



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Friday 27th May—School closes for half term
- Monday 6th June—Inset day school closed
- Wednesday 8th June—Queens Birthday Lunch
- Friday 24th June—Sports day

YEAR 6 SATS

Well done to Year 6 for completing their SAT's this week. All the children have worked really hard and have spent today at the zoo. We hope you all had a wonderful time.

LETTERS HOME

- Queens Birthday Lunch—Nursery
- Holly Bank Wood—Y3, 4, 5 and 6
- SATs - Year 2



QUEENS BIRTHDAY TEA PARTY



On Wednesday 8th June, Friends of Elton are holding a tea party for the Queen's Birthday at Elton church hall. The party will start at 12pm and there will be sandwiches, cake, tea, coffee and a raffle. Everyone is welcome.

NURSERY/PRESCHOOL PLACES



From September nursery/preschool will be able to offer full days. If your child is 2 years old and would like a place. Please contact the office for further information.

HOLLY BANK WOOD



Years 3,4,5 and 6 are visiting Holly bank wood on the 25th and 26th May. The wood is situated south of the A5117, on Poole lane and next to the Hayrack church farm, directly opposite the Stanlow oil refinery at Thornton Le Moor.

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 crèche place, forms are available from the children's centre.

ANGIES KIDZ CLUB



On Friday 27th May, Angies Kidz club are holding a fundraiser in the community centre, from 3:10pm to 4:30pm . There will be a tombola, lucky dip, raffle and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE SCHOOL VOUCHER

If you have any outstanding active school vouchers can you please hand them into school, thank you



Now the sun has finally come out, can you please ensure your child has a water bottle and sun hat in school and sun cream has be applied before school.

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS DELAMERE ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 20TH MAY.

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

REC: Ruby

YEAR 1: Tegan

YEAR 2: Natalie



YEAR 3: Joseph

YEAR 4: Delilah

YEAR 5: Lauren

YEAR 6: Whole Class



CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Jake Y1 a very happy birthday. We hope you have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK - 1

Headteacher's Blog

What a wonderful week. Although the shadow of SATs has loomed, we have not let it dim our enthusiasm and here in school it has been buzzing!

I was delighted to welcome Helen Coy (our Health and Safety Governor) into school to observe how we administer SATs on Monday, followed by Andrew Canham (Vice-Chair of Governors) on Tuesday, Dr David Waugh on Wednesday and Anne-Marie Wright (Chair Governor) and Michelle Massey (Safeguarding Governor) on Thursday. All of our Governors were impressed by the exemplary behavior of our pupils and how smoothly we organize SATs here to minimize stress on the children. We do not need SATs in our school to tell us how well our children have done, not just this year but cumulatively over the years they have been here with us. Some children are with us only a short time and our main aim is to ensure that they are safe, happy and motivated to learn, not to drill them with information that even the highest in education could not reproduce in test conditions (I challenge anyone to try!). My own daughter, who is in Y6, asked me on Monday morning what we had in school if we didn't have SATs – I responded 'fun'...

The lack of SATs 32 years ago has clearly not stopped me from doing the job I love, continuing to learn into my adulthood, and achieving many certificates and qualifications! Nope, we do not need them to tell us what the children can achieve, when we use assessment in school it is used to work out what else we need to teach our children in order for them to make progress – a completely different concept! The Government needs SATs more than we do, and needs to make them so hard that even university lecturers and published authors couldn't succeed in order to publish them and accuse schools of failing so they can get their new policies into place. We in school are delighted they are over and with them the inordinate amount of stress the children have felt and been under has now gone. Learning still continues apace however, that is another fallacy – learning is no longer important after SATs – we tend to disagree! There is still 3 lovely months of learning to happen and we have loads planned! Year 6 enjoyed a great trip to the Zoo today, paid for by our subscription to Ignite TSA and with the bus trip subsidised by the money given to Y6 by the PTA. Thanks Friends of Elton!

I am excited about the Queen's birthday celebrations that our school is leading! We are not only doing things in school with Shelly the cook, and Emma her assistant, hosting a birthday party (watch out for lunch menu) but also our inimitable Friends of Elton PTA are holding a community event in the Church Hall for everyone to come and have a tea party! We are so grateful to the PTA and to SPAR who really get behind all that we do in our community – they have pledged support in terms of water, fruit and yogurt on Sports Day, cake and refreshments for the Birthday celebrations etc. You will see their fliers and posters around the community – do go along, share with friends and relatives, and support them in aid not just of the PTA and our funding but also community spirit! Our Y6 children will be serving cake etc. and love to chat to members of the community. Miss Hughes was also delighted this week when the PTA announced that between them and SPAR we have new sports kit for the children!

Talking about community spirit, the Community Officer has been in to see us to see how the traffic calming measures are working and to volunteer to be around during events we have in the summer so you will see more of him. The additional safety railings are due to be installed any day soon and I think it has made a massive difference to the safety of our young people! Brilliant. One other thing is that we have had several police reports talking about shop lifting and asking us to reinforce the police view of criminality – in Elton and Helsby. I am sure that nobody in our school community would do this but please take time to remind all children you come across, in football, cricket, running club, scouts, school, your own children and explain, as we do in school, that shop lifting is theft and the Police will get involved with unpleasant consequences....

Other super news this week is that we plan to open our Nursery and Pre-school provision FULL TIME as of September with more places than before. This could be the answer you have been looking for in terms of going back to work and requiring child care, or it could just mean your child can come and socialise and learn through play to help them with speech and language development. I have been working on the plan for some time and we have now devised a plan that is effective and will be put into place very soon so come and put your child's name down if you haven't already – there is a rolling waiting list at the moment for children as young as 1 so that their parents know they have a place ...



QUEENS BIRTHDAY LUNCH MENU

WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE

SANDWICHES

SAUSAGE ROLLS/COCKTAIL SAUSAGES

CHICKEN FILLETS

CHEESE & PINEAPPLE

CRISPS

CHERRY TOMATOES, CARROT STICKS

&

CAKES & SCONES

FRUIT PLATTER

