



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)

Wed 13th & 14th July—Y5 & 6 Performance

Thursday 21st July—School closes for Summer

LETTERS HOME

Y6 Leavers Assembly—Year 6

KS1 Chester Zoo— KS1



CHESTER ZOO



KS1 children are going to the Zoo on Monday 27th, can you please ensure your child has a packed lunch in a labelled disposable bag (no fizzy drinks) sun hat and sun cream has been applied before hand if needed.

SPORTS WEEK



This week the children have been busy learning all about the Olympic games from making flags to learning all about Brazil and each afternoon they have all been involved in a different sport from Zumba to hockey. You can see pictures from the week on our twitter feed.

YEAR 5 & 6 PERFORMANCE



Year 5 & 6 have been busy rehearsing for their performance 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'. There will be performances on Wednesday 13th July at 1:30pm and Thursday 14th July at 6:30pm. Letters and tickets will be sent out next week.

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.

CYBER SAFETY WEEK



On Wednesday 3rd August Youthfed are holding a Cyber Safety workshop at the University of Chester, Thornton. The workshop is available to parents and children who would like to find out more about online safety. This is a ticket only events and further details can be found on the website under latest news.

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.

ANGIES KIDZ CLUB

If you are stuck for childcare on the inset day Monday 11th July, Angies Kidz Club are available. A full day is £26 or half day £13, also there are hourly sessions available on request. Children will be kept occupied with lots of activities, including arts and craft. 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 1st JULY.

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Shaun Y2, Phoenix Y5, Frankie Rec, Saley Y3, Michael Nur, Kai Y1 and Leo Y6 a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

Headteacher's Blog

What a great week this week – right up my street as it was all about Sport! We know from research that a child participating in school sports stands to gain important psychological benefits, according to Marianne Engle, sports psychologist and clinical assistant professor. We read about childhood anxiety and depression in the recent news and this is awful, yet children playing sports may have reduced anxiety and depression so the more they do, the better. Children can also receive self-esteem boosts, which may improve confidence and school performance and you can't knock that. Youngsters who play sports in school often enjoy enhanced social interaction, reports the National Association for Sport and Physical Education in America. The socialisation that occurs with organised sports can help a youngster learn effective skills for interacting with both peers and adults. We love sport here and all of the benefits it can bring and for us it was the start of our Olympic preparations and we have had a brilliant time learning 2 new sports every afternoon, learning about Brazil, the history of the Olympics, various inspirational sports personalities and about the values that underpin the Olympics. The children and the staff have all learned something and it has given the school a real buzz all week literally from assembly on Monday right the way to sports day today. Well done team Elton! And a big well done to Miss Hughes who took charge of the week with planning and organization, I know Mr Budd was instrumental in the global learning and P4C that took place during the morning sessions and I am very happy that they have both produced a super week for the children.

We have hosted meetings for the local authority GRT support group and also met with the educational welfare officer (EWO) and her manager in relation to attendance (this has dropped significantly in recent months due to holidays in term time and they have to come out and investigate what we are doing to reduce the amount of absences). I know that this is a hot topic and one that instantly aggravates people who hold strong views either way but...the first thing we do, as some of you will know and I reiterated to the EWO, is we have to follow the rules! We are not allowed to authorise holidays in term time. If a holiday goes over 5 days then a fine will be implemented by the LA. If your child has an attendance that flags up on the system then naturally we talk to you, and also have a conversation with the EWO who may follow up with guidance for us or a meeting with you to discuss your child and their attendance. We all know how important good attendance is for your child to make progress and as this is the most important thing in their school life we know that we need to ensure that we share this with you. Our attendance has improved in the last 3 years but we still need to do more to ensure that it remains high and if we are lucky then it will improve even more.

We hosted the local authority on Wednesday who came out to look at our data – this is quite common in school and is to be expected and in many ways we enjoy welcoming visitors into school and sharing with them our successes and, yep, our challenges! It means that if and when we get visited by Ofsted we have support from people at authority level who know our school a little and give an objective view. Ms Fulbrook, the Associate School Advisor (ASA) was a head teacher herself for many years in Frodsham and was extremely impressed with the work that we do here which was lovely to hear for the staff and the children (so I thought I'd share it with you!). She sends a detailed report to our Governors, who have the job of ensuring that high standards are maintained.

I have been busy recently working on staffing as you all know and I am delighted to say that our fantastic staff are so highly skilled and trained when they are ready to leave that they secure new jobs immediately! Miss Plank, who has been a stalwart in our school over the last few years in a variety of roles, has secured herself a Y2 job in St Saviours in Ellesmere Port to start in September, and Miss Barlow has secured herself a TA job in Portsmouth for September (she was offered 2 in one day!) and will join her partner whilst he trains down there. We are excited to welcome our 3rd Troops to Teachers student who will join us for 2 years of intensive training starting in September, Mr Eisenberg. We are busy in the recruitment process for TAs and we hope to confirm those who will be with us in September in the next couple of weeks. I can confirm that Mrs McCarroll, who has worked for us for the last 2 terms has secured the job in Year 1 which is exciting for us all.

Thank you for the questions that I received – some made me laugh out loud. I celebrate the fact that we have such philosophical parents! Let's see what the staff say... There were some interesting ones that I had not thought about:

- Where does he charge his mobile phone?
- Is progress measured in technology?
- How is sustainability managed in rural Africa?
- How old do you need to be in order to be a teacher?
- What makes a good teacher?
- Is the face of globalisation always looking at a phone?