



# ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DREAM TEAM

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 24th June—Sports day  
Monday 11th July—Inset Day (Staff Only)  
Thursday 21st July—School closes for Summer

### LETTERS HOME

Year 5 Mini Concert—Y5  
Sports Week—All  
Chester Zoo text—KS1, Y3,4 & 5  
Christopher Winters—All  
Inset Day—All



### CHESTER ZOO



If you haven't already done so, can you please ensure all Chester Zoo contributions are handed into school by Wednesday 22nd June. **Without parental support this trip will NOT go ahead.**

### SPORTS WEEK



All next week the children will be learning about the Olympic games and each afternoon will take part in a sporting event. We are also encouraging everyone to walk to school, every child who walks to school will receive a raffle ticket when entering the playground, which will then be put into a draw at the end of the week to win a prize. Friday 24th June, is sports day and starts at 1:15pm on the school field. Parents are welcome to come along and support their child. Can you please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school all next week, along with a water bottle.

### YEAR 5 MINI CONCERT



On Monday 27th June, Year 5 will be performing their annual mini concert for parents. The concert will start at 2:40pm and last about 20 minutes.



To Isabel Y2 and Charlie Y3, who completed their first Taekwondo grading on Saturday and passed. They are both now yellow stripe belts.

### CHANGE OF MENU



Thursday 23rd June: Pizza, Chips and beans or Vegetable curry or Egg sandwich, followed by mango cake. Friday 24th June will be cold lunch option only, Cheese or Tuna Batch, Tomatoes, Cucumber and Carrot sticks with muffin and fruit platter.

### 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.



### THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS **BEESTON** ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 24th JUNE.



#### STAR OF THE WEEK



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

Rec: ROXANNE  
Year 1: REECE H  
Year 2: ASHLEY



Year 3: LEWIS  
Year 4: ELLIE  
Year 5: LAUREN  
Year 6: OWEN



### CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Ashton Y1, Edward Y2 and Muhammed Nurs a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

# Headteacher's Blog

I have had an extremely busy week, 2 days of training on Philosophy for Children in Liverpool, assessing RE in Ellesmere Port, writing my headteacher's report for Governors for the term, planning staff meetings, planning staff training, working on staffing for next year, showing new parents around the school, completing risk assessment reviews, showing prospective new TAs around the school, hosting staff and governors from other schools in meetings ....

The children have been super busy too and although I bet they wish they could start to wind down, there is no chance of this! Year 5 have done some exceptional story writing, Year 4 some amazing maths, Year 3 were busy planning a story, Year 2 were working on counting and Year 1 have all done their Phonics Screening Assessments. Reception and Nursery have had fun during transition activities and all in all, it has been a very active and productive week!

It is a bit mad to think that we are already planning and organising for next year in June, but this means that we are all set for a full on start in September. The new changes to assessment this year have caused everyone a lot of work and we want to make sure the lessons we have learned during the year mean next year will be even more slick when it comes to gathering evidence required by the government.

The P4C training was excellent! The basics of philosophy for children are straightforward. Children share some reading, listening or viewing with their teacher. The children take some thinking time to devise their own questions. They choose a question that interests them and, with the teacher's help, discuss it together. The teacher aims to get children to welcome the diversity of each other's initial views and to use those as the start of a process that encourages children to question assumptions, develop opinions with supporting reasons, analyse significant concepts and generally apply the best reasoning and judgement they can to explore the question they have chosen.

In the longer term, the teacher aims to develop children's skills and concepts through appropriate follow-up activities, thinking games and the orchestration of connections between philosophical discussions, life and the rest of the school curriculum.

I am planning to use this image with staff in a few weeks to demonstrate the learning I did ... see what you make of it.



For a laugh, see if you can come up with 4 concepts related to this image. Then think of a question related to each concept. Email me what you think...

A simple example may be: technology. Where does he charge his mobile phone?

But I reckon you can all come up with much better ones than that....

The better ones I may use with staff and share.