

Elston Hall News

Dear Families,

I hope that you managed a decent half term – even though there wasn't much we could do and we didn't have the best weather! We know that this last lockdown has been a real challenge and so I am sure that you share all our relief that there does seem to be some light at the end of this tunnel.

As you are aware, schools will be reopening to all pupils from Monday 8th March. All children can return on this day—attendance is compulsory unless your child has received a shielding letter themselves—please contact the school office if this is the case.

Before and after school club will resume from Monday 8th March for families who pre-booked a place before Christmas.

Free School Meal vouchers will be on their way to eligible families this week. These will cover the two weeks until school reopens. School meals will be hot grab bags— the menu is on our website.

We are currently reviewing our risk assessments for a full school return, but measures to minimise risk include: regular handwashing and hand sanitising; enhanced cleaning; no mixing of bubbles indoors; staff will wear facemasks when in communal areas; lateral flow testing is in place for staff twice a week. Please could we remind families to follow social distancing guidelines and wear face masks when on school grounds.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon. Miss Foster.

World Book Day

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March with children who are in school and of course those at home too! We would like to invite pupils to dress as a book character for the day. Children will then share their outfits on their daily Teams meeting. Please also feel free to send in any photos to your child's class teacher! We are going to run a competition for children to guess the mystery readers—we will share a recorded video and children should try to identify as many teacher voices as they can! Teachers will also share recordings of a bedtime story for children to listen to at home.

School return

Timings for the school day will return to those before Christmas:

	Start of the day	End of the day
Nursery—am	8:45 am	11:45 pm
Nursery—pm	12:30 pm	3:30 pm
Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4	8:30—8:45 am	3:00 pm
Year 2, Year 5, Year 6	8:45—9:00 am	3:15 pm

Learning Platform

Thanks for your patience with new emails, Teams meeting links and remote learning over the start of this week. Migration from our old learning platform to our new one was completed successfully over half term. This updated system allows staff to share messages, planning and key documents, and we are very excited that we will also have the facility to create 'Class sites' for pupils to access at home. Staff will be working on these over the next few weeks and we look forward to sharing more information soon. **Please note, at the moment our school email address is still elstonhallprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk**

Key dates

Thursday 4th March—World Book Day
Monday 8th March—All pupils return to school
Friday 19th March—Comic Relief
Thursday 1st April — Break up for Easter
Friday 2nd April —Good Friday (school closed)
Monday 19th April —Start of Summer term