



# ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DREAM TEAM

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Stay and Play- Y2 20th Sept, Y5 21st Sept & Y3 22nd Sept.  
Academy Photography—Friday 23rd Sept  
FofE MacMillan Coffee Morning—Friday 30th Sept

### LETTERS HOME

Welcome back—All  
Back to Basics—All  
Amended Holiday dates- All



### SCHOOL HOURS



Can you please ensure your child is in school by 8:50am for morning registration. The school gate will open at 8:45am and close at 9am prompt. Any children arriving after this time must be signed in at the office by an adult and will be marked as late. All late marks will be monitored by the education welfare officer.

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS



The school office is closed between 2:30pm and 3pm and children should only be collected from the school office where advance notice has been given. We'd like to remind parents that all non emergency medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. Should you not be able to change appointment times, please provide the appointment card or letter on pick-up.

### STAY AND PLAY



Next weeks Stay and Play sessions are as follows; Year 2-20th Sept at 9am, Year 5-21st Sept at 2:15pm and Year 3 22nd Sept at 9am. Can parents please come into school via the class room for morning sessions and via the office for afternoon afternoon sessions sign in at the office. We kindly ask that no siblings attend these sessions, thank you.

### FRIENDS OF ELTON EVENTS



Friday 30th September, Friends of Elton are holding their annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a piece of cake for a wonderful cause.



Saturday 22nd October, Friends of Elton are organising a trip to Blackpool Illuminations. The price for this trip is £12 per seat and a 57 seat coach has been booked. The coach will leave in the morning and return after seeing the illuminations. To book a seat you can contact Friends of Elton via their facebook page or email at [friendsofelton@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofelton@gmail.com). Alternatively you can leave your name at the school office.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES



Just a reminder KS2 and nursery school lunches are now **£2.25** per day.

### FAMILY FIRST AID



Elton children's centre are holding a family first aid course from Monday 19th September to Monday 17th October from 1pm to 3pm. There will be a crèche for little ones. If you would like to book a place, please see Susan Mulhall at the school office

**THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS MANLEY ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 23TH SEPTEMBER.**



**STAR OF THE WEEK**



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

Rec: Aaron  
Year 1: Ruby  
Year 2: Harley



Year 3: George  
Year 4: Nikola  
Year 5: Ivan  
Year 6 : Phoenix



### CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Piers Y6, Olivia Y2, Scarlett Y5, Ethan Y1, James Y1, Samuel Y1 and Olivia Y5 a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

# Headteacher's Blog

And we are off!!! This week saw us welcome PDS dancing into school all day and the children (and staff Mrs Hodgson - mentioning no names) all enjoyed a day of boogying!!! I was relieved as I felt rotten on Monday and had no voice so I would not have been able to do assembly at all. Anyway, I did have a nice surprise to brighten up my Monday morning when our resident cricket expert, Gemma Y6, came to show me the gold medal she earned at the weekend playing in the North Cheshire Junior Cricket Association match! She tells me that she scored 6 runs and took 3 wickets and I was suitably impressed! Well done Gemma!

I am delighted that our new parents and children who started with us last week in pre-school, nursery and reception seem to have settled in brilliantly and we don't have many tears at all now! Mrs Roberts took the brave decision to bring the little ones into assembly for the first time this week so many of them enjoyed being with their older friends and hearing all about International First Aid Day and also a bit about global health care. The right to healthcare still isn't a reality for millions of children around the globe, and more particularly in developing countries. Every year, over 13 million children under the age of 5 years die from illnesses which could have been avoided or treated. This is something that the World Health Organisation are trying to address with a recently publicised initiative that comes to fruition in 2030.

World First Aid Day is held on the second Saturday in September. It was created by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in 2000 and has been celebrated each year ever since. "First Aid" is something given to anyone suffering a sudden injury or illness. Its main goals are to preserve life and prevent the condition from worsening. It is not always performed by medical personnel. In emergency situations, ordinary people often have to perform first aid to save someone's life. If the person performing first aid doesn't know what they are doing, they might hurt instead of helping. First Aid Day aims to raise awareness of how first aid can prevent injuries and save lives in everyday and crisis situations and is the precursor to our Y6 children working with St John's Ambulance next Monday on their very own first Aid training. We feel that our Y6 children are mature enough to be able to help our friends or family in an emergency situation and it could be one where they actually save a life. Watch out next week for the photos twitter!

The online payments facility will be available from next week, further details will follow. If there are ANY issues, please ensure that you contact us so that we can iron them out. Those of you with older children will be completely familiar with this system as it is cashless in senior school to ensure that bullying and extorting money is kept to a minimum. For us it is about streamlining our practices and enabling you to pay online so that you are not looking for cash to pay for things and it is easier! Anyone who has not yet paid for their child to go swimming can either send the money into the office or pay online next week to test the system out.

I know that you will all have had my B2B (Back 2 Basics) letter. I hope it didn't sound too 'Miss Trunchbull' but it needs to be a firm message I am afraid. The B2B agenda forus is crucial to the ongoing success of our school community and that, in conjunction with ALL parents paying towards enrichment activities so that they can actually go ahead, will really help the children have an awesome year. We will make the subject matter fun, and make sure the atmosphere is as lovely as ever, but these things are our 'non-negotiable' this year.

The PTA meeting on Tuesday was a great success, talking about opportunities! We discussed, amongst other things, a great Elton (no)Sleepover!!! I must take it to Governors to approve but I am hopeful that we can host a sleepover as other schools do during this term (although in my experience of sleepovers, not a single person actually gets any sleep!). Watch this space for a letter from the PTA if all is approved! The PTA will be advertising the BIG Macmillan Coffee Morning very shortly all around the village. PLEASE try to support us with this event. It is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September in school and will start at 8:30 so that hopefully you will all be able to make it (even if you negotiate with your boss a slightly late start!). Cakes and coffee will be on sale and of course the beneficiaries are Macmillan. We will have some nice surprises on the morning and will repeat it on October 14<sup>th</sup> for Barnardo's so do please support.

Don't forget, next week we have Y2, Y5 and Y3 'Stay and Play' sessions in the classroom and also school photos on Friday. Have a great weekend.