



# ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DREAM TEAM

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th November—Quiz and Chilli Night  
4th December— Christmas Fair

### LETTERS HOME

Serious Incident Letter—All  
Swimming Letter - Y5



### YOUNG VOICES



Just to remind, KS2 children that all Young Voices forms need to be handed back into school no later than **Tuesday 17th November**. Audience ticket deadline is 15th January. Please note, Young Voices cannot guarantee that tickets will still be available. Please order your tickets through school as Young Voices will do their best to place parents in the appropriate area in the arena to see their children.

### 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, that final payments need to be made by **Friday 27th November**.

### COATS AND JUMPERS



Can you please ensure your child comes to school with a jumper and coat, now the weather is getting colder. Thank you.

### STAY AND PLAY



The Children's Centre hold Stay and Play every Tuesday in school between 1.15pm and 2.45pm. No need to book just turn up, everyone welcome from 0 to 4 years.

### CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising today for BBC Children in Need. 'Be a Hero'. All the children looked fantastic in their outfits. We will let you know how much you raised. Look on twitter and the website for pictures from today.

### APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACE- RECEPTION 2016



If your child is born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012, applications can be submitted for a school place in Reception 2016. Applications can be made by visiting [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call the central admissions team on 0300 123 7039. Please note, the closing date for all primary school applications is **15th January 2016**. Thank you

### SCHOOL LETTERS

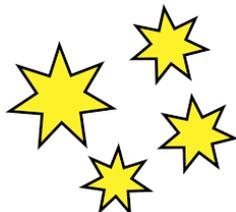


You will have noticed that you are now receiving a copy of the newsletter by email. This week will be the last week a paper copy will be printed. All letters from school will now be sent via email, can you please ensure the office have a copy of your email address. Thank you.

### STAR OF THE WEEK

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

Nursery: Dean  
Rec: Alfie  
Year 1: Sophie  
Year 2: Evie



Year 3: Nikola  
Year 4: Georgia  
Year 5: Sophie  
Year 6: Leo

### CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Chloe Y2, Jessica Y2 and Harry Rec a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK IS - WEEK 3

# Headteacher's Blog

Well done to Lewis Y3 who, on Monday, wowed me with his retained knowledge of mathematics! I know that Y4 were as impressed as I was when he came up from Y3 to tell them what the 'commutative law' was!

Also, well done to Charlie who made a Starbucks coffee cushion at home, because she could! The detail was amazing and I was blown away by her talent when she showed me the cushion on Monday.

This week we welcomed the Chester Jets into assembly and they shared their skills and sportsmanship with the children – who as always enjoyed having visitors into school. The representatives from the Jets said how attentive and well behaved the children were and I was delighted to hear that.

I have attended two large meetings this week, one with Andrew Canham, our Vice Chair of Governors on Tuesday and one on Thursday as part of the Frodsham Advisory Board for the Children's Centre. I really am proud of our team work here and as part of that team, the Children's Centre staff really do work very closely with us to support our families in many ways and enhance opportunities for children from birth. One of the things they do is support parents with children of 2 years old to get placements in nurseries in the locality and now the Government have introduced the "Golden Ticket" system their job will become harder! If you know of anyone who has a child who will be 2 next term, please advise them to see Susan Mulhall in the main school office who is the Admin Officer for the Children's Centre and who can advise them on what to do.

Next week is Inclusion week for us, for the whole country it is AntiBullying Week, but we prefer to turn it on its head and call it "What does it mean to be British?" I will be doing an assembly every day about the 5 key British Values, as set out by the Government and Ofsted. "All maintained schools must meet the requirements set out in section 78 of the Education Act 2002 and promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils. Through ensuring pupils' SMSC development, schools can also demonstrate they are actively promoting fundamental British values. Meeting requirements for collective worship, establishing a strong school ethos supported by effective relationships throughout the school, and providing relevant activities beyond the classroom are all ways of ensuring pupils' SMSC development. Pupils must be encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance. It is expected that pupils should understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to its law." [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/380595/SMSC\\_Guidance\\_Maintained\\_Schools.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/380595/SMSC_Guidance_Maintained_Schools.pdf)

<http://www.doingsmsc.org.uk/british-values/> sets out quite well what the expectations are but, according to Ofsted, 'fundamental British values' are in the [School Inspection Handbook from September 2015](#)

Broadly speaking they will be on the following topics- Inclusion and disability, democracy, respect and tolerance, law and liberty. The children will spend parts of the week thinking about these 5 themes and producing work from their activities so watch the twitter feed for updates and check the website out.

Today is World Kindness Day and I have to say, why not? I think being kind should really be every day, but maybe we do all need a reminder! It is also appropriate therefore that it is Children in Need day and with the PTA and School Council taking control of the philanthropic side of the day's events I can sit and enjoy all of the hero outfits and the efforts that you and the children have taken in order to support fundraising once again. I, of course, wore surgical scrubs because my heroes are a little more real than Batman or Superman! Next Friday, interestingly, it is Universal Children's day – again, I think it should be children first every day, but who am I to talk...

You will know from the separate letter I have sent out that there a few changes next term, all of them good ones, so already we are looking to 2016 and it isn't yet December!

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! Also, we will start to trial using email to send you letters about events in your child's class.

Don't forget, next week 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!