



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th October- Own Clothes Day
12th October—Harvest Festival
23rd October- School Closes for Half Term
2nd November—Inset Day (Staff Only)

LETTERS HOME

Marathon Runners—All



ATTENDANCE NOTICE

Attendance for September is 92.43%

GOVERNMENT BENCHMARK FOR ATTENDANCE IS 95%. We ask that all routine non urgent appointments such as dentist, optician or hospital appointments be made out of school hours. If you have an appointment for your child which cannot be re-scheduled, please provide a copy of the appointment letter or card to the school office prior to the appointment, thank you.

Total of 45 Late Marks for morning registration.

Please can I stress to all school families the need for punctuality at the start of the school day. The school gates will be closed when registration begins at 8.55am. Any children arriving at school after 8.55am will be marked as late in the register and will have to enter school via the main entrance to school and report to the school office. I trust all families understand the importance of a prompt start to the school day and will support this change in school. Punctuality is very important to both your children and those around them. Teaching and learning begins right away and late comers disrupt the class and miss out on valuable lesson time.

OWN CLOTHES DAY



Friday 9th October is own clothes day for a £1 donation. We are raising funds for the Grimward family to help build a sensory room for their son.

KITCHEN ASSISTANT



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

PICKING YOUR CHILD UP AFTER SCHOOL



If your child is to be picked up from school by someone other than a named adult, can you please ensure your child's class teacher is informed or call the office to let them know.

CHARITY FUN RUN



Alder Hey

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Fun Run on Monday. We are currently collecting all the monies together and we will let you know the final amount very soon.

SAINSBURYS SPORTS AWARD



Fantastic news, we have won a Sainsburys Bronze kite award for our commitment to sport.

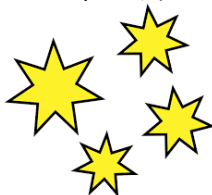
STAR OF THE WEEK

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

Rec: Jessica

Year 1: Harley

Year 2: Josh



Year 3: Amy

Year 4: Bradley

Year 5: Gemma

Year 6: Lucas

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday William Y3 and Luke Y5. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK IS - WEEK 2

Headteacher's Blog

Friday's Macmillan coffee morning was a great success! Such fun for the y6 children and I,, to go along and serve our local community and showcase how polite and warm our children are – very proud headteacher when literally every single person commented on how amazing our children were. The PTA are also incredible, their tireless efforts to support our school and willingness to work with me to engage and support our community are really commendable. They raised a whopping £423.84!!!!!! We were on our Twitter feed (link here), our website as always, and also the Chester Chronicle!

Monday we all participated in the sponsored walk for Szymon. I am so proud of our children and our collective attitude to life here at Elton. They really care and so do you! We have raised quite a bit so far and I am sure that more money will come in as children gather their sponsors. One person I really must thank is Kevin Clarke, his grandson is in reception class here and he works for Vauxhalls. Vauxhalls have a children's fund and from that fund he donated £250 to our fund raising efforts for Alder Hey! I simply love our community!

Mr Manning did a great assembly on Tuesday for KS2 all about an exciting opportunity for our children ...CBBC are producing a new entertainment series and are now searching the country for fearless children to take part (aged 9-14)!!! The series is called Airmageddon – it is brand new, large-scale show which will give children the chance to customise and fly one of their amazing drones competitively in a large studio arena! The contestants will compete with their remote controlled drones in the ultimate test of aerial skill. Each 'pilot' will be joined by a friend or relative of any age who will become their Wing Man or Woman (e.g. uncle, big sister, best-mate etc!) who will provide an extra pair of eyes and tactical support as they navigate the flying circus. You can find a bit more information here on the CBBC website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/airmageddon-2015-be-on-a-show>

We are such an innovative place here in Elton that we are often a step ahead of the game and our work on emotional literacy and supporting children with emotional development underpins much of what we do. We have a TA who is specifically trained to reach out to children who are struggling and her work is exceptional – so much so that Mrs Deakin has been asked to share her skills with other ELSA trainees shortly and we commend her for that. We also welcome 2 volunteers from a company called Passion4Learning, who have a mentoring role for our children and this has a huge impact on many aspects of their learning and ability to communicate. We extend this to our Y6 children who were trained in PALS work this week and who guide the social development of our younger pupils during lunch times. I am extremely proud of our inclusive school and all who work within her! (Have I said that already today?). It's a combination of emotional, physical, internet and personal physical safety that ensures that we give the best possible start to our children and Y6 were trained in 1st Aid by St John's Ambulance on Thursday- who knows, it could save a life one day.

I attended a long talk on Thursday at Woodfall Primary School all about anti-terrorism and school's responsibility to tackle this and other difficult subjects. It really is a difficult topic to cover, and we will do it with your support, as with all things we do. I confess that I was surprised at the reaction of some of our parents to the Happily Ever After play we hosted for the juniors last week. As a school we celebrate diversity actively, we make explicit our views on tolerance and acceptance of difference embracing staff and pupils from various ethnic backgrounds and sexualities. We have held many assemblies on topics of homophobia and racism and therefore I was shocked when a few parents expressed their dismay at the play we shared. We have shared Stonewall resources before for both children and parents and approach this topic as we do all others- with integrity and an open mind. Hopefully those parents, and others who may have had reservations but not come forward with them, will be reassured to know that we approach all sensitive issues in a child friendly, age appropriate way and with tried and tested products and that this is a normal part of the curriculum now as advocated by Government. Please see the website for documents we use to support our curriculum.

Michelle Massey and I attended a Safeguarding supervision meeting, the first of the new school year, and found it very informative and helpful as we usually do. Michelle takes her role as Safeguarding Governor very seriously and has attended many training sessions since her lead role was established. She is very proactive about safeguarding children and meeting with me to ensure that our policy, practice and record keeping are accurate and robust. In addition to Michelle, Helen Coy is also instrumental in the day to day safety of our children as she is the Health and Safety Governor. She regularly does H&S walks around school to ensure that the building is safe and poses no threat to the safety of visitors, staff and pupils. All of our Governors have key roles in school and support me in the smooth running of things here at a strategic level – for more information about all of our Governors and their special roles in school please see the school website!

I have the first weekend of my second year Doctoral programme this weekend, so more work! Enjoy the last few weeks of autumnal sunshine, before long those winter nights will be upon us!