



# ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DREAM TEAM

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Class Assembly Year 6— Monday 26th Sept  
After School Clubs Start — Monday 26th Sept  
Year 1 Stay and learn—Tuesday 27th Sept  
FofE MacMillan Coffee Morning—Friday 30th Sept

### LATENESS



We have had over **30** instances where pupils have been late for school since we started on 5<sup>th</sup> September, totalling **255** minutes of lesson time missed.

Pupils need to be lined up and ready to go into class for **8.50am**. Any children who are not in class by 8.55am for registration will be marked as late. We work closely with the Education Welfare Officer who reviews our pupil attendance on a monthly basis and any pupils with persistent lateness will be contacted.

### LETTERS HOME

Class Assembly Dates—All  
Online Payment—All  
Parent Panel—All  
Data Collection Sheet—All  
After School Club—All



### CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 6 have their class assembly on Monday 26th September. The assembly will run from 9:15 am until 9:35am. We ask that due to limited space available that only two adults per child attend and no siblings, thank you.

**AMENDMENT TO CLASS ASSEMBLY DATE, YEAR 5 IS 17TH OCTOBER 2016 NOT 2017.**

### STAY AND LEARN

 This week, years 2,3 and 5 invited parents into the class for stay and learn. It was a lovely to see everyone in school and the children enjoyed showing their parents their new class room. Next week Year 1 have their stay and play session at 9am on Tuesday 27th Sept. Can parents please come into school via the class room . We kindly ask that no siblings attend these sessions, thank you.

### LUNCH MENU CHANGES

 Please note from next week, Thursday on week 1 scouse will be replaced by steak pie and Thursday on week2 sweet and sour chicken will be replaced by chicken korma, rice and naan.

### 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 friendsfelton@gmail.com. Alternatively you can leave your name at the school office.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES & ONLINE PAYMENTS

The online payment system is now up and running and we kindly request that all dinner money payments are now made using the online service. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries regarding this. A school dinner for Pre-School, Nursery and KS2 is charged at **£2.25** per day.

**THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS DELAMERE 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 for 'Reading' and we would like to say congratulations to the following children:

Rec: Chloe  
Year 1: Ruben  
Year 2: Reece

Year 3: Jessica  
Year 4: Lilwen

Year 5: Emil  
Year 6: Oliver



### CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Delilah Y5, Caleb Pre-sch, and Dexter Pre-sch a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

**LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK—1**

# Headteacher's Blog

A big well done this week to our Y6 children who spent all day Monday working with St John's Ambulance on their very own First Aid training- I loved the photos on twitter and the stories they told me about the injuries they tended! Meanwhile the rest of us were in assembly with Reverend Ruth who talked to us all about the Christian Creation story and how this differed from the scientific 'Big Bang' theory – it was a very informative assembly and the children also heard the bible story about the creation. I was very impressed to find that even God had a day off – not many teachers do!

Yesterday you will have received your log on details for the online 'tucasi' payment system. Please make sure that you access your online payment facility as soon as you are able to. If there are ANY issues, please ensure that you contact us ASAP so that we can iron them out. We will be moving to a cashless system for all money in school so if you anticipate any issues with this please can you speak to the office.

I know that my zero tolerance message has caused some headaches for some of you – we now telephone parents when the behavior of children reaches an unacceptable level and last week one of our parents decided that this school was not the school for her children but these things are our 'non-negotiable' this year and will ensure that the learning that is planned for does actually take place. I am having to explain to a small handful of children and parents that the job of teachers is not to be out of class to sort out children who think it acceptable to swear at adults, who are destructive of school property, who gang up on and hurt other children and who make up stories about other children. The teachers are tasked with teaching and ensuring that your children learn and are equipped to carry on learning both here and in secondary school. They are judged on their ability to do this. To support them I am insisting on behaviour expectations being met and I hope that the vast majority of you not only understand this but also support it. We will be discussing this topic at the first parent panel meeting in a couple of weeks time, so if you have a view on this then please do contact me and I will take your view to the panel if you are unable to make it.

The stay and learn sessions have been completely brilliant! I am so glad that our teachers agree to doing this as everyone gets so much out of it! Year 2 parents said lots of comments and here are a few: "Very fun way of learning punctuation, I am going to use it with reading homework." "Was really nice watching all the children work together and I enjoyed being able to work and watch with my child." "Fantastic activity." "It was lovely to see the way the children are taught and that it is made fun."

Year 5 said: "Well organised and fun exercise, thank you." "Really enjoyed drawing and painting – great fun!" I know that Miss Blake has some photos which I will look forward to seeing on the website.

You will have seen the PTA adverts for the BIG Macmillan Coffee Morning. PLEASE try to support us with this event. It is next 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. Cakes and coffee will be on sale and of course the beneficiaries are Macmillan. The PTA work hard with the support of SPAR to provide this community service and I am proud that our children will be on hand to serve tea and coffee too.

It was lovely to welcome Academy photography into school today – I spoke with them about the promotional images which you will start to see dotted around school. Our kids are so brilliant and the images they have are a real insight into the life of the school so that is really exciting!

I am off to university this weekend for the weekend school, I am now over half way into my doctoral studies, feels like forever when you are doing part time studies as I am sure many of you know, but it will be worth the effort in the end I am sure! I know that we help any and all parents with learning opportunities but if there is something specific that you would like to do – come and see us! A little course here and there can lead to a qualification and the possibility of different employment so it is well worth a chat. You can talk to me or any of the staff – we all have the same life-long learning approach and ethic, some of our staff have actually benefitted from having that initial chat with us and their lives have taken on a new direction as a result. We also work in partnership with the Children's Centre to put on courses (they started their paediatric first aid course this week) and also with an adult educator called Sharon Tinn, who will be around to chat on the morning of the Macmillan coffee morning. There are endless opportunities for anyone who wants them – nothing to lose by coming in for a conversation.

I am really looking forward to team teaching in Year 1 on Monday and to my lunch duty where I get to spend the whole hour talking to children and catching up on their news!

Have a great weekend.