



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Parent Panel—Thursday 13th October
Parents Evening— 18th & 19th Parents Evening

LETTERS HOME

Parent Evening—All
Road Safety Awareness—Email



KS1 MOVIE NIGHT



Tonight's film is 'Inside Out', can you please ensure your child is back in school for 5pm and it will finish at 7pm.

LOST PROPERTY



A pair of girls school shoes have been found in KS1 in an Elton gym bag and a pink watch was found on the playground. If you think they belong to your child can you please contact the school office.

ACADEMY PHOTOGRAPHY



If you would like to order your child's photograph, can you please ensure that the completed order form along with payment is handed back into school no later than **Thursday 13th October**.

PARENTS EVENING



Can we please remind parents to that all parent evening forms must be back in school as soon as possible to enable the class teachers to organise appointment times.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Thank you to everyone who donated to the harvest festival assembly.

FRIENDS OF ELTON EVENTS



Thank you to everyone to who came along to support our Macmillan coffee morning, it was lovely to see people from the village. We managed to raise a fantastic **£431.14**.

On Friday 14th October, Friends of Elton are holding a coffee morning in aid of Barnardo's in the school hall. We are inviting all children to come to school in their own clothes for a £1 donation. The school hall will be open from 9:30am for you to come along and enjoy a cake and cuppa. Cakes will also be available for the children to buy at snack time, there will be no other snacks available from the canteen on this day.

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.



THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS MANLEY ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER.

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

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

Rec: Amelia

Year 1: Jack

Year 2: Sophie

Year 3: Jack

Year 4: Alfie Q

Year 5: Georgia

Year 6: Gemma



CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Luke Y6, Gemma Y6 and Willow Y2 a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK—3

Headteacher's Blog

This week has been Road Safety awareness week, I am sure that you have received an email reminder from the office about road safety and reminding your children to be safe in the darkening winter nights when crossing the road or riding their bikes. Please make it a mission to buy them something reflective which makes them visible to road users and that little bit safer. I do know that we have bought new signs for reminding parents about parking in front of school and also that one of our governors has spoken to several parents about parking on zig zag lines. As a short aide memoire, here is the Green Cross Code:

The Green Cross Code

1. First find the safest place to cross

- If possible, cross the road at: subways, footbridges, traffic islands, zebra, pelican, puffin or toucan crossings, or where there is a crossing point controlled by a police officer, a school crossing patrol or a traffic warden.
- Otherwise, choose a place where you can see clearly in all directions, and where drivers can see you.
- Try to avoid crossing between parked cars and on sharp bends or close to the top of a hill. Move to a space where drivers and riders can see you clearly.
- There should be space to reach the pavement on the other side.

2. Stop just before you get the kerb

- Do not get too close to the traffic. If there is no pavement, keep back from the edge of the road but make sure you can still see approaching traffic.
- Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.

3. Look all around for traffic and listen

- Look all around for traffic and listen.
- Look in every direction.
- Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.

4. If traffic is coming, let it pass

- Look all around again and listen.
- Do not cross until there is a safe gap in the traffic and you are certain that there is plenty of time.
- Remember, even if traffic is a long way off, it may be approaching very quickly.

5. When it is safe, go straight across the road – do not run

- Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross, in case there is any traffic you did not see, or in case other traffic appears suddenly.
- Look out for cyclists and motorcyclists travelling between lanes of traffic.
Do not cross diagonally.

I was absolutely thrilled to hear from our wonderful PTA that the Macmillan coffee morning we held last week raised £431.14!!!! This is amazing! So many members of the community came along to support us. I was glad at the end of the day to see some parents come in and collect cakes and there were very few that ended up being wasted. We will be doing exactly the same thing next Friday for Barnardo's, the children's charity, so please do come along to support us – pick up a few cakes at 8:30am and surprise your work colleagues – or a neighbour! Barnardo's transforms the lives of the most vulnerable children across the UK through the work of their services.

New shelves for the proposed new library arrived this week and are in the process of being assembled! I have written a bid to hopefully get many thousands of pounds donated to school for library books to fill these shelves. I am very hopeful, and excited to see if we have been successful. If we have, then we will host coffee mornings in school where you can read with your child and enjoy the library that we create. Watch this space!

Mrs Barnes did a super assembly on Thursday all about UNICEF and Rights and Responsibilities of children. Our children here are very lucky and this is extremely evident when you see the plight of some children across the world. Mrs Deakin taught Y3 Philosophy for Children on Tuesday explored some of the terrible conditions of children who are forced to work from a very young age to support and sustain their families. I have planned P4C teaching for next week with Mrs Edwards and am looking forward to this very much.

I have to say, after a few painful weeks dealing with poor behaviour, we are hopeful that we have turned a corner. Who knows why behavior deteriorates so rapidly and to such a degree – it was unprecedented – but in our Elton TEAM way, we have pulled together to ensure that it is no longer an issue. Rest assured, excluding children is a last resort, but action that we will take in order to protect children from violence, and also ensure that learning takes place for the vast majority of children in our school who are keen to learn and progress.

I was thrilled with the news that Miss Hughes has secured a Silver sports award for all of the work that school do in terms of sports! Considering our location and the requirement for all sports events to have transport, plus the fact that Miss Hughes is only recently qualified and did much of the work in her Newly Qualified year, it is a VERY impressive award to have received and a big well done to her! Talking about sports, I was very impressed too with Mr Manning who managed to complete his first marathon in a superstar time on Sunday (and kept his toenails it would appear!).

I did have a chuckle at Mr Eisenberg's Hindu dancing last week at the Boat Museum when several Y5 children attended an RE day for Islam and Hinduism – that made my day. The children looked fabulous, however and their feedback was very positive about the whole day. (please see the Twitter feed!). I was so proud of Bobby Y6 when Mrs Perry told me he had the best manners in the school and also of Piers Y6 (one of our junior road safety officers) when Mr Manning told me he was determined to win the local authority prize as the best JRSO there is!

Online payments continue to be a great success for lunch payments. We propose to extend this in the very near future to cover payment for trips and other things. Please log on and set your account up as soon as possible.