



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Stay and Learn—Tues 15th Nov
Parents Panel—Thurs 17th Nov

LETTERS HOME

Big Maths—Y6
Nursery Fee—Nurs/Pre-school



ARMISTICE DAY ASSEMBLY



Ms Carr held an assembly today in honour of Armistice day. All the children and staff observed a 2 minute silence at 11am. The children behaved beautifully during the silence and were able to answer any questions Ms Carr asked. Also this week the children have been busy making poppies and poems for the display in the junior hall, a picture has been posted on twitter and will be available on the school website.

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 school office by an adult and will be marked as late.

STAY AND PLAY



Thank you to all the parents who took part in Year 4's stay and play on Wednesday. The children showed their parents how they are taught grammar. It was a lovely morning which everyone enjoyed.

Year 6 — Tuesday 15th November at 9am. We kindly ask that no sibling attend these sessions, thank you.

SCHOOL DINNERS



Due to dietary requirements the only spread used in school for cakes and sandwiches is non-dairy and suitable for vegans.

PARENT LUNCHES

From January parents will be invited into school to enjoy a school lunch with their child. The following classes will be invited in on: **Rec:** Wednesday 18th January, 11:45 am, **Y1:** Wednesday 15th February, 11:45 am, **Y2:** Wednesday 8th March, 11.45 am, **Y3:** Wednesday 26th April, 12:15pm, **Y4:** Wednesday 17th May, 12:15pm, **Y5:** Wednesday 14th June, 12:15pm, **Y6:** Wednesday 5th July, 12:15pm.

Dates can also be found on the school website under calendar of events or your child's class page. Text reminders will be sent nearer the time.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS, MISS HUGHES HAS ORDERED LOTS OF NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL.

CROSS COUNTRY



West Cheshire Athletic club are running a cross country race on Saturday 12th November at Ellesmere Port sports village. All students in Years 3 to 8 are welcome to take part, registration is at 9am, with the race starting in ascending year levels from 10am. Further details can be found on the school website under latest news or on www.westcheshireac.co.uk/wcac-fixtures/essar-wcac-schools-cross-country-race-series-12/

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM DELAMERE IS ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER.

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

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

REC : Finley

Y1 : Tia

Y2 : Roxanne

Y3 : Kai

Y4 : Tyla

Y5 : Jessica

Y6: Luke

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Troy (Nurs), Chloe (Y3) and Jessica (Y3) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK— 2

Headteacher's Blog

Monday morning started with a less than auspicious incident on the motorway that left lots of the staff stuck on the Wirral and in quite a state when we eventually arrived after over an hour and a half ... but not to worry, Mr Manning was well prepared to lead our assembly all about conflict and the impact of war in Syria. This was evaluated by the children who felt it was quite desperate what some children have to suffer as a result of politics and governments fighting. We have all continued with this theme throughout the week as it built up to Armistice Day today and to our remembrance assembly this morning at 10:45. We held a 2 minute's silence in honour of the fallen, not just from WW1 but also from conflicts across the world since. On a personal note I reflected on the loss of Simon Miller, one of the 6 RMP ambushed in the Iraq war, whose family are good friends of mine and whose brother completed his training with my ex-husband. I will never forget that incident and nor will I forget the life changing injury that happened to Craig Preece, who I also know from my days as an army wife in Germany, who lost limbs in Afghanistan. The effects of war over the last 100 years, on countries, cities, villages, children, the elderly, families, friends, whole generations, does not seem to have lessened. The children this week have focused on the legacy and impact of conflict throughout the week in P4C sessions and the work they have produced has been quite profound. Let's hope that the younger generation see the tragedy of war and make changes happen.

It was a real pleasure to work with Mrs Edwards and Year 6 on Wednesday when they did their P4C session and also Y4 this afternoon when they did theirs. The Year 6 children compared images of bombed out London in WWII and a Syrian city from recent times. They came up with some amazing concepts and related big questions: Family, Death, Healthcare, Education, Nutrition, Medical Needs etc. and one group asked "How will the economy survive"?

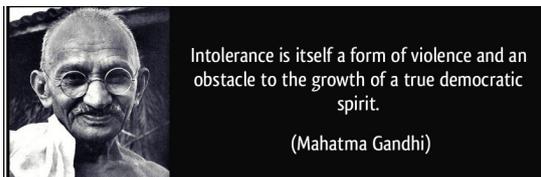
Next week I am hosting a Parent Panel about RE and P4C teaching in school so don't forget to give your views about this to the Parent Panel (or to me) so that it can inform the discussion we have. Look out for the minutes following the Parent Panel to see what we discussed.

Year 4 enjoyed a great stay and learn session all about grammar (???) which I know that the parents enjoyed as much as the children! It really is amazing that everyone loves grammar in our school and even more so that our parents are able to comment with authenticity that the lessons are well prepared, include lots of technology and really do challenge the children and assist their learning. I know that one or two of our parents commented on the pace of the lesson and were surprised at how well the children can work in an open plan environment- all credit to children and staff.

We were delighted to invite the Bikeability staff in again for our junior children – they love cycling (even in the colder weather we have experienced this week) and the safety instruction they get from the team means that you (and we) can feel much happier that they will be safer out on the roads when playing with friends.

It was a shame that the rain affected the football on Thursday afternoon as I know that both the children and Miss Hughes were really looking forward to it and it was hindered by the nasty weather– never mind, they came back soggy but having had a lot of fun.

I popped into Year 1 on Thursday afternoon to see their firework dances (I LOVED the ones I saw by Ethan, Ella and Chloe's group and Ruby, Jasmine and Archie's group) and was told that they had been playing a game that I must say I discouraged! I think their inventiveness is brilliant but I would prefer them not to play games which involve running around holding each other's hoods - no matter how fun! I know that one mum has had to replace a coat already as it has had the hood ripped off and I am not a fan of anything that involves things tightening around children's necks – for obvious reasons....



The position of Parent Governor was confirmed this week as another term in office for Michelle Massey, this was a close run thing and we are grateful to all who voted - at least unlike America, who now have Donald Trump as their President, **we had 3 serious and equally good** candidates! Poor USA... Our thanks to both Mrs Wright and Mr Manning for volunteering for this post and being prepared to devote the huge amount of time it takes up.

Miss Hughes has been working with the PTA to sort out some sort of fun activity for the staff to do on Children in Need day..... by fun I mean humiliation lol. We will see what she has concocted next week I am sure.

Also, as you know, today was the deadline for raising funds in readiness for your child to sleepover in school on Friday 18th of November... we will be reviewing numbers to see if it is viable for this to go ahead as we will need the correct ratio of CRB checked adults and obviously can only allow children who have exemplary behavior track records to sleep! We will confirm on Monday numbers and details but as you will know if you have friends with children who go to other local schools, loads of them do it, it is a roaring success despite the staff being really worried in advance, and our PTA have simply copied everything from them, so I feel that I would like to support those who want a sleepover (can't think why, we feel like we virtually live here anyway lol) and I am sure that it will go ahead and be as successful as everyone else reports to me - without much sleep!

Have a great weekend all!