



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

LETTERS HOME

- Harvest Festival—All
- Medical Information—All
- Parents Evening—All
- GRT Letter—All



CHARITY FUN RUN



Alder Hey

Our charity fun run was a fantastic success, you raised an amazing £875.00. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you for your support.

CANAL ART WORKSHOP



On Tuesday, Year 3 and 4 took part in a Roses and Castles painting workshop. All the children had a fantastic time making their own canal art masterpiece with the help of 'Day Star Theatre'. Pictures from this visit are on our twitter feed and will be on the website next week.

OWN CLOTHES DAY



Thank you to the families who have shown their support for today's own clothes day for the Grimward family. Your kindness has helped to raise just over £100. This money will go towards Zac's sensory room.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



Rev Ackroyd has asked the children of Elton to design a Christmas card for the Church. The card must be A5 and the theme is the 'Story of Jesus' birth'. The design can include either Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem, the scene in the stable (Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus and animals), the shepherds hearing the angels message or the visit from the wise men. All cards should be returned to school no later than **11th November**. The winning design will be the used for the church Christmas service this year. Good luck to all our budding artists.

MANOR RESIDENTIAL 2016



Just a reminder to all Year 5 and 6 pupils visiting the Manor next year, final payments need to be made by **Friday 27th November**.

CONWAY RESIDENTIAL 2016



All deposits for Conway need to be in school by **Friday 16th October**, along with completed child details form.

ANGIE'S KIDZ CLUB



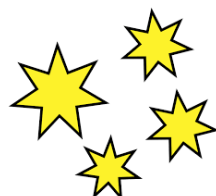
Don't forget, if you are stuck for childcare during the summer holidays, why not give Angies Kidz Club a call. The holiday club will be open from 26th to 30th October and 2nd November from 7:45am to 6pm. A full day is £26 per day and half day is £13, also there are 3 hour sessions for £8.50.

Children will be kept occupied with lots of fun activities including arts and craft, baking, visiting the park and much more. To book please call 07805095781.

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

- Nursery: **Chloe**
- Rec: **James**
- Year 1: **Lucy**
- Year 2: **Amari**



- Year 3: **Connor**
- Year 4: **Sarah**
- Year 5: **Chanel**
- Year 6: **Shayne**

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday Harrison Y6, Gemma Y5, Willow Y1 and Indiana Rec. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK IS - WEEK 3

Headteacher's Blog

Last Monday (ages ago I know!) we all participated in the sponsored walk for Simon. I am so proud of our children and pleased to say we raised £875 for Alder Hey! I simply love our community!

Friday last week saw school welcome Marathon Man, who Mr Manning saw on Sunday when he ran past him (!) he was only doing 16 miles as opposed to the 26.2 that Marathon Man was doing, but it has inspired Mr Manning to actually run his first ever marathon next year in Chester!! So impressed with him. We were discussing training plans and race day earlier on in the week.

Today was own clothes day and your donation of £1 will help go towards a sensory room for a beautiful little boy called Zachary who attended Elton Pre-School until a few months ago. All of us as parents know how much we want our children to grow and develop 'normally' from the minute we know they are on the way. We take care not to smoke, or drink alcohol because we know it damages babies in the womb. We take vitamins and ensure we eat properly and worry about birth and once they are born we worry about every minute they are crying, whether they are hot/cold/talking/walking/able like other children.

Imagine doing everything right but one day realising that your child isn't actually developing as your older child did, as his peers have, as you would expect or other people would expect. Imagine realising that your home does not 'cut it' for your child, who has needs that are significant enough that he will be taught in a school specially equipped to help him develop to his full potential. That is hard. But when there is no help available from any other source than charity, imagine how uplifting it feels for your community, your local school, to get behind you and support you not just with words but with actions too?

Zach has autism and the sensory room that the family will build, with a teeny tiny little bit of help from us, will be a great benefit to him and his development. Both Friends of Elton, our awesome PTA and Elton Nursery and Primary School like to get behind *any* worthy cause of the Elton community and help in any way we possibly can. We would like to thank you all for your support, those of you who made a donation.

One of our families this week has experienced a sudden and unexpected death, the second this year and we send them our best wishes and condolences.

It has not only been World Teacher's Day on Monday, but this week has also been World Space week!

Since its United Nations declaration in 1999, World Space Week has grown into the largest public space event on Earth. More than 1,400 events in 80 countries celebrated the benefits of space and excitement about space exploration in 2014. We have never learnt as much of the universe we live in as in the last decade. Space telescopes, deep space probes and several interplanetary satellites and landers have shown us the magic, wonders and opportunities of new worlds. Exoplanets, galaxies far away and close by and landings on planets, moons, asteroids and comets teach us about where we humans have come from and where we will go in the future. Space is all about Discovery! Our children, budding scientists of the future, have a fab education in Science and Miss Blake has the certificate to prove it.

Finally, as if our week wasn't busy enough with our 5000m challenge, our 2 Governor's meetings, safeguarding training, our own clothes day for Zac, meeting with community representatives about the way our school can foster good work in the village and everything else we cram in, it was also our GRT afternoon! Of course, the whole month of October is designated for both Black History and also GRT, and we will cover both, in the next 2 weeks as part of our global learning curriculum; GRT month was established in Britain in 2008 as a way of raising awareness of these communities and their contributions to society, and to offset negative stereotyping and prejudices, considered by the government as racist and with the potential of creating social divide and racially motivated hate crime.

Gypsies, Roma and Travellers are the largest ethnic minority community in the European Union with over 12 million people across the EU and some 300,000 in the UK. They are very marginalised and suffer extreme levels of prejudice and discrimination- but we can honestly say that in our school, regardless of what happens outside of it, this is not the case. No child is discriminated against – regardless of background, wealth, family structure, sexuality, religion, belief, race or skin colour.