



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13th November— Children in Need
- 20th November—Quiz and Chilli Night
- 4th December— Christmas Fair

LETTERS HOME



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance for October is 94.83%

Total of 50 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**. Punctuality and attendance are very important to your child's education. This figures below show how much learning is lost through lateness. Figures below are calculated over a school year.

5 mins late each day—3 days lost. 10 mins late each day—6.5 days lost, 15 mins late each day—10 days lost, 20 mins late each day—13 days lost and 30 mins late each day— 19 days lost!

FRIENDS OF ELTON EVENTS

Superhero Day Friday 13th November is Children in Need day and Friends of Elton are having a 'Be A Hero Day'. Children can come to school dressed as a superhero or in their own clothes for a £1 donation. All money raised will go towards Children In Need.



Quiz and Chilli Night Friday 20th November, Friends of Elton are holding a quiz and chilli night. Admission is £4 per person, 6 people per team including food, bring your own drinks and glasses. (adult only night). We hope you can make it!



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



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 welcome.



- to Sean in Year 3 for winning gold in the Taekwondo North Midlands Regional Championship at the weekend.

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

Nursery: Peter
Rec: Megan
Year 1: Rhys
Year 2: Jack



Year 3: Sean
Year 4: Sophie
Year 5: Faye
Year 6: Keira

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Reece Y3 a very happy birthday. We hope you have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK IS - WEEK 2

Headteacher's Blog

Well done to Sean who won GOLD at the North Midlands Taekwondo Championships in Derby on Sunday– guess what? He is going to the British Championships in 4 weeks' time ... and I am sure the Olympics in another few years. Brilliant news and well done Sean!

Congratulations to Mr Heathcote and Miss Hughes who graduated this week.

In other news, we hosted over 200 teaching staff on Monday and our very own Mr Manning was teaching them all about how to use IPADS, coding, programming, Lego technology and lots of other exciting things to do with information technology in schools. ICT is something we have embraced and really developed as a school over the last 2 years and it was AMAZING to see all of those educational practitioners here in our school and learning from and with our fab staff. Everyone did a super job, from the office staff who took registers and made it fire safe, sorted car parking with our new caretaker (Rob Delamere!) and replenished water, to the kitchen staff who prepared super meals for everyone, to the teaching and learning staff who supported Mr Manning. I was certainly one very proud headteacher when I saw how it all went and read the feedback from my colleagues.

“Thank you for organising and leading the session today Kevin. I found it very helpful how you broke down the coding curriculum and provided a number of documents, resources and plans to support teaching this back in school. Myself and a number of colleagues also found the E-Safety pointers you gave helpful too and they provided us with ideas on how to teach this back in the classroom.”

“They felt that it was good because they were directed to free software that they have not heard of, there was a good reference to the national curriculum, and there was a good opportunity to have a go at some of the apps as well as go online. The apps that were shown supported progression in computing but also across other curriculum areas. The staff were pleased that they were directed to progression documents and very good online information and felt more confident with coding especially with the use of Scratch.”

We are all excited about next week, having secured a lottery grant we are able to commence work on the new outdoor learning area for early years – please take care to watch out for signs and diversions which will be there for your safety and that of the children. I am delighted that we have Rob on board, he has already made a wonderful impression on the children and staff and I am sure will manage this addition to our provision well.

On Thursday we hosted a national expert in Humanities, Chris Trevor. She is a marvel and a brilliant teacher and trainer who manages to enthuse everyone she works with. She LOVES our working wall in the ‘Infant Hall’ and I was even able to deliver a small part of her day sharing with colleagues from across Cheshire West and Chester the things we do here to celebrate British Values and ‘Spiritual Moral Social Cultural’ education. It is a huge expectation now, both by Government and Ofsted that we put elements of this into literally all that we do and we do this so well that I have been asked to be an assessor who works with other schools to support RE and SMSC development and accreditation. It isn't always popular, but it shows that we are brilliant at what we do here and it is testament to the hard work and innovation of our staff, and the support of our Governors as well as me driving it forward. The feedback from the staff who came was wonderfully positive!

Our Governors really enjoyed being a welcoming party at the recent autumn term parent's evenings, which were a huge success. I loved having a chat with so many of you as you arrived and left and it is always good fun to tease the children that you know are beautifully well behaved and keen to learn that they may get a bad report – as if! All of our children are lovely and as I celebrate 3 years here at Christmas I now know more than one child in many households and have had the pleasure to get to know so many of you as we have worked together on your child's education. We plan to make this a regular thing as it was so well received so you will see our Governors at the next parents evenings if you missed them this term. Don't forget their photographs and a pen portrait are available on the website if you ever want to put a name to a face!

As you know, we are trying to reduce printing and paper costs so where possible are emailing out the newsletter and have been trialing both paper and email. This will stop very soon and become just an emailed version so please ensure that the office have your email address!

Don't forget, in 2 weeks time it is the PTA quiz and Chilli evening – I sadly will be in Uni that night but I am sure if it is as good as the last 2 have been then it will be a riot so look out for their fliers!