



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 18th September - Genes for Jeans Day
- 25th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 25th September—School Photograph
- 28th September—School Fun Run

LETTERS HOME

- Holiday Days—All
- Payments for School Trips—All



WELCOME!



Welcome to all new and existing parents of Elton Primary School & Nursery. We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. Should you have any queries regarding school, please do log onto our fantastic website which is full of information or give the school a call on: 01244 981170.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



As you know good attendance links directly to good achievement in school. This year the attendance percentage has increased to **95%**. Should your child's attendance fall below this threshold, the EWO will be notified. The Education Welfare officer (EWO) reviews our registers on a regular basis to identify pupils who arrive late or are often absent from school. The EWO has lots of help and support to offer to families to get attendance back on track.

If your child is poorly and unable to attend school then please telephone the school office immediately on Tel: 01244 981170. There is an answerphone so you may ring at anytime. Please note school can not authorise holidays during term time. Parents risk a hefty fine and the absence is recorded as being unauthorised.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



Don't forget, if your child is in KS1 (Reception - Year 2), they are entitled to a free school meal under the new government legislation. For pupils in KS2 (Years 3 - 6), school meals are charged at £2.20 per day and cash payment can be sent into school in a named envelope. The menu is available on the school website and copy will be in the office from next week.

JOB VACANCY



We currently have a position available for a mid-day assistant within our team. If you are interested in applying for this position please contact the office for more details.

END OF SCHOOL PICK UP



If your child is in Year 3 and 4, can we please remind you that they need to be picked up at the end of school by a named parent or carer.

PARENT FEEDBACK



At the end of last term we received a lovely note from one of our parents " The teachers are amazing but behind great teachers there is a great leader, a head teacher who is truly and totally dedicated to giving her all for the good of the children in education and welfare. I would like to thank you personally for your part in my children's jigsaw."

STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's Star of the week is for "Great start to the year!" and we would like to say congratulations to the following children:

Nurs: Whole Class 

Rec: Whole Class 

Year 1: Maisie Smith 

Year 2: Jack Jellicoe 

Year 3: Ryan Kibble 

Year 4: Alicia Hoskins 

Year 5: Lewis Hughes

Year 6: Katy O'Brien

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday Rhys (Y1), Oliver (Rec), Chloe (Nurs) and Sophie (Y1). We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK IS - WEEK 2

Headteacher's Blog

WELCOME BACK!!! It is going to be a FABULOUS year, despite what the Government have in store for schools and teachers and education in general! Remember, in our school, underpinning ALL that we do is the understanding that: CHILDREN COME FIRST

Tuesday saw me welcome Governors, cleaners, TAs, teachers and admin staff back to school for a productive review of last year's priorities and a strategic discussion about the priorities for this year. We have 2 new teachers, who we are excited to work with and support as they grow as practitioners and flourish in our excellent school, we wished our colleagues the best in their new schools and know they are both sad and excited to start on something new, and we wish our old site manager the best as he starts his retirement.

Basically this year more than ever we need to work together, you, the governors and the staff, plus the PTA and local community, to take on the whopping changes the Government have instituted and make them work. There are difficulties this year for you all as parents when you attempt to understand the new assessment regime (both in primary and for those of you with older children, in secondary too), we will be working closely with you to help it make sense and to gather your views on how we can support you further with your children, as we do all of the time.

Once we have sorted that, there will be the new Ofsted inspection schedule to ensure we adhere to, which you are welcome to read if you have a spare few hours, and you will be part of evaluating how well we are doing that, things like preventing our children becoming brainwashed by terrorists and being exploited online, and there will be the actual job of teaching somewhere in there, so we can assess the impact of the second year of the new national curriculum.

Like I said to the staff yesterday, I keep my finger on the educational pulse for a reason and often you can see the writing on the wall long before things come to fruition, which doesn't faze me because I have often put plans in place to address many of the madcap ideas the government comes up with, plus what I know to be fundamentally right for our children and you as our families in terms of educational changes (winky face here!). So this year we will be working on many things that will be embedded in every day lessons: explicitly that will be Rights Respecting Schools, we will be further developing the work we do on Global Learning and Philosophy for Children, and we will be making sure that you are invited into school to be part of all of that.

We also intend to take Elton Nursery and Community Primary School out into the community so that the tiny pockets of negativity about us is eradicated for good. From our open door policy to our fab website, our proactive safeguarding procedures to our teaching and learning, our school is second to none and small incidents where we may disagree from time to time, and indeed one or two parents leave with their children, do not detract from that. You can feel the vibe as you walk in, the relationships between members of our community are built on respect and a mutual purpose – children first, literally every visitor and new parent we show around comments upon it. We want you behind us 100% so that we can do the best we possibly can for your children and focus on what is really important. As we do this, we will work with our indomitable PTA who are just amazing and I would make a plea that again, you get involved in as many things that they do as possible for the sake of the children, whether you can spare time to meet with them in the evenings or just time to help out on the events days that they facilitate. We will be raising money for community and children in our school, we will be showing the community just what it means to be a valued member of our school and how much our children grow in confidence and our parents are valued and respected too. In September we will have Jeans for Genes day, Macmillan Coffee Morning, School Fun Run alone! Get behind your children and your school – be with us and help us drive the school forward, for your children.

I had a really special day on Wednesday, both taking my son to his first day of secondary school, and also welcoming the majority of our Elton children back to school, to the new classrooms their teachers have painstakingly prepared over the summer, to the pure energy and joy that is my school. I walked around the whole school greeting children and talking to them about their holiday and their hopes and dreams for the year and the future. I am so proud of the staff here and feel utterly blessed to work with your children and with you – and by the way? To quell several rumours, I completely love it here and I AM STAYING!!!

If I am walking funny on Monday, I am doing a 5 hour 'spinathon' on Saturday afternoon in Bromborough for Clatterbridge Cancer Unit who have cared for me and many close family and friends over the years, and also a fun run with my children and Mr Budd on Sunday for Claire House. If you are shopping on Saturday afternoon in The Croft Estate, pop over to the car park outside DW Fitness and cheer me on!