



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

Friday 8th July 2016

Contact us: Tel: 01244 981170

Email: admin@elton.cheshire.sch.uk

Visit: www.elton.cheshire.sch.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 11th July—Inset Day (Staff Only)
Wed 13th & 14th July—Y5 & 6 Performance
Wed 20th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 21st July—School closes for Summer

LETTERS HOME

Y5 Swimming for next term - Year 4
Y3 Swimming for next term —Year 2



SCHOOL DISCO



Friends of Elton are holding their annual Summer disco on Friday 15th July. KS1 is from 5pm to 6pm and KS2 from 6pm to 7pm. The price is £2.50 per child and this includes a drink and a snack.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE



If your child is poorly and unable to attend school, can you please ensure you notify the school office immediately on 01244 981 170. There is answer phone so you can leave a message anytime.

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 event and further details can be found on the school website under latest news.

LOST PROPERTY



Lost property has now been collected and will be on display in the school playground all next week. Any items leftover will be taken to the charity shop over the summer.

SCHOOL DINNERS



From September, KS2 school dinners will be £2.25 per day. For you information we will be able to accept online payments from September, further details to follow.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE SCHOOL VOUCHERS



Thank you to everyone who handed in Sainsbury's active school vouchers. Miss Hughes has been able to order new sports equipment.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Now we are in the summer term and September is fast approaching, don't forget school uniform is available to order from myschoolstyle.com

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS **BEESTON ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 15th JULY.**



STAR OF THE WEEK



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

Rec: Archie

Year 1 : Jake

Year 2 : Evie



Year 3: William

Year 4: Emily & Francis

Year 5: Katie-Ann

Year 6 : Katy, Harrison & Nikita



CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Nancy-Belle (Nurs), Harley (Y1), Lewis (Y5), Alexa (Y2), William (Y3) and George (Y2) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

Headteacher's Blog

We have appointed several support staff in the last week and I am delighted to announce that their skill and passion for learning will enhance our already dynamic and dedicated staff team no end! Mrs Adshed, Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Harland will all join us in September in various roles and we wish them a warm welcome. Mrs Adshed will be in Nursery, Mrs Hodgson in Year 2 and Mrs Harland in Reception.

Hopefully you will have all seen the letter from the Year 6 Road Safety Officers about raising awareness of Road Safety outside school. I think it is brilliant that they took on board some of the issues raised by parents about the crossing and came up with some strategies to support everyone in school about how to be safer. With the site of the new crossing being outside one of the school gates, a few new issues have arisen that I wanted to draw their attention to and I love involving children in school life so when they agreed to do a leaflet for children then this was very much welcomed. It is important to understand road safety from an early age and one of the ways that children become aware of it is by parents and school working together to be explicit about how to be safe near the road. To that end, in the autumn term we plan to hold a road safety awareness week so watch this space for more details.

In case you didn't see the message from Y6, I can summarise it below:

- encourage children to use the crossing if they cross the road,
- encourage them never to shout over to friends to cross (tell them to let their friend use road safety and make a conscious decision that it is safe to cross before doing so),
- always walk beside your friend or family member (infant children should be encouraged to hold the hand of the grownup who is walking with them), and
- make sure that children look BOTH WAYS before crossing to make sure that they are not dashing across at the last minute because a friend has waved and shouted and not seen a car.

They didn't think about the last one but I was thinking when driving along the other day behind someone who wasn't using indicators...

- never trust that a car has seen you or is slowing down- it is better to wait than try to outrun a car (this also applies to cars indicating when children are riding bikes or crossing, a car may have no intent to turn and the driver may have forgotten to turn off the indicator, or be ill or unable to use their brakes etc.)

I would reiterate what the children said about parents waiting outside the gate in a huddle and encourage you to spread out a little along the pavement to make it a little more obvious for drivers when people are crossing over the road. I have asked Wendy the caretaker to open the infant gate first in the morning so there shouldn't be any waiting time if you plan to arrive at 8:45am. I will also look into some signage, which will arrive in September to encourage safer practices, to be placed on the railings outside school.

I had 2 lovely messages this week, one from a volunteer who accompanied the Year 1 children to the Zoo recently: she said that... "the children were a credit" to the school - lovely to hear and of course just what we think!!!

And I had a lovely email from a parent to say that about the "fabulous the settling in time for new starters has been this year" – we listened to feedback from our parents last year and modified it to enable parents to see the whole school and the juniors – which is where their child will be in 7 years!

Phew! Everything has just about been set up for next year now and you will be getting lots of information in the coming months about things so keep us updated about contact numbers and email addresses.