



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 2nd November—Inset Day (Staff Only)
- 13th November— Children in Need
- 4th December— Christmas Fair

LETTERS HOME

School Council Letter— All



HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE



Just to remind all Year 6 parents, applications for High school must be submitted by 31st October. You can apply online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions or by telephoning the authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Starting School 2016-17' booklet.

QUICKSTICKS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



On Wednesday the following pupils took part in a Quicksticks Hockey Tournament at Neston Hockey Club-Jack (Y5), Piers (Y5), Anna (Y6), Louis (Y6), Shayne (Y6) and Isabelle (Y6). The team played fantastically well and finished 3rd out of 18, all receiving a bronze medal. We would like to congratulate all the team on how well they played and their behaviour, making everyone here at Elton very proud.



WELL DONE to Jasmine in Year 3 for coming 5th in Fierce and Fearless dance competition.

SCHOOL DISCO



Friends of Elton's fancy dress school disco is tonight. 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.

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**.

AFTER SCHOOL COOKING CLUB



KS1 and KS2 cooking club for Group 1 has now finished. Group 2 will start on the 9th November and run until 11th December.

SCOUTS BONFIRE & FIREWORK 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.

ANGIE'S KIDZ CLUB



Angies Kidz Club will be open on 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.

TAE KWONDO



A new Tae Kwon do class has started aimed at 4-6 year olds called Elton Tigers. It teaches the same skills but in a more friendly fun way for little ones. The classes are Thursday 6:30- 7:30 at Ince village hall on Poole Lane. Price is £3 per child.

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:

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| Nursery: Kevin | | Year 3: Kieran |
| Rec: Harry | | Year 4: Carmen |
| Year 1: Freya | | Year 5: Lauren |
| Year 2: Kai | | Year 6: Adam |

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday Lewis Y3, Sami Y3, Jessica Rec, Carmen Y4 and Tyla Y3. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK IS - WEEK 1

Headteacher's Blog

Well done to all the children who took part in the World 5000m Challenge the week before last. The times have now been verified and our school recorded the following position and time **in the world!** 81st Elton 00.22.02!!!! WOW!!!

Many of you will have observed Mrs Caldecott's growing midriff... it isn't the biscuits in the staff room - she really is having a baby girl very soon and as such needs to leave us for a short time to get the last little bits of organisation done in her home ready for her arrival and then to welcome her home! Do not panic, we have plans afoot for Y2 which I think the children and I know the parents will be happy about. There are some things we need to firm up on and then I will write to you all, after half term, to tell you what is happening. I for one will miss her! She is an exceptional teacher with a fabulous passion and energy for children and music that has inspired our children to sing and sing and sing! For those of you with KS2 children, do not panic - Young Voices, which the children LOVED last year, will still go ahead as Mrs Caldecott has planned it all in advance of her leaving- little superstar.

This week was parents evening and it was great to see our Parent governors Anne- Marie Wright ,Andrew Canham and Helen Coy in school to introduce themselves to parents.

Our Black History Day last Friday was a huge success! In Monday's assembly where we summed up the half term, from the school council point of view (they have written to you themselves!), the children were proud to tell me about Jessie Owens and other key people in 'black history' and also keen to explain *why* we have months/days that celebrate some things and not others. I played 'Devil's Advocate' and asked the children why we do not have a white history day... this was hilarious as the children were very confused! Their answer was of course that history was always written by white people, and that was because we white people have always been in charge, especially white men (some of them had been talking to parents about the new movie 'Suffragette'??). I pretended to be confused and some of the children explained to me that you only need to celebrate and remember something when it was wrong or awful, so you don't do it again (like 'Poppy Day' reminds us about war, Miss...). So this is why we have Gay Pride? Black History month? Gypsy Romany Traveller month? Etc. 'Yes, Miss, so we understand that in the past people were not treated right and now they are and we should remember that'. WOW! This really was a revelation and of course, very insightful. Danny in Y2 mentioned Adolf Hitler and how he thought only white people born in Germany were any good - on a child's level we were able to discuss our school views on such ideals, how we would never judge a person based on religious belief, or skin colour, native country or ethnic background, and all of the children shouted out that 'it was ok to be different'. It really is what our children think and I was completely proud at the way they were able to articulate this. Proud. On the subject of diversity....

It was National Apple Day Wednesday ... honestly, I do not make this up! And I did some research about what the significance of this actually is?! Apple Day, 21 October, was launched in 1990 by Common Ground. The aspiration was to create a calendar custom, an autumn holiday. From the start, Apple Day was intended to be both a celebration and a demonstration of the variety we are in danger of losing, not simply in apples, but in the richness and diversity of landscape, ecology and culture too. It has also played a part in raising awareness in the provenance and traceability of food. The apple has been used as a symbol of what is being lost in many aspects of our lives and shown that anyone can take positive action towards change. Over the years, Apple Day has been celebrated in a wonderful variety of ways by a diverse range of people. Doctor's surgeries, coronary support groups, the Cancer Research Campaign have taken Apple Day as a novel way of encouraging **healthy eating**. Each year, alongside tasting, juicing and baking, an imaginative array of games and creative activities have flourished - ranging from simple apple printing to mummers' apple plays, new songs and poetry evenings. But invariably, year after year, the most popular event is the display, tasting and buying of numerous varieties of apples and the presence of an expert to aid identification. The success of Apple Day has shown what the apple means to us and how much we need local celebrations in which, year after year, everyone can be involved. In city, town and country, Apple Day events have fostered local pride, celebrated and deepened interest in local distinctiveness. Apple Day is now an integral part of the calendar of many villages, local authorities and city markets. It is a focus for activities organised by the Women's Institute, National Trust properties, Wildlife Trusts, museums and galleries, horticultural societies, shops and restaurants as well as for schools, colleges and environmental study centres. We missed out at Tatton Hall's local apple day celebrations a few weeks ago, but read about it here!

<http://www.cheshire-today.co.uk/35983/tatton-celebrates-national-apple-day/>

Don't despair! There is one you can go to over half term at Reaseheath! <http://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/apple-festival/> J

School discos are tonight, so I will see many of you at school, if not, have a great $\frac{1}{2}$ term, take care and enjoy the break with your children.