



# ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DREAM TEAM

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 21st July—School closes for Summer  
Monday 5th September—Inset Day (Staff Only)  
Tuesday 6th September— School open For Y1-6  
Wednesday 7th September—School open for Nursery/  
Preschool & Reception.

### LETTERS HOME



### TALENT SHOW




This morning the children all performed in our talent show. Everyone had been busy rehearsing throughout the week. We had some wonderful acts, from singing and dancing, to animal impressions. It was a lovely morning and everyone enjoyed themselves.

### GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK



Today we say good bye and good luck to Miss Barlow, Mr Budd, Mr Davies, Miss Plank and Miss Worthington, we wish you lots of luck in the future and will miss you all.

### MENUS FOR NEXT TERM

 Edsential Lunch menus for next term are available on the school website.

### ELLESMERE PORT FIRE STATION OPEN DAY



On Sunday 24th July, Ellesmere Port Fire Station are having an open day from 1pm-5pm. There will be a smoke simulation tent, house fire demonstration, face painting, FREE ice cream and lots more. Admission is free, why not go along for some family fun.

### 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

### 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)

### CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Sarah (Y4), Archie (Rec), Ruben (Rec), Lucy (Rec), Jack (Rec), Alfie (Y3), Veronicanne (Y5), Caitlin (Y5), Ryan (Rec), Riley (Y6), Zane (Rec), Oliver (Y5), Cailann (Nur), Charles (Y3), Data-Marie (Y5), Emma (Y4), Kevin (Nur), Jack (Y5), Callum (Y2), Harry (Y3), Joshua (Y1), Jack (Y6) and Rhys (Y1) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

**SCHOOL FINISHES TODAY (21ST JULY).**

**WE WILL RE-OPEN FOR YEARS 1 - 6 ON TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER.**

**NURSERY/PRESCHOOL AND RECEPTION INTAKE WILL START ON WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER.**

**WE WISH ALL OUR YEAR 6 CLASS A FOND FAREWELL AND ALL THE VERY BEST FOR  
YOUR  
TRANSITION INTO HIGH SCHOOL.**

# Headteacher's Blog

As the third 'last day of the school year' newsletters I have written, I am feeling less like a 'new head' and more like an established matriarch of the school! I feel this even more so as I am much more emotional than I was when I first started, the Year 6's will tell you that I have shed a tear or two at their departure and not just in our school but in that of my daughter who also has her last day at primary school today!

When I saw them perform in their end of year play, and then again in their leaver's performance last night, it struck me how time really does fly and the importance of our emotional and social safety and security structures in school that allow the children to learn by their mistakes, grow in confidence, and mature beautifully into the adolescents that they certainly are when they leave.

This is a huge responsibility for any school, to provide the nurturing environment that children need to thrive, yet also impose sensible boundaries for their safety and working with parents is one way to make this seamless between home and school. This is something we have worked on and will continue to work on as it is so important for healthy development.

It reminded me of a Shakespeare play I recently saw called *The Tempest*. In it, the main female character and Prospero's daughter, Miranda, says: "O brave new world that has such people in it..." and I was thinking, this brave new world is one where our young people will be. My daughter, your children, it is a new world with changes and events unprecedented in our lifetime so far. I hope that they are all equipped to deal with it and always know who to turn to for advice if they need it. If they do, then we have all done our jobs well.

Talking about doing their jobs well, haven't the staff done a fab job again this year? I love reading and report writing at this time of year, and I do something similar for all staff. I give them a little overview of their year and they share with me the impact of their training and how they have developed as teachers and people during the year. It is a wonderful time of celebration and joy when you think of the learning and growth that has taken place within our whole community and how that filters out to everyone. From having staff who drive parents to appointments, staff complete forms if parents are unable to, staff who plan trips and visits, those who give up spare time to help out in community and PTA and charity events, staff who clean up messes when children are sick, to staff who perform first aid on injured children and look after them when they are sad: the list goes on and I am always delighted to thank staff on behalf of children for all that they do throughout the year. I have said it many times, it is a privilege to work with such a bunch of inspirational people.

Our Governors are always superb and it was a pleasure to welcome them in over the year to share both the difficult times and the celebrations with us. Dr Wright, our Chair, has of course resigned this term and she came in yesterday to wish the staff well which was lovely. Rev Ruth came in today to calm the children and staff who were literally sobbing about the wonderful bunch who are leaving! There was hardly a dry eye in the school at the end of the talent show and that just shows how much love abounds in our school and the respect that everyone has for each other. I joked and asked the children how long it would be before Mr Budd wanted to leave the sunshine, swimming pools, relaxed atmosphere of teaching in Dubai to return to us – Milan said 60 years... Miss Worthington is stretching her wings having been here 8 years and no doubt will be back at some point and it would be a pleasure to have her! Miss Barlow worked here, went to see what it was like in another school, and rapidly returned to us (hehe) only to pop to the other end of the country to see what it is like down there – we all guessed a day before she wants to return and miss Plank, bless her and her Rocky Road, well she will spread her loveliness in Ellesmere Port and shine on those children as she has shone here. Mr Davies also left us today having completed his teacher training and also had a new baby in the last week, we wish him and his lovely family a restful summer before the real job begins!

Because the staff do so well, inevitably so do the children! Again, it was amazing last night to watch the Year 6 children receive awards and be recognized for their special gifts and talents. We celebrate this throughout the year and are incredibly proud of all of our children. Science awards were given to Katy and Tom. Academic Achievement Award went to Lucas. Art Achievement Award went to Charlie. Sport Achievement Award went to Toby (who reduced Miss Hughes to a blubbling wreck). Maths Achievement Award went to Mackenzie. Writing Achievement Award went to Leo and I had the pleasure of giving the Outstanding Effort Award went to Caitlyn. We really struggled to choose this year and all of the children were so amazing that we could have given these awards to anyone. We know that they will do well in Year 7 and wish them every happiness and success.

Finally, a big thank you to you, the parents, without whom children would not arrive in school on time, in school uniform, with donations for charity, donations for Friends of Elton, payments for trips, lunch, homework etc. The flowers given to me by the Year 6 parents last night touched me and so did many of the comments you made about my leadership. It is not an easy job, but it is a rewarding one.

A big thank you, see you all healthy and happy in September, and have a wonderful holiday with your children.