that you and your families all have a happy half term and find some interesting things to do together. I am sure there are still some fun activities to do on your home learning grids! We will look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th February.

## Parking around the school...

Please help us keep our children safe when they come to school and when they go home after school. Currently we are experiencing some very poor parking around the school area, where cars are parking and stopping on double yellow lines, or the zig zags. This puts all of our children in danger. Please be considerate and look after everyone.



## School Clubs...

As we near the end of another school term I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the team at school for running the excellent range of extra-curricular clubs. It is superb to see the huge variety of experiences and learning that are on offer to the children at Elburton after school. From our perspective it is excellent to see the children participating with such enthusiasm.

## Parents Forum...

Thank you to all of those who responded to my request to support us in forming an Elburton Parent Forum. I am delighted to let you know we have representation from all year groups which is superb. We will be holding our first meeting early in March and these meetings will then take place termly. We will update you on discussions at these meetings through the newsletters.

## 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

Do follow us on @ElburtonSch. and add to our 425 followers!

## 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

- 26.02.20 Preloved sale (school uniform)  
- 02.03.20 Trutex pop-up shop  
- 03.03.20 Trutex pop-up shop  
- 05.03.20 World Book Day  
- 13.03.20 Pig Race  
- 20.03.20 Spring Disco  
- 15.05.20 Duck Race  
- 18.05.20 Whole School Photo  
- 18.05.20 Sport Teams Photos



### Elburton Sports Awareness Event

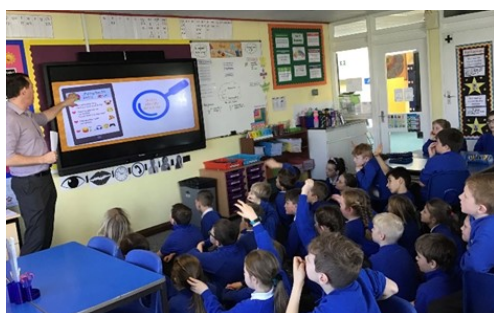
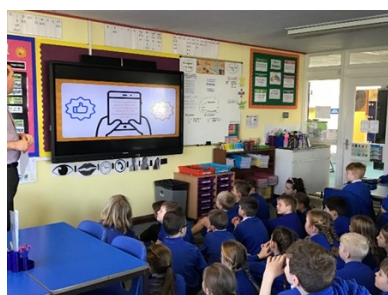
On **Friday 13th March**, we will be having a Sports Awareness Day. We would like all the children to wear sports clothing for the day (this can be football kit, rugby kit etc). They can come into school in their chosen sportswear. The children will take part in a 'danceathon' throughout the day where they will dance with the rest of their class in the school hall. We will not be asking for donations due to other events this term.

### Internet Safety Day 2020—SG article

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, the children throughout the school celebrated Internet Safety Day by completing a range of activities exploring online identity and how to use the internet safely and responsibly.

The children found out about the differences between their online identity and their actual identity; they learned how an online identity can be fun, creative and allow their personality to shine through whilst still being safe, secure and not giving away their personal details.

For further information on Internet Safety Day, visit: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>



### Saltash Music Festival

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of February a group of Year 5's went to the Saltash Music, Speech and Drama Festival, led by our teacher, Mr Norman. Each child performed a clarinet solo in front of an audience. We all got very high marks and enjoyed every single bit of it. The adjudicator even gave us some handy tips to help us improve on different areas of music. Our parents were also lucky enough to come along and watch us, making them feel very proud.

Even though a couple of people got some notes wrong, everyone was really encouraging and when we went back to school the children that hadn't been chosen to come were really interested in what had happened. We were brought together by our love of music, some of us are now going onto Grade 1. By Hannah 5RL

### Sherford Visit

We all walked up from school and couldn't wait to arrive at Sherford. When we arrived, we went into Lindon Homes office and someone got to wear all the safety gear! Firstly, Matt the planner gave us a huge talk that was very interesting and we got loads of facts out of it as well. After that, we went in the show home, it was very fascinating as we got to see how the designer designed all the show homes so more people would buy the houses. The designer had done all the pictures and decorations so colour co-ordinated with the walls.

Then, we went outside to do bricklaying - it was exciting to watch we got to see how the builders laid the bricks. It was also fun as we got the chance to lay a brick, we put the cement on the wall, we laid the bricks on the wall and we were done!

We went on a tour around the houses and the building site and while we did we got told loads of facts. We travelled back to Bovis Homes and learnt a few final facts and then we were going back to school with loads of facts in our minds. We had a brilliant morning at Sherford and at the end of the day we all had smiles on our faces. By Matthew 5JS



**PLYMOUTH YOUTH  
CONCERT BAND  
&  
MKC HEROES MILITARY KIDS CHOIR**

Wednesday 18th March 2020

at

St. Mary & St. Boniface Catholic Cathedral,  
Plymouth

7pm - 8.15pm

Free Entry – Bucket collection for Royal British Legion Dartmoor

Contact Carole for details - 07710 809 765  
Dartmoor.chairman@rbl.community  
Charity no:219279

# **Elburton Primary School**

## **Spring Term Dates 2020**

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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January                 | New term starts  |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2.15pm         | Parent Workshop - foundation parents: Early reading, phonics and supporting your child with maths. |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January               | Tempest: Class Photos  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm         | Trutex uniform sale - school hall  |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 3.30 - 4.15pm | Parent workshop - F/KS1 focus on supporting your children with maths                               |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30 - 4.15pm    | Parent workshop - KS2 Supporting your child with maths   |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 6.00 - 7.00pm      | Parent workshop - Effective behaviours at Elburton   |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February               | Last day of term 3   |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February               | New term starts  |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm     | PTA Second hand clothes sale   |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February            | PTA: Bags 2 School   |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2.00 - 3.00pm    | Parent workshop - Phonics and Early Reading KS1 upwards  |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March                   | Parent Consultations   |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March                  | Parent Consultations   |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                 | World Book Day - focus dress up/mufti  |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2.00 - 3.00pm   | Parent workshop - Supporting your child with reading at KS2  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March                  | Comic Relief/Sport relief  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March                  | PTA Pig Race   |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 6.00 - 7.00pm   | Parent workshop - Relationships in the digital age   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                  | PTA Discos   |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March                  | Last day of term 4   |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April               | New term starts  |

Details for Comic Relief and World Book Day, the events and opportunities for the days/weeks will come out nearer the time. The School Council will be involved in arrangements for Comic Relief at Elburton.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see below the latest advice and guidance for education settings in the UK in relation to the Coronavirus.

**Coronavirus - Advice for all early years providers, schools and further education providers**

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. Latest information and advice can also be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However, we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

- Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

**Advice for parents/carers**

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

Simple precautions we can all take to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus, and safeguard ourselves and others include:

- Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue and, to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days, follow the specific advice for returning travellers.
- Find out more at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus).

Yours sincerely



David Bradford  
CEO  
Horizon Multi Academy Trust

## **Author Workshop - Simon James**

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As part of our vision for developing a love of reading here at Elburton, we have provided opportunities for children to attend workshops with authors including James Campbell, Julian Clary, Clare Helen Welsh and Robin Stevens over the past few years.

This term, we have arranged an author workshop with award winning local author and illustrator Simon James on Wednesday 18th March. Simon is extremely experienced in visiting schools and offers engaging workshops for children. When visiting schools, he brings his books to life and combines story-telling with re-creating his illustrations to engage and excite the children.

Some of Simon's most well-loved and well-known books include 'Scruff', 'Dear Greenpeace', 'Rex', 'Sally and the Limpet' and 'The Wild Wood'. Simon's books are available in all the usual bookshops and online but he is going to bring a small selection of them with him on the day so that they can be sold after school in the school hall. He is very happy to sign and dedicate them to your child. Please collect your child after school and take them to the hall to meet Simon if you wish to purchase a book. You will need to bring cash with you as book sales are not being organised by the school. The books will cost either £6.99 or £7.99. The book signing event will run from 3.10 – 3.40pm.

In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about Simon and his work prior to the visit, his website is: <http://www.simonjamesbooks.com/>

We would like to thank the PTA for arranging this workshop session and for funding the day as it will be a valuable learning experience for all the children and help motivate them as readers. The day will consist of a series of workshops during which all the children will have the opportunity to listen to Simon talk about how he was inspired to become a writer and listen to him tell stories. These workshops will be carefully tailored for each year group so that all the children have fun and benefit from the sessions.

We hope that this opportunity will help foster a love of reading in our school by allowing the children to meet a real author and may even inspire children to become writers themselves!

Yours faithfully,

Emma Marriott  
English Leader