



Elburton Primary



24th May 2019

Number 10



Message from Mrs Anderson...

It has been an extremely busy term for the children and staff since we came back after Easter – a short term that has been packed with excellent learning across the school. We are extremely proud of our Year 2 and Year 6 children who have completed their SAT tests this term. All of our children showed excellent determination, perseverance and resilience throughout the tests, or as our younger children know them, 'Challenge papers'! They are all stars to us and we know they have all done their best.

Thank you to all of you who supported us with the Schools Challenge on the Hoe on Sunday. This was a great achievement for our 104 children who took part in running the distance of a half marathon. It was wonderful for them to complete this on the Hoe with approximately 3000 children from other schools in Plymouth. A massive thank you to Mr Griggs and the team who supported with this, this would not have been possible without your commitment. Also congratulations to our team members who ran the half marathon, Mrs Churchill, Mrs Hogg, Mrs Lake and Mr Smithers. You are a true inspiration to us all.

On behalf of the team, we want to wish you a happy half term holiday, please relax and have fun with your families, we will look forward to hearing about your experiences in June!

Walk to School

Thank you to all of you who supported us with our Walk to School Week and for those who walked with us on Wednesday, accompanied by Radio Plymouth and GA Solicitors. It was wonderful that so many children and families were part of this. Our physical health is so important and it is vital that we promote all the activities that we can do to develop this, alongside thinking of reducing use of our cars. Thank you Radio Plymouth and Neil!



Transition days and new class information

The information for new classes for 2019/20 will be sent out this year with your child's report at the beginning of July. This will include the class information. This year we are having two transition days where your child will be taught in their new classroom, with their new class teacher and member of the support staff team. This will take place on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July. This will really support the transition for your child, they will feel that they know the team and routines before the holiday which will be superb.

New Timetable for the school

As a school we have revised the school timetable, a copy of this is attached with this newsletter for your information. You will see that we have reduced the lunchtime for our children. For many children lunchtime is a challenging time and causes a great deal of anxiety. By reducing the time outside we can ensure that the time they have for playing and socialising with friends is more positive and constructive, together with giving us more flexibility with our timetabled learning time. Your children will be able to tell you far more about this as we get into our new routine.

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

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School Toilets

Due to safeguarding regulations, the toilets are no longer available to the public. There are public toilets in Elburton village and in Warrens Bakery.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

After school swimming will start after half term and will run on Tuesday's and Wednesday's from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Key Stage 2 children are able to swim without an adult. For children in Year 1 and Year 2, parents must stay in attendance whilst their children swim.

The cost for after school swimming is £1.00 - this will be need to be paid on arrival on the day. Sadly, no money, no swimming.



School Survey

By the time you receive this newsletter you will have received a message from us about completing another survey. Linked to our survey in the spring term we decided that we wanted to seek your views more deeply linked to home learning at Elburton and the information you receive about your child/ren. Please can you take some time in completing the survey as we really value your thoughts. Later in the summer term we will be reviewing, and then developing our Home Learning as a school and also looking at how we update you on your child's progress. We really appreciate the time this will take. Your thoughts and views will make a difference.

Key Stage 2 classes

As our children grow and flourish we want to develop the independence of them at the school. As the children move through foundation their independence grows enormously and this continues into key stage 1. Please can you help support us with this. It is very important that our key stage 2 children go into classes independently in the mornings, if you have a worry or concern, please speak with the office staff who will pass these on, or see our team at the end of the day. We are working really hard at ensuring the teaching team welcome the children individually in the morning as this is important for our children. During the morning rush it is not possible to take pushchairs and buggies into our key stage 2 classes or cloakrooms as there is not room, it becomes a safety issue. Please can you support us with this, encouraging your child to walk in themselves leaving you in the playground.

Rugby Tournament

Thank you to the rugby team who represented the school at Plymouth Albion this week. An amazing result from the team. The match report follows and was written by our year 6 representatives.

At 8.30am we travelled up to Albion / Brickfields in a car and Murphy drove up in the most stylish way (convertible). As we entered, we saw an array of schools that were dressed up ready to go. When we got there we practised passing the rugby ball; the M1 which was a "tack tick" we used whilst in matches, was very useful. The M1 is where someone pretended to receive the ball from a player but really the person behind them was really getting it—we were basically tricking them.

The first match we scored 3-0, then 3-1, then 6-0 and a few minutes later 2-2. Then 3-3, then 3-2, then 6-0, then 2-2, then 3-3 and the last two games we scored 7-0 and 4-2. We all had a fantastic time and were all astounded by the end of how many school children took part in this particular event - that we were lucky to get chosen for the semi-finals.

Altogether we came 2nd place! We all were in great spirit on the way home because of how well we did. Sadly, all the happiness had to end but we all tried our best; worked together and participated as a team. All of our teachers were very proud of us for getting so far into the competition; we only came 2nd in the end thanks to our fantastic teacher Mr Smithers and Mr Dobson and to Mr Epps who sadly couldn't see our game but he helped us practice as an individual team. Gracie W, Olivia R-J, Imogen F, Beth H, Erin C, Roman E, Jack H, Ben C, Lucas R, Murphy D and Alex A.



Early warning for your diary...

Don't forget... Sports Day

The time of year is fast approaching for our sports days at Elburton. The dates are as follows:

- KS2: 5th June in the afternoon, with the reserve date of 11th June.
- Foundation/KS1: 17th June in the afternoon, with the reserve date of 24th June.

Please can you ensure children have their PE kits in school every day. It is vital that the children have plenty of water for sports day, a sun hat and sun cream, just in case it is sunny.

Class Assembly

It was wonderful to see, and hear from the team, that so many of you came for our Year 3 assembly. The children were delighted to share these celebrations of learning with you. Like me, I am sure you were impressed by the quality of these performances. We will look forward to welcoming you to the following assemblies this term.

- 4AN - Friday 15th June
- 1AB - Friday 21st June
- 4SB - Friday 28th June
- 1EG - Friday 5th July