



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

LETTERS HOME

Pupil Premium letter—Nur, Rec & Y1



HOLLY BANK WOOD



KS2 children have each spent a morning or afternoon at Holly Bank Wood this week. All the children had a great time learning all about woodlands and den building, at the end of each session they all enjoyed a hot chocolate which was made on the camp fire. Thank you to Essar for the transportation and Cheshire wildlife trust for enabling this trip to go ahead.

CHESTER ZOO



Can you please ensure all Chester Zoo reply slips are returned to school along with any lunch orders and voluntary contributions after half term. Without voluntary contributions from parents, unfortunately trips like this will not be able to go ahead. Thank you for your co-operation.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL



Over half term Chester Cathedral have a variety of activities which are free or have a small charge for children and parents to enjoy. Further details can be found on the school website under latest news.

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.

NEW LUNCH MENUS FOR SEPTEMBER



We have been sent a new and exciting range of 6 weekly menus working to 3 themes; British, World and Edsential favourites. Your child has the opportunity to vote for next terms menu choice, by choosing their top 3 favourite menus. Details can be found on the school website by clicking on New Menu on quick links.

COLD MENU OPTION



From Tuesday 7th June, Mrs Perry has kindly added a cold lunch option. Monday - Ham Sandwich, Tuesday—Cheese Wrap, Wednesday—Tuna Batch, Thursday- Egg Sandwich and Friday—cheese Batch. This can be ordered on the day and will also cost £2.20.

ELTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE



On Tuesday 31st May, Elton Children's centre have a half term fun day from 1pm-3pm. Babies to 8 year olds are welcome, activities include making monsters from junk. Also on Tuesday 7th June, during stay and play the children's centre are having a puppet show about keeping safe and healthy living in the nursery. The show will start at 1:15pm.

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS **MANLEY** ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON THURSDAY 9TH JUNE.

STAR OF THE WEEK



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

REC: Jack



YEAR 3: Alfie

YEAR 1: Roxanne

YEAR 4: Brock

YEAR 2: Oscar

YEAR 5: Declan



YEAR 6: Jack

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish William Y6, Isaiah Rec, Antony Y1, Ashley Y2, Megan Rec, Declan Y5, Evie Nur, Grace Y4, Louis Y6, Ryan Y3, Chloe Rec and Georgia Y4 a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

Headteacher's Blog

The ups and downs of leadership in 2016 was the debate I had on Saturday when I attended the first of this term's doctoral sessions at Chester University. It was a very interesting chat with colleagues from different settings who were evaluating their leadership and their changing leadership styles which were affected by political changes. Education, as with all things, is affected a great deal by our political climate and what Downing Street believes best, and this is directly impacted by our relationship with Europe. We were discussing BREXIT and educators on Saturday and all of us agreed that WE HAVE NO IDEA which way is best to vote, but that we felt that we needed to vote to ensure that our voices were heard at some level. If you are in the same situation, not knowing what to do some helpful documents for you to read:

[http://www.global-counsel.co.uk/sites/default/files/special-reports/downloads/Global%20Counsel Impact of Brexit.pdf](http://www.global-counsel.co.uk/sites/default/files/special-reports/downloads/Global%20Counsel%20Impact%20of%20Brexit.pdf)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/comment/what-would-brexit-mean-for-travellers/>

<https://www.mortgageadvicebureau.com/news/Brexitandhowitcouldaffectyourmortgage/1120>

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/Brexit%20Legal%20Opinion.pdf>

<http://charlescrawford.biz/2016/04/18/brexit-v-ukineu-6-education/>

Onto other more interesting things! Our junior children spent a fantastic time in Holly Bank Wood behaving like celebrities in the jungle (only clearly much much better behaved than ANY celeb!). They LOVED it and we are very grateful to Essar for the funding to pay for the buses to transport the children and Cheshire wildlife trust for the opportunity. Mrs Stokes looked dressed for the arctic when she left school, but then again it is British Summertime!

You will have all heard of the landmark court case won by a dad in relation to taking his child out of school for a holiday and challenging the fine imposed. Many of you have written to me to ask permission to take your child/ren on a family holiday and whilst I cannot give this permission (authorise the absence), legally, at the moment we cannot issue any fines either. The Local Authority have said they will hold all cases such as this in abeyance until their legal team advises them on the best course of action. This does not change whether we are allowed to authorise holidays however!

Last week was hilarious, Mr Budd, new leader of Dee, went around being so fabulous that all of the children in his team followed suit and Dee won!!! I was very proud as they have been flagging a little behind this term and his renewed energy and effort has clearly given them all a big boost. I know that the parents I have shown around this week have all been super impressed with learning and behavior which makes me very proud.

I welcomed Hillary Berry into school on Tuesday and she visited classrooms with me in her capacity as CWAPH chair (CWAPH stands for Cheshire West Association of Primary Headteachers). She is a very experienced head teacher and said that when she left she felt 'inspired'. I met with a couple of headteachers in our locality to give them some support and assistance and share our ideas so that our practice is celebrated and utilized by others. The more children we help in this way, the better for our whole area.

Behind the scenes we have been working furiously on several projects which will all come to fruition in the next 6 months and as always, with the children and families at the centre of what we do, will have a positive impact on school and the environment.

For now, have a good and restful week off with your children. Be safe and take care.



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

