



# ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DREAM TEAM

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wed 20th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
Thursday 21st July—School closes for Summer  
Monday 5th September—Inset Day (Staff Only)  
Tuesday 6th September— For Year 1 to 6

### LETTERS HOME

Reports—All  
Assessment Letter—Year 2 & 6



### SCHOOL DISCO



Friends of Elton are holding their annual Summer disco tonight. 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.

### YEAR 5 & 6 PERFORMANCE



This week, Year 5 and 6 performed their end of year production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'. All the children and staff have worked really hard and produced a fantastic show. It was lovely to see all the families who came along to enjoy all their hard work. Well done to everyone involved.

### END OF TERM FUN



Next week is the end of term and to celebrate. Wednesday is Toy Day and children are allowed to bring in a toy from home to play with in class. Can we please ask that NO ELECTRONIC items are brought into school, this includes I-Pads, mobile phones etc. Thursday is Film Day and children can bring a DVD to school. Can you please ensure it is a U certificate. Thank you.

### CHESTER CATHEDRAL SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Chester cathedral and Falconry Centre have a range of activities available over the summer break. Most of the activities have either a small charge or are free, so great for parents looking for things to do on a budget and also ideas to keep the children entertained during the school holidays. Further details available under latest news on the school website.

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Over the summer break Cheshire West and Chester Council have a range of summer activities available for families in the Frodsham/Helsby Area. Further details can be found under latest news on the school website

**CAN ALL OUTSTANDING DINNER MONEY PLEASE BE PAID INTO THE OFFICE BY TUESDAY 19TH JULY. THANK YOU.**

### 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](http://myschoolstyle.com)

**THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS DELAMERE ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON THURSDAY 21ST JULY.**

★ 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:	Zarai	★	Year 3:	Jaime	★
Year 1 :	Hugh		Year 4:	Ellie	
Year 2 :	Edward		Year 5:	Lochlyn	

### CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Francis Y4, Roxanne Y1, Bartlomiej Y4, Keira Y6 and Nathaniel Y1 a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

**Please see attached change of menu for next week.**

# Headteacher's Blog

What an interesting week. We kicked off on Monday with a P4C enquiry session so that methods and strategies I had learned on recent training could be shared with staff. The enquiry began with an image and generated a lot of discussion about the concepts we should focus on. We then generated questions around those concepts and then chose a question to debate – exactly as we would in a classroom situation. The question was “What rights do criminals deserve to have?” Well, you can just imagine the range of thoughts, ideas and answers we all had about this. Some people developed their views during the debate, others built upon the views of some participants, some chose not to respond in the enquiry, there were 2 polar views tabled and the whole thing was fascinating because what it did was provide a snap shot for staff into what it feels like as a child in such a forum and how the dynamics of the group can affect what you say/how you say what you say etc. It also gave ideas to staff about how to facilitate a really good enquiry and build upon the work we have done this year – ask you children what they think about P4C and let me know!

Exciting news of the week is that Nicky Morgan is no longer the Education Secretary – we only hold our breath to see what else the new government will throw at us in schools and the results that it will have on you all as parents.

On Tuesday the Governors and the Senior Leadership Team met to review the year and discuss next year in readiness for the INSET day in September where all staff participate in a review and planning session. I won't bore you by listing them but suffice to say, the list was long and extensive. What was notable were the successes we have in being 'outward facing' this year and getting into the community more; we do have the PTA to thank for this, we have ideas and they come up with the practical application of them – so we owe them a big thank you. We have several letters, cards, emails and telephone messages in the office which celebrate the work we have done and the behavior and manners of the children when they are out in the community and this makes me and all of the other staff very proud. Another of our successes is dealing with things in a consistent way and supporting families in whatever way we can to achieve – not just children but also parents and grandparents. We aim to build upon those things next year so do keep an eye out for anything we do so that you can support us by getting the message out there. We are successful in responding to parent enquiries and operate on a combined approach between school, Governors and outside agencies. We are successful in being part of a fully inclusive school where children from all backgrounds, faiths and ethnicities are welcome. We do not tolerate racism or discrimination and when it happens we deal with it. Our Early Years provision has been a roaring success and we are now in a position to develop it further by opening all day in September for 2/3 and 4 year olds which is a huge cause for celebration.

Things that we still need to do more work on are: ensuring that all trips designed to support learning do actually go ahead and all parents pay the contribution necessary for that to happen. We need to work on the online payment system to ensure that it is up and running in September and easier for parents to pay lunch and club money and keep on top of bills. We need to work on a fully informed calendar of events so that parents can plan ahead, and this includes charity stuff so that we are not suggesting that you pay out money every week and putting a strain on you as parents. Any other suggestions and you only have to email!

The Y5/6 production brought a tear to my eye! I must be getting old when I am getting teary eyed! It was brilliant – a masterpiece and because I was so overwhelmed by the children I forgot to thank the staff who did a FAB job also!!!! The whole thing was just a testament to the fact that children here get to shine and excel in any area of the curriculum and it would not surprise me to see one of those children on the stage in years to come. They all get to boogie on tonight at the disco – but I can't imagine them doing the Charleston somehow! I will be attending my daughter's leaver's disco. Mummy duties!

I must also announce that as a result of her business taking off, Dr Anne Marie Wright has resigned as Chair of Governors as of September 2016. I am sure that I speak on behalf of staff, governors and children alike when I say that we will all miss her and her sage advice, calm manner and wonderful unconditional support. I would like to thank her, and have already, for everything she has done in support of our school on behalf of us all and wish her well with her business, she has been marvelous and assures me that she will still come in an offer training for staff, and support where she can in the future. So many goodbyes! We said goodbye to Mrs Sykes today, as I indicated in a previous blog, and we all wish her well too!

## CHANGE OF MENU FOR W/C 18TH JULY

### **MONDAY 18TH JULY**

Gammon, new potatoes, veg,

Vegetable past bolognaise

Ham Sandwich

Veg & Salad

Apple Pie

Fresh Fruit

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### **TUESDAY 19TH JULY**

Chicken Past Bake

Vegetrian Toad in the Hole

Cheese Wrap

Veg & Salad

Flapjack

Fresh Fruit

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### **WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY**

Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding

Vegetarian Cumberland Pie

Tuna Batch

Veg & Salad

Shortbread

Fresh Fruit

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### **THURSDAY 21ST JULY**

Beef-burger in a bun

Cheesy bean jacket

Egg batch

Chips

Beans, Peas and Salad

Chocolate Muffin

Fresh Fruit