



# ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DREAM TEAM

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 24th June—Sports day  
Thursday 21st July—School closes for Summer  
Friday 22nd July—Inset Day (Staff Only)

### LETTERS HOME

Pupil Premium letter—Nur, Rec & Y1  
Food Bank Letter—All



### YEAR 3 AND 4 WORLD MUSEUM



Today Year 3 and 4 have spent the day at Liverpool World Museum. The children have been learning about Ancient Greece—man, myths and monsters. We look forward to hearing all about their day.

### THE SUMMER CONCERT



Chester Deo Gratias choir are performing at All Saints church Hoole on Saturday 11th June and at Elton Church Hall on Sunday 12th June both performances start at 7:30pm. Tickets for both concerts are £8/ concessions £6, this includes a free glass of wine. Further details can be found on the school website under latest news.

### WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



Week commencing 20th June, we are encouraging children to walk to school or park further away than usual. Over the week any child who walks to school will receive a raffle ticket and at the end of the week a winning ticket will be drawn for KS1 and KS2.

### QUEENS BIRTHDAY TEA PARTY



On Wednesday the children celebrated the Queens Birthday with a tea party. Mrs Perry and her team worked hard to make this event possible. Everyone enjoyed eating their sandwiches and cakes while outside in the sunshine.

**THANK YOU TO THE SPAR FOR THEIR KIND DONATION OF NEW SPORTS KITS, THEY LOOK FAB!!**

### 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.

### 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.

### PLAY FOR A DAY



Today Year 5 have been busy rehearsing and learning lines for a play called 'It's Our World'. Jeff from Stage Centre has spent the day teaching the children their lines, ready for their performance in assembly this afternoon.

**THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS MANLEY ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 17TH JUNE.**

### CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Joel Rec, Connie Y2, Ruby Rec, Charlie Y6, Alfie Y3 and Ivan Y4 a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

**LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK - 3**

# Headteacher's Blog

Big news of the week was the Queen's Birthday Celebrations! It was AMAZING to see all of our children and staff on picnic benches in the sunshine having a celebratory birthday lunch and all of this organised by Shellie and Emma in the kitchen, with the help of Wendy our caretaker (and Shellie's lovely 'other half!') plus the support of the FoE and supplies from the SPAR. We are so lucky to enjoy the benefits of the enthusiasm of such fabulous people on our staff, who are parents and in our community. I loved it, the children couldn't eat any more sausages and cake if they tried and it truly summed up our teamwork ethic so I was chuffed!

I took a delegation of children from Year 5 with me to the Church Hall that afternoon to serve and talk to the people from our community who came along to enjoy a celebratory afternoon tea, again organised and provided for by our FoE!!! They are such a gang of superstars and with their energy and commitment they make so much happen, they work so closely with Rev Ruth our Vicar, Trina from the SPAR and ESSAR that the whole event was provided for by the community for the community with much of the donkey work done by school representatives.

This year our focus was to be outward facing and to show case our wonderful school in the community and I would say that this has been a resounding success. The elements of our school team that make it work so efficiently and so well are school staff who come up with ideas and work with the FoE (me, teachers, TAs, kitchen staff, cleaners, office staff, the caretaker), the school children who come up with ideas, the parents who make up the Friends of Elton who organise events and source donations, the parents who donate to the FoE and the governors who give time both to strategic direction and also support events by attending. We are supported greatly by the parish, the church, and local business like SPAR and ESSAR. Without this huge gathering of minds and effort none of the things like Macmillan coffee morning, harvest festival hamper deliveries to the elderly, the Christmas Fair, lunch club, the Queen's birthday, quiz nights, raffles, bingo nights etc. would be possible. It is brilliant and a testament to all concerned that we work hard to make our school and our community inclusive, we welcome those from the church and those who are elderly into our school and our children really benefit from it. On Wednesday afternoon I had a lady telephone me after the afternoon tea and tell me how delightful and well-mannered our children were, she said it was a pleasure to chat with them and said how considerate they were. This really made my day and I was delighted to attend the Community Centre Committee Meeting on Wednesday night and be told a similar thing by another committee member who had attended the afternoon tea! Brilliant!!! Staff are busy writing your children's reports this weekend so may not have time to enjoy the official queen's celebrations but at least they have enjoyed this week! I am very much looking forward to reading the reports in a couple of weeks' time to add my own observations of your children to those of their class teachers.

We have enjoyed a KS2 moderation visit today from the local authority, they determine objectively whether what we say about our children's achievement is accurate – and we didn't have any issues!

I know you are all keen to know which teacher your child will have next year and we are busy sorting this out so you will know in the next couple of weeks but on this note can I wish Charlotte and Vicky, 2 of our fabulous TAs from the infants the very best of luck as they move on to posts in other schools! Charlotte has learned so much since being part of the school that she is ready to explore other settings now and Vicky goes to join her partner in Portsmouth. They will be sorely missed and we are in the process of finding their replacements for September.