



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Year 4 Class Assembly — 28th Nov
Christmas Fair — 16th Dec
Christmas Lunch — 21st Dec

LETTERS HOME

Christmas Carol Service — Choir
Swimming Lessons — Year 3



LATENESS

Since we started back in school in September we have had over **79** instances where pupils have been late for school, in some cases the same children have been late on more than 3 occasions. The Education Welfare officer will be doing spot checks in school to challenge lateness and persistent lateness may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

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.

CHRISTMAS DATES: can also be found on the school website calendar.

Tuesday 6th Dec — Snow Queen performance, KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon.

Thursday 15th Dec — Y1 & 2 Nativity at St James church at 9am.

Friday 16th Dec — Y1 & 2 Nativity in school at 9am.

Friday 16th Dec — Christmas Fair at 3pm

Tuesday 20th Dec — Nursery/Reception Nativity in school at 9am

Tuesday 20th Dec — Retirees Afternoon from 1:30pm

Wednesday 21st Dec — Christmas Lunch

Friday 23rd Dec — **LAST DAY OF TERM**



FRIENDS OF ELTON



On Friday 2nd December, children can come to school in their own clothes for a contribution to the Christmas fair. KS1 children = chocolates and KS2 = bottles.

CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 4 Class Assembly, 'Conflict Peace' Monday 28th November at 9am. We kindly ask that no sibling attend this assembly, thank you.

Year 2 Class Assembly, date has changed from Monday 27th February to Thursday 30th March.

CHANGE OF MENU

F.Y.I.

Tuesday 6th December— Beef Burger and Wedges, Jacket Potato or BLT with Shortbread.

SNOW QUEEN



Can all payments and reply slips for the Snow Queen performance please be handed into your child's class teacher or the school office, no later than **Wednesday 30th November**.

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS DELAMERE ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER.



STAR OF THE WEEK



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

REC : David



Y3 : Edward

Y6: Jack

Y1 : Archie



Y4 : Jasmine

Y2 : Roxanne

Y5 : Sarah

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Sheraleigh Y2 and Lacie Y2 a very happy birthday. We hope you both have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK— 1

Headteacher's Blog

Well, we are starting to gear up now for the Christmas Fair! There will be a lot more information about this over the next 2 weeks so look out for it on the FoE twitter and our school website... Your children will be starting to think about what they will make for the fair and the Friends of Elton have already booked events like the Grotto! Without their continued support and determination we would not be able to host such super events as the Fair and indeed the sleepover last weekend, they work tirelessly for the children of the school and do everything to such a high standard! We were all very grateful when the FoE dropped in some hot chocolate and donuts for us to enjoy on Friday as a treat too, and as for the domino's pizza, that was a complete result and we have duly thanked them on behalf of the children and staff! The children who came to the sleepover, and raised the sponsorship to do so, said that they would rate it "2000%" and really enjoyed it, most of the parents thanked the staff when they left and nearly all turned up on time to collect them so, all in all, we would rate it as a huge success! I had 2 lovely emails on Monday morning about it and a card and some chocolates to thank the staff so that was just lovely. The FoE made £229 for children in need and that was sent off to them this week, and made £390 to supplement Christmas Fair plans and books for our growing library.

The library, by the way, is now starting to see some of the funds for which I have been bidding from a range of sources. Money Supermarket have agreed to sponsor us £500 which we hope to receive shortly, and that was one of the first bids I put in this term so I am excited to see the success of the rest! All of the bid writing takes up such a lot of time but is so rewarding when there is a positive outcome.

Year 3 did a great assembly on Monday about refugees and Roman from Year 5 evaluated it for them so that when they come to do their 'invite your parents in' assembly they will be absolutely fabulous! Roman said "They were very brave, confident and they had lots of facts". For a first attempt, Year 3, I am delighted to hear this positive feedback! Well done all and well done Miss Hughes for organising that. I also loved the RE I was able to join in with on Wednesday in Year 3 – it was brilliant to chat all about Creation and they were very keen to tell me about the Hindu view- Brahmin apparently created the world; the Christian view – God did in in 7 days; the scientific view – there was a HUGE explosion; and the Buddhists don't even have a view on this – they think it is irrelevant and believe that you should just do good in the here and now (not a bad idea!)

A big well done Miss Hughes for also organising the fun that was Friday! I hope I looked suitably stupid enough for the children to have a good laugh at me in my shower cap, goggles and covered in cream! You would have been forgiven for thinking that you were at a football match on Friday morning the noise out of the children when we were all being pried in the face! It was all in the name of Children in Need though so all worth it. Miss Hughes also organised a fun filled afternoon of sports which the children enjoyed despite the weather and I am thankful for all that she did. In fact, Miss Hughes is only recently qualified and does over and above what many experienced teachers I have met over the years would be prepared to do for the children in our school and she is not on her own! Mrs McCarroll sat through the night on Friday and upgraded all of the ipads in school so that we are completely organised and her and Miss Hughes also tidied up the ICT suite whilst the children slept. Mrs McCarroll organises computing in school, a whole school core subject, and is still herself only an NQT (newly qualified teacher), so we are very lucky to have staff who go over and above as matter of course.

We have finalised the details for January in terms of new staff so a separate letter will be coming out to detail that – watch out for that so you are up to speed on some slight changes.

I also had a parent, in other news, contact me to say that they were impressed with the new traffic signs we have put up outside! I loved them when I saw them and hope that they will be another layer to our safety strategies around school. Talking of which, Mrs Tudor (an ex-parent who is also in the FoE) has secured some yellow "hiviz" vests for our children – 40 of them! So that when we are travelling to and from any location we can use them and ensure that the children are visible and therefore much safer – particularly on darker nights!

We also say goodbye to Dr David Waugh and Ste Smith, two of our co-opted governors, as they goes off to pastures new for work and we thank them on your behalf for all the support they have given us and also wish them well.