



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Menu change—6th October
- KS1 Movie Night—Friday 7th October
- Parent Panel—Thursday 13th October

LETTERS HOME

KS1 Movie Night— Rec, Y1 and Y2



YEAR 6 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Monday year 6 held their class assembly 'What is Prayer?'. All the children worked really hard and it was lovely to see all the parents in school.

STAY AND LEARN

Year 1, invited their parents into school on Tuesday for stay and learn. All the children loved showing their parents around their new classroom and teaching them how they learn their phonic sounds. Pictures from the visit can be found on Year 1 class website page.

MENU CHANGE

Please note on Thursday 6th October there is a menu change to 'Around the World', details can be found on the school website.

SNACK TIME

Can we please remind parents that as a school we encourage healthy eating. If your child brings a snack, can you please ensure it is not crisps or chocolate. Snacks are available from the school canteen.

We would like to congratulate Bradley and Chloe's Mum (Sharon) on her wedding tomorrow.

FRIENDS OF ELTON EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and came along for the Macmillan coffee morning. It was lovely to see everyone coming together to support such a wonderful cause.

Saturday 22nd October, Friends of Elton are organising a trip to Blackpool Illuminations. **There are currently 15 seats available, if you would like to book the price is £12 per seat. If all 57 seats are not taken, then unfortunately the event will have to be cancelled.** To book a seat you can contact Friends of Elton via their facebook page or email at friendsofelton@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.

KS1 MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday 7th October, KS1 are having a movie night. Children are invited back into school for 5pm to watch a movie. The children will be voting on their choice of film and we will let you know the final decision. If your child would like to take part, can you please ensure you have to completed permission slip and returned it to school, along with the £3 contribution no later than **Monday 3rd October**.

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS DELMERE ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER.

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

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

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| Rec: Leon | Year 3: Beth | Year 5: Carmen |
| Year 1: Roxanne | Year 4: Harry | Year 6: Faye |



CELEBRATE

We would like to wish Lilwen Y4, Beth Y3 and Bethan Y4 a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK—2

Headteacher's Blog

It was an interesting week last week in school, I am still getting messages and notes about the really successful stay and learn sessions that you were all invited to! A year 3 parent said "Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed coming into school today. It was great to see the new KS2 environment. The classroom is great in terms of layout and is visually stimulating with all the colourful displays... I thought the children were really well behaved and polite which reflects positively on the school and the team's efforts to instill courteous manners and good behaviour in the classroom. I particularly enjoyed doing art work ... and have learnt a new skill of cave painting! A great idea, so many thanks to Miss Hughes for hosting the extended class. It was clear that the kids loved having their parents come in and see what they get up to."

I am sorry that Year 5 had such short notice, they are planned throughout the year so don't worry – you will already have these dates far in advance on the calendar of events, plus the class assemblies! Year 6 lead Monday morning assembly this week and I was very proud indeed. The topic that they did was 'Prayer'. Although there were a few absences Mr Manning managed to keep it together and the children did a great job (I have never heard of the Cliff Richard version of the Lord's Prayer and was quite impressed!).

It is also fantastic to have hosted so many parents at the quilting sessions hosted by Sharon Tinn and her colleagues on the last 2 Thursday mornings! I cannot wait to see the finished product! Really impressive and delighted to have such a dedicated and proactive link with Sharon and her team.

Many of you have commented on the new online payment system – one parent emailed to say, "Just set up my SCOPAY account and made my first payment for dinners (ahead of when its needed) and wanted to let you know that I think its fab! Really easy to set up and make a payment. Hardest bit was checking that I had typed my code in correctly lol! Think it will really improve payments for parents rather than having to scabble around to get the correct cash. It's clear on there when a child has had a meal and your balance so you know when you need to make a further payment. " If you have any issues with it then please do let us know!

Over the last couple of weeks we have had several visits from the local police: these are related to petty crime and vandalism in the village and they have asked me to ask you all to be vigilant. If you experience crime: robbery, theft, aggression then please report it to 101. They have also been out to talk to us about children exposing themselves on the A5117. Even at Primary age this is not acceptable and the idea of 'flashing' oneself at the side of a main road is really dangerous – not least in case you cause an accident and also of course you put your safety at risk. If any of your children are aware of this going on can you remind them to tell you about it and you must also call 101 to report it.

Last Friday we had our Y5/6 children at the local rugby match and I had an email from the organisers to say how pleased they were – there were 161 children from across the area playing and all of them had a brilliant time! The opportunities available to our children are great, and we will encourage all children who behave as expected in school to participate in our of school experiences like these. If you need more information because your child has the rugby bug then get in touch and we can put you in touch with local teams for training.

I have been busy completing bids and funding requests for the last few weeks and started to put them into various companies for their consideration. I know it is time consuming and takes days to fill these in but it can be well worth it. Our ICT suite looks amazing with the bright and cheerful new chairs in it – which the whole community can use in our adult education courses as well as our lucky children – we have Essar to thank for them and we are really grateful. One of our FoE, Mrs Tudor, has arranged with her MD from Lion Deva Ltd, the delivery of 2 brand new shelving units to begin to create a proper library space for KS2 children which is really exciting! The PTA are really instrumental in supporting school and generating an income for the finer things in life that schools simply cannot afford and without your help and support of them we would be in a right pickle. They had a fab coffee morning here today and I look forward to next week when we learn how much our parents and community made from this endeavor for Macmillan. Don't forget, we have the same system in 2 weeks time for Barnardo's so pop that in your diary too.