



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



FIRE SERVICE



On Thursday, Year 5 enjoyed a visit from Ellesmere Port Fire Brigade. The children learnt all about fire safety and how to escape from a smoke filled room. They were also shown all round a fire engine and each child was allowed to have a go at the hose. Pictures can be seen on twitter and the school website.

KS2 CROSS COUNTRY



Saturday mornings cross country competition has been cancelled due to bad weather forecast.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND TAGS



Just a reminder all Christmas cards and tag orders must be handed back into school along with payments by **25th November**, thank you.

QUIZ AND CHILLI NIGHT



Tonight 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). Doors open at 7pm for 7:30pm start. There will be a raffle on the night for £1 a strip. We hope you can make it!

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



Well done to everyone who donated to 'Be a Hero'. You managed to raise an amazing £190!!!

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**.

NURSERY OUTDOOR PLAY AREA



You will have noticed work has begun on the nursery play area. Hopefully by the end of November, weather permitted, work will all be finished and the children will be able to enjoy their new playground.

APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACE- RECEPTION 2016

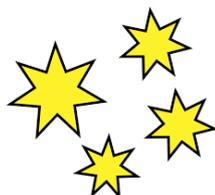


If your child is born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012, applications can be submitted for a school place in Reception 2016. Applications can be made by visiting www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions or you can call the central admissions team on 0300 123 7039. Please note, the closing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

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

Rec: Archie
Year 1: Binta
Year 2: Chloe



Year 3: Jasmine
Year 4: Asa
Year 5: Data-Marie
Year 6: Mackenzie

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Alexandra Y6 and Sheraleigh Y1 a very happy birthday. We hope you both have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK IS - WEEK 4

Headteacher's Blog

So Inclusion Week- What does it mean to be British? BIG QUESTION ...

So we looked at disability and inclusion – I saw a great article about an American surgeon who is paralysed from the waist down (due to an illness) and still operating after designing his own kind of harness and 'stand' upon which he works in the operating theatre! Amazing guy called Ted Rummel. I also shared with the children some obscure 'disabled' people who are doing exactly what able bodied people do to inspire them into understanding that each of us has a choice to succeed: Jillian Mercado, a 26-year-old New Yorker who suffers from muscular dystrophy, has been signed with IMG models; Paralympian, Crossbench Peer in the House of Lords, Motivational Speaker, Broadcaster and Mother... Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE; Michael Phelps, Olympian and international swimming superstar who suffers from ADHD and John Forbes Nash who is a Noble laureate American mathematician whose work is considered ground breaking and who has paranoid schizophrenia.



I told the children in Tuesday's assembly on 'Democracy' that because I was the boss I had decided that there would be no more break times and only tomato soup for lunch every day from now on. Shayne in Y3 was horrified and only when he said 'you can't do that to us!' did I explain that this is how decisions are made in countries where there is a dictator in charge. Of course we then voted as a whole school on whether we should stay open for classes until 5pm – thankfully only 10% decided we should, we explained the 'majority' rules meant that the day will still end as it does now. William was the most concerned about the soup! I also made them laugh when I said that a hundred years ago I would have been strapping myself to a railing and demanding a vote! Well done Phoebe who knew that these women were called Suffragettes.



Tolerance is probably as good as any cornerstone on which to build positive human relationships. When you look at the slaughter and suffering caused by religious intolerance throughout the history of Man and into modern times, you can see that intolerance is a very destructive activity. We have the R in DREAM TEAM to signify 'Respect yourself and others'.

Religious tolerance does not mean you cannot express your own beliefs. It *does* mean that seeking to undermine or attack the religious faith and beliefs of another is, and has always been, a short road to trouble, blood-shed and unhappiness.

Philosophers since the times of ancient Greece have disputed with one another about the nature of God, Man and the universe. The opinions of 'experts' ebb and flow. If all the brightest minds since the fifth century B.C. (or before) have never been able to agree on the subject of religion (or anti-religion), then let's be honest, it is a topic encouraging discontent between people that I think we are sensible to stay out of!



Religious wars are not caused by the fact that there is more than one religion, but by the spirit of intolerance... the spread of which can only be regarded as the total eclipse of human reason.

(Charles de Montesquieu)

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In this 'sea of contention', one bright idea has emerged: the right to believe as you choose! We are only at risk when we seek to assault the beliefs of others, much more so when we attack those beliefs and seeks to harm others because of their religious convictions. The question of religious tolerance has been debated throughout the ages in order to work out the reasons why hatred creeps into religion at all. Every religion preaches universal love towards all mankind and makes it an expectation on its devotees to practice good ethical behaviour as a matter of duty. But we all know that there is a wide gap between what is expected and what happens. Humans, since the dawn of the species, have taken great consolation and joy in religions- who am I to challenge that?

I did come across some interesting things though:

Law and liberty on Thursday- well, straight forward and underpinning our D in DREAM TEAM. Do the right thing! Follow the rules or things unravel- at school age this is 'fixable' as we are all entitled to make a mistake and make it right. As an adult, making mistakes has the consequence of jail time and this is an unpleasant thought!

Today is Universal Children's Day – luckily in Elton, we think this is EVERY DAY!!!

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WHETHER ONE BELIEVES
IN A RELIGION OR NOT, AND
WHETHER ONE BELIEVES IN
REBIRTH OR NOT, THERE ISN'T
ANYONE WHO DOESN'T APPRECIATE
KINDNESS AND COMPASSION.