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## ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DREAM TEAM

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th September - Jeans for Genes Day 25th September-Macmillan Coffee Morning

25th September—School Photograph

28th September—School Fun Run

#### LETTERS HOME

CEOP Parent Meeting-All After School Clubs—All Football Trials— Y6 Maths Booster-Y6



#### JEANS FOR GENES



Friday the 18th September is Jeans for Genes day. Children can come to school in their own clothes for a donation of £1, can all children please wear jeans.

## FRIENDS OF ELTON



Friends of Elton is the schools PTA committee. They are holding a meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 7 O'clock in school, all parents, grandparents and carers are welcome. You can also keep update with school events on facebook "Friends of Elton". Your support is always appreciated and helps with this valuable group.

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II



This week saw an historical event in which Queen Elizabeth become the longest-reigning monarch. On Wednesday 9th September at 17:30 BST she had reigned for 23,226 days, 16 hours and approximately 30 minutes surpassing the reign of her great great grand mother Queen Victoria.

## KITCHEN ASSISTANT



We currently looking for a kitchen assistant to work 1 hour a the day. If you are interested in this position, please contact the office.

#### **TWITTER**



You can now follow us on Twitter @eltonprimary

#### YEAR 5 AND 6



The following schools have open evenings next week The Academy in Ellesmere Port on Wednesday 16th FYI. September 5-8pm and Whitby High on Thursday 17th 5-7:30pm. Further details can be found on their schools website.

#### CHESTER CORPORATE DUCK RACE



Chester Corporate Duck Race is being held at the River Dee on Saturday 19th September. If you are free come along and have a look at our very own ELTON duck. More details and pictures can be found on our website.

## STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's Star of the week is for "Not giving up!" and we would like to say congratulations to the following children:

Chloe Adshead Nurs: Rec: Zane Goodman

Year 1: Max Eaton Year 2: Connie Moran

Year 3: Matthew Shipley Year 4: Grace Handley

Year 5: Jack Lloyd **Year 6:** Jack Eaton

#### CELEBRATE



We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday Roman Y4, Sophie Y5, Max Y1, Katie-Ann Y5, Isaaleen Y3 and Hugh Y6. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK IS - WEEK 3

# Headteacher's Blog

Monday saw me chatting to several parents about the school trip letter, if you want to talk about this with me on a 1:1 basis as some of you have done, feel free to do so, I do welcome your feedback. The letter was intended to simply say, without the support of the voluntary contributions, we can no longer organise school trips, sadly.

Monday also saw me doing an assembly on D-Doing the right thing, part of our school motto. We explored how as individuals we can do the right thing in both large and small ways every day, from fund raising and charity work, to saying kind things to each other during the day, from offering to set the table at home to opening the door for someone and inviting them to go first. It was pleasing to involve our children in this and several of them commented on how they do support this ethos both at home and school.

Last week, staff had a staff training session around emotional development and resilience. "Over 100 years ago, the great African American educator Booker T. Washington spoke about resilience when he said, "I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles overcome while trying to succeed."

Research has since established resilience as essential for human thriving, an ability necessary for the development of healthy, adaptable young people. It's what enables children to emerge from challenging experiences with a positive sense of themselves and their futures. Children who develop resilience are better able to face disappointment, learn from failure, cope with loss, and adapt to change. We recognize resilience in children when we observe their determination, grit, and perseverance to tackle problems and cope with the emotional challenges of school and life. The road to resilience comes first and foremost from children's supportive relationships with parents, teachers, and other caring adults. These relationships become sources of strength when children work through stressful situations and painful emotions. When we help young people cultivate an approach to life that views obstacles as a critical part of success, we help them develop resilience.

The ability to meet and overcome challenges in ways that maintain or promote well-being plays an essential role in how students learn to achieve academic and personal goals. Resilient young people feel a sense of control over their own destinies. They know they can reach out to others for support when needed, and they readily take initiative to solve problems. Teachers facilitate resilience by helping children think about and consider various paths through adversity. They also help by being resources, encouraging student decision-making, and modelling resilient competencies. "Interesting stuff I am sure you will agree".

Wednesday was interesting, I met with an artist ready to do a project with school... watch this space... and also had an Ofsted briefing about the newest version of Ofsted and how that will impact on our school.

For your information from Chester Constabulary: "The NSPCC are joining forces with O2 – in a major three year partnership to keep children safe online. To better keep pace with the incredibly fast changing digital world.

We talk to the same people and the same families as O2 at different points in their day-to-day lives and now we'll be able to reach more parents directly at their point of need, providing expert guidance for all their online safety worries. We'll be doing this through:

- \* The new O2 & NSPCC online safety helpline (0808 800 5002) which is being run by O2 advisors, trained by us. They will deal with any technical and practical online safety issues such as privacy settings or parental controls.
- \* Parent workshops held in schools, workplaces and communities from January 2016. \* Clear advice on our and O2s' websites and online safety materials for parents distributed to schools.
- \* Personal child online safety advice from O2 staff (trained by us) available in all their stores. With 478 stores and over 8k staff, there will be someone on every high street who will be able to have a helpful and supportive conversation with parents about their child's safety online.
- \* What's more is that O2 will make it free for young people to contact ChildLine online from their O2 phone or tablet a move which will be invaluable to thousands of children who feel they have nowhere else to turn."

Of course today is both a sad and a happy day in school as we celebrated the Queen's record beating reign on the throne and wish her well (as many of our other local schools have done) in assembly, yet remember the sadness of the tragedy in New York those years ago on 9/11. Our thought's and prayers are with the still grieving families.

Great news! Have a great weekend and best of luck on Sunday both to Mrs Kinnear as she attempts her first Triathlon for SANDS and Mr Manning in his half marathon run. I will be completing my 3rd Tough Mudder for help for heroes on Sunday too.