



# ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DREAM TEAM

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 2nd May—School Closed for bank holiday

Monday 9th May— Year 6 SATs start.

Friday 27th May—School closes for half term

### LETTERS HOME



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



After school clubs start on Tuesday 3rd May. Can you please ensure if your child is taking part in football fun or strike and field that they have appropriate clothing for outdoor activities.

### FOOTBALL TEAM



On Tuesday the school football team played a match against Frodsham C of E here at Elton. Due to a fantastic team effort in the second half the final result was 2:2. Well done to everyone who took part.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM



Now we are in the summer term and September is fast approaching, don't forget School uniform is available to order from [myschoolstyle.com](http://myschoolstyle.com).

### ELTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE



Elton children's centre are holding a free six week course from 13th June to 18th July called Making Rhyme Bags. This is a chance to create a rhyme bag and ideas about sharing nursery rhymes and stories with your child. There will be refreshments and time to chat to other parents. This course is run by the 'Skills for Families, Life and Work' team. If you would like to book and need a creche place, forms are available from the children's centre.

### ANGIES KIDZ CLUB



If you are stuck for childcare over the Summer holidays, why not give Angies Kidz Club a call. The holiday club will be open from 22nd July to 5th August and 5th September from 7:45am to 6pm. A full day is £26 per day and half day £13, also there are hourly sessions available on request. Children will be kept occupied with lots of activities, including arts and craft, baking, visiting the park and much more. To book please call 07805095781 to ensure a place.

**THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS DELAMERE ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 6TH MAY.**



### STAR OF THE WEEK



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

REC: Szymon

YEAR 3: Bethan

YEAR 1: Joshua

YEAR 4: Emil

YEAR 2: Edward

YEAR 5: Katie

YEAR 6: Harrison

### CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Ellie Y4, Freya Y1, Peter Nurs, Jack Y2, Binta Y1, Jack Y2 and Daisy Nurs a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY FOR BANK HOLIDAY AND REOPENS ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY.**

**LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK - 3**

# Headteacher's Blog

This has been another week of sorting and organising. I know it is crazy to begin to plan for the next academic year already but this is how school goes, we are always working and planning for the short term, tomorrow and next week, medium term, up until summer break and longer term, spinning plates as legislation dictates! In many ways, however, this is the best part of the job, making plans for the future successes of the school and thinking strategically how we can move the learning and teaching forward- how can we create opportunity for you and our children? Exciting times!

We have been working with our universities this week to ensure that student teachers have placements next year and are able to learn in a challenging and supportive environment where they will have the best in mentoring and support from our staff. This is a super way of keeping us all in touch with new trends in 'pedagogy' which comes from university and school based research and is brought by our student teachers where they work with seasoned and experienced staff to put ideas into practice. We have had several outstanding teaching students this year and many of them have been busy getting jobs around the country as a result of their experiences here – it is always a real pleasure to write accurate and authentic references for people who have done such a great job and made such progress and to see them start on their journey as fully fledged teachers, so many are leaving the profession for other careers due to the awful implications of government legislation that it makes me feel relieved to be part of a system that enthuses teachers!

On that note, I suppose it is appropriate to make official the news that Mr Budd shared on Tuesday! He is indeed leaving for a fabulous new life in Dubai in the summer holidays so I would like to say to him, as one of those students who was under my care in my previous job, and as a valued and well respected member of my current staff, THANK YOU, for all the enthusiasm, dedication and joy you have brought to our school. I am very lucky that wonderful people work with me and for me in such a way that our team is unique and exceptional and you will be sorely missed when you go, but it is such a great opportunity that will develop your skills further and enable you to grow and flourish and shed your shiny light on more children, touching their lives and leaving memories there too! It also gives us new opportunities to welcome equally motivated and driven staff into our school and this is really exciting! This, alongside other national initiatives such as offering a potential 30 hours funded places in nursery may mean that we are diversifying in September as many of you have asked me about this I can tell you that the Governors and I are looking closely at several models in the Early Years provision and will share with you in the very near future when we have finalised our plans...

We have welcomed many new children into school in the last 2 weeks and this is another real joy, we have waiting lists now for every year group and whenever parents visit school and walk around to see the learning taking place they always comment on the warmth and excellent relationships between staff and children.

I am super proud of Miss Hughes and her hard work this year so far for developing not just her teaching but also sports across school building on the foundations of Mrs Barnes. Our football team played --- this week and came from 2:0 at half time to a 2:2 draw showing real perseverance and determination. It has, of course, been a huge week in the world of football, and for that matter corruption, as we all know, families who suffered the loss of loved ones as a result of the Hillsborough disaster finally had the names of their families vindicated and the truth shared. The news is full of stories of 'cover-ups' and underhand dealings and it is not pleasant to think we are all raising children in this world. We need to ensure that we work together to ensure our children learn and grow with moral integrity and a sense of their own safety.

Staff continue to work on ideas for rewards and sanctions so that we reward our consistently good children and these plans will be shared with children for their views before we finalise them and share them with Governors and then the whole school. Thanks to Mr Budd for his input on this. Last week we all had training on fire safety and manual handling which was organised by our site maintenance officer, Wendy – who is fab and has loads of plans for the school which will improve it even more. She tells me that she cannot wait to polish the hall floor in the summer!

Having listened to feedback from parents, we will now celebrate the Team points on a Friday, in assembly and on the newsletter so that everyone knows the team that has won and whether their child can wear own clothes and on which day. Thanks for the feedback.

I am off to the Army/Navy rugby match at Twickenham this Saturday and really looking forward to it, my children are excited too as it is their first time to the ground and I hope the weather will hold out! Enjoy whatever you are doing this weekend and enjoy the extra day off on Monday – everyone loves a Bank Holiday.