



# ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DREAM TEAM

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th & 21st October - Parents Evening  
23rd October- School Closes for Half Term  
23rd October—School Disco  
2nd November—Inset Day (Staff Only)

### LETTERS HOME

Childline—Year 5 and 6  
Young Voices—KS2  
World Teachers Day—All



### TWITTER



You can follow us on twitter @EltonPrimary and Ms Carr on @headofelton.

### SCOUTS BONFIRE DISPLAY



On Friday 6th November, Elton Scouts are having a bonfire and firework display on the Parish field. The evening will start at 6:45pm with the fire will being lit at 7pm, followed by the firework display starting at 7:30pm. There will be food and hot drinks available, along with candy floss and a sweet stall. Everyone is welcome.

### SCHOOL DISCO



Friends of Elton's fancy dress school disco is on Friday 23rd October. KS1 is from 5pm till 5:50pm and costs £1.50 per child. KS2 is from 6pm till 7pm and costs £2.00 per child. The price includes a drink and a snack.

### CHEWING GUM



Can we remind all parents that chewing gum is not allowed on the school grounds. Please ensure your child does not bring it in.

### LOST PROPERTY



All lost property will be on display in the infant hall after school on Friday 23rd October. Any items left will be taken to the charity shop over half term.

### DATA INFORMATION AND MEDICAL FORMS



Can any outstanding forms please be handed into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

### KITCHEN ASSISTANT



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

### 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: Hayden

Rec: Ryan

Year 1: Ashton

Year 2: Jack



Year 3: Reece

Year 4: Bartek

Year 5: Piers

Year 6: Olivia

### CELEBRATE



We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday Sophie Y4, Reece Y6 and Isabelle Y6. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK IS - WEEK 4

# Headteacher's Blog

Monday saw the annual celebration of the death of an inspirational nurse in WW1 called Edith Cavell. She was executed for ignoring the warring factions and helping both sides. For her, just doing the right thing earned her a martyrdom but also cost her, her life. [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edith\\_Cavell](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edith_Cavell)

Sadly I missed our Harvest Festival service on Monday, lead by Rev. Ruth, and organised to give to the needy of Elton, Ince and Thornton-Le-Moors because I was at a funeral. It was a strange event as I am a stranger to funerals, having been only to a handful, but the reading, given by the daughter-in-law of our close friend, was actually quite profound and for those of you who know the bible it was from 1 Corinthians (Ch 13, I have edited it a little).

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails...And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Beautiful words, whether you are religious or not, I think. Love underpins everything, and there are many forms of love. I love my job and try to demonstrate all of those things, hope, faith, and love in my daily work, therefore nothing else matters. I think if we pause for a moment and reflect, we have a choice in all that we do and say, and a moment's thought can sometimes mean the difference between a terrible situation and a small problem that is easily mended.

I know that Y6 also enjoyed Childline's visit on Monday, a crucial part of our safeguarding programme is also to teach children to be safe and how to take care of each other and themselves using the internet and with others and we welcome Child line in every year. I am proud of the maturity of our young people and their attitude to all things that they do is really a testament to the hard work and good parenting of you guys and the hard work and planning and nurturing of my staff over the years. Sensible children, with a fantastic moral compass, wonderful community ethic and ability to really boost each other and celebrate each other's talents do not just arrive in the world at 11 years old - they are the product of excellent care both at home and school. They are a pleasure to work with.

Today we celebrated Black History Month, which has been celebrated every October in the UK for over 35 years. Progressive schools recognise that being forward-thinking on equality, diversity and inclusion in a school makes sense. They recognise that people from different backgrounds bring unique knowledge, skills and experience to their school that enhance the lives of others within the setting, and help integration into the wider world as teenagers and young adults.

Equality does begin at home, in the modelling that is demonstrated through how parents, carers, family and friends treat each other and speak about others. We've seen from the excellent work of 'Show Racism the Red Card' that many children and young people hold prejudiced views about others, which may have come from the home. We know that society as a whole and the corporations which want to sell our children their products, have a vested interest in perpetuating the dinosaur/doll gender split - it's not just pink and blue now. And these gendered attitudes can also play themselves out as young people make career choices, we know that many more women are steered towards lower-paid hair and beauty apprenticeships rather than higher-paid engineering apprenticeships. Is it any wonder there's a gender pay gap of over 20%?

It's a popular rallying cry, that schools must cure the ills of society - tackle Female Genital Mutilation, eradicate homophobic bullying, prevent sexist bullying, stop racist or disablist attitudes and curb Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism. While it's true that school can be seen as a microcosm of the world around us, teachers are doing their best to deal with a variety of issues that young people face in the twenty-first century." Says Dr Wanda Wyporska, Lead Equalities Officer at the Association of Teachers and Lecturers. We can make the difference here in our school!

On a separate note, it has been national curry week - I know that some of you think I make this stuff up - I wish I had the imagination! I LOVE curry though and am happy to support this initiative at home tonight - happy Curry Week everyone! <http://www.national-awareness-days.com/national-curry-week.html>