



Elburton Primary



4th April 2019

Number 8



Message from Mrs Anderson...

It is hard to believe that I am at the end of my first term at Elburton, it has gone extremely fast. I have really appreciated your support and kind words during this time. So much has been achieved this term across the school and your children have been absorbed in a great deal of superb learning.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter holiday with your families and that you enjoy some relaxing days filled with sunshine. Hopefully you will all be able to enjoy some Easter egg hunts during this time!

Good-bye Mr Epps

As you all know this is the last week at Elburton for our superb Deputy Headteacher, Tony Epps. Tony started at Elburton on 1st September 1993 as Deputy Head, working alongside Mr Stokes, the Headteacher at the time. Before that he was at Hooe Primary School and Donnington Middle School in Oxford. Tony has always been passionate about ensuring the best education for all children, giving a broad range of experiences both academically and sporting. Within that time he has taught hundreds of children, so many of whom have the most amazing memories of him, the humour and fun that he brought to his lessons!

Staff have always valued his calm, well considered and thoughtful responses and support, together with the drive for securing the best opportunities for the team. He has a wonderful sense of humour that brings a smile to the dullest meeting, or the dreariest January morning!

On behalf of the governors and team we want to thank him for the outstanding service to the Elburton Community, and wish him a retirement filled with experiences and time with those who are special to him. Thank you Tony and please don't be a stranger to the school.

Jubilee Playground

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising our official opening of the Jubilee Playground. This was opened by Mr David Bradford VIP! It was lovely to have so many of our sponsors present for this event and once again thank them for their support of this superb project. Hopefully you will have seen the publicity in the Evening Herald.

Sailing Opportunities

Plymouth Youth Sailing Club are inviting pupils from Horizon Multi Academy Trust to Learn to Sail during the school Easter holidays and then participate in the clubs activities for as long as they would like.

The course programme will consist of 2 days, either Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th April or Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th April - from 9.30am to 4.30pm each day.

The aim is for the young people to achieve either RYA Stage 1 or 2 certificate. This will give them the skills to sail a small dinghy in good conditions. On completion members can access there after school and school holiday sailing sessions that run on several mid-week evenings and weekends throughout the year.



The club is based at The Mount Batten Centre on the Mount Batten peninsula. It is open to young people aged 8-15. The cost is £30 membership (this is valid for a year) and £36 for the 2 day programme. If you are interested then please email plymouthyouthsailing@hotmail.co.uk for a booking / membership / consent form.

2018-2019

29-10-2018 - 19-12-2018
03-01-2019 - 15-02-2019
25-02-2019 - 05-04-2019
24-04-2019 - 24-05-2019
03-06-2019 - 19-07-2019
06-05-2019 May Bank Holiday

2019-2020

04-09-2019 - 18-10-2019
28-10-2019 - 20-12-2019
06-01-2020 - 14-02-2020
24-02-2020 - 27-03-2020
15-04-2020 - 22-05-2020
01-06-2020 - 17-07-2020
04-05-2020 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. Please drop in any used stamps at Reception.

Absence Reminder

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure you contact the school on 01752 404489 by **9am**. Please do not email.

School Lunches

Please ensure all lunches are paid for **IN ADVANCE**. Failure to do so may result in your child not having a school lunch.



Year 4 and the Welsh National Theatre

We were delighted that our Year 4 children had the opportunity to see the Welsh National Opera Schools Event at the Theatre Royal on Tuesday. A representative from the team came and delivered a workshop for both classes last Friday. The children were fully engaged in learning a song that they would sing jointly on Tuesday at the Theatre. During the workshop they sang, danced and learnt all about the various instruments in the orchestra. They had the most superb experience at the Theatre and were wonderful ambassadors for the school. These experiences are so important to us at the school in providing a broad, rich and varied curriculum. Thank you to the team for embracing this opportunity for the children.



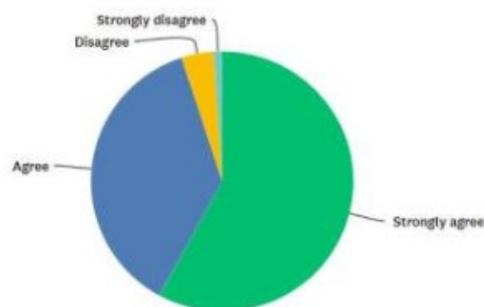
Attendance and Appointments

Please can you help us with attendance? Our attendance figures have dropped lately which is worrying for us as a school. We appreciate that your children will at times have optician, dental and other medical appointments, however please can you try to book these for out of school hours. Ophthalmists and dentists are generally very accommodating for out of school hour appointments.

Parent Survey

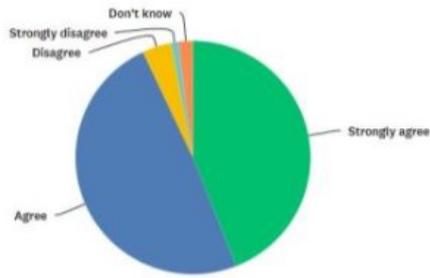
Thank you for all of your responses to the parent survey, we really appreciate the time you took in doing this survey. As mentioned we do want to know your thoughts and want to be able to make adjustments and changes to practice / provision if this is needed. Below you will find the main findings from the survey. There are also some questions for your consideration - your thoughts would be appreciated. If you have some comments linked to this please can you email me on manderson@elburton.plymouth.sch.uk.

Question 1: My child is happy at school



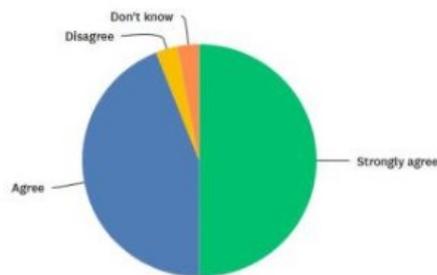
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly agree	58.00% 58
Agree	37.00% 37
Disagree	4.00% 4
Strongly disagree	1.00% 1
Don't know	0.00% 0
TOTAL	100

Question 2: My child makes good progress at school



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	44.00%	44
Agree	49.00%	49
Disagree	4.00%	4
Strongly disagree	1.00%	1
Don't know	2.00%	2
TOTAL		100

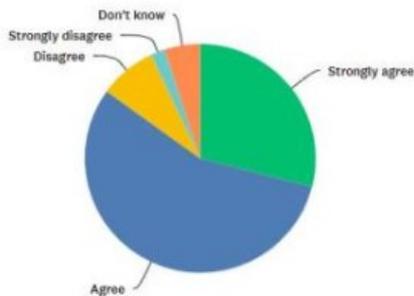
Question 3: My child is taught well in school



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	50.00%	50
Agree	44.00%	44
Disagree	3.00%	3
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
Don't know	3.00%	3
TOTAL		100

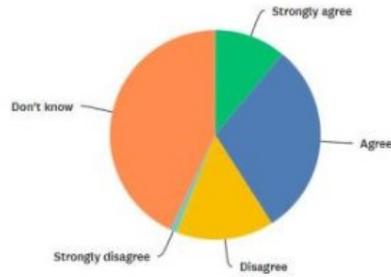
Information about the new Effective Behaviours Policy will be coming home after the holiday with an opportunity to come in and hear about the principles behind it, the implementation and the systems involved at school.

Question 4: The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	29.00%	29
Agree	56.00%	56
Disagree	8.00%	8
Strongly disagree	2.00%	2
Don't know	5.00%	5
TOTAL		100

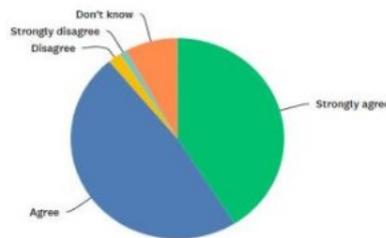
Question 5: The school deals effectively with bullying



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	11.00%	11
Agree	30.00%	30
Disagree	15.00%	15
Strongly disagree	1.00%	1
Don't know	43.00%	43
TOTAL		100

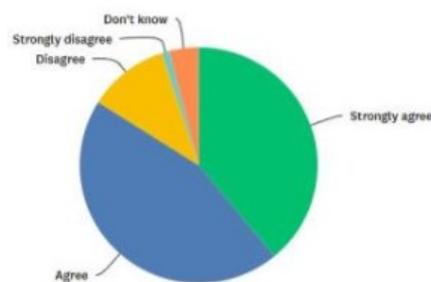
If you have any concerns about potential bullying it is essential that you speak with your child's class teacher immediately so that we can look into this very carefully. As a school we do spend a great deal of time with children trying to sort out friendship fall outs, arguments and distinguishing between this and bullying. We do not condone bullying of any form at Elburton and really need your help with this in ensuring our children know what bullying is and that we are all proactive in preventing bullying. What would support you or your child more in this area?

Question 6: The school is well led and managed



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	41.00%	41
Agree	48.00%	48
Disagree	2.00%	2
Strongly disagree	1.00%	1
Don't know	8.00%	8
TOTAL		100

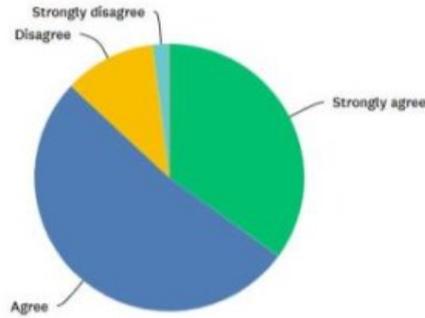
Question 7: The school responds well to any concerns I raise



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	39.00%	39
Agree	45.00%	45
Disagree	11.00%	11
Strongly disagree	1.00%	1
Don't know	4.00%	4
TOTAL		100

As a school our aim is to be responsive to concerns raised and to sort these as a matter of urgency. What do you feel we can do better? What mechanisms do you use to raise any concerns? What suggestions do you have for improving this?

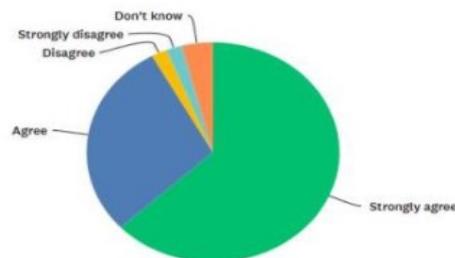
Question 8: I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	35.00%	35
Agree	52.00%	52
Disagree	11.00%	11
Strongly disagree	2.00%	2
Don't know	0.00%	0
TOTAL		100

It is vital for you, as parents to have the information that you feel is needed about your child. If there is additional information that you would like linked to your child's progress please can you let me know your thoughts on this? We try to give you the information that we feel is most informative about your child, the annual report, verbal feedback at parent consultations, individual plans where these are needed, verbal information of this is requested.

Question 9: I would recommend this school to another parent



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	63.00%	63
Agree	29.00%	29
Disagree	2.00%	2
Strongly disagree	2.00%	2
Don't know	4.00%	4
TOTAL		100

At Elburton we are in the process of reviewing what we offer for our extra curricular activities across the school in preparation for the new school year. In light of this we will be sending out another survey next year to seek your views linked to this element and homework. If you have a skill or talent that you are prepared to share by running a club at the school please can you let me know of this - we would love your support in developing our core offer to our children. These clubs can be arts, music, sport, drama or whatever skill you might be able to offer - there are generally no restrictions. It is about giving our children the best opportunities. Once again if you are interested and wish to express an interest please email me on manderson@elburton.plymouth.sch.uk.

Thank you for taking your time in reading this long newsletter, I hope that you have found it informative. I trust that you will have a wonderful Easter and will look forward to seeing later in the month.

Mrs Anderson