



# ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DREAM TEAM

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Snow Queen— 6th Dec  
Christmas Fair—16th Dec  
Christmas Lunch—21st Dec

### LETTERS HOME

Snow Queen Reminder - All  
Staff Changes—All  
KS1 Nativity—KS1



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

**Change of date:** Nursery/Reception nativity has now changed from Tuesday 20th December to Friday 16th December at 9:30am in the infant hall.

### CHANGE OF MENU

F.Y.I.

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

### KS2 SNOW QUEEN PERFORMANCE



The KS2 performance is due to finish at 3 o'clock, a coach has been booked for this time. The children will arrive back later than normal on this day, but should be no later than 3:30pm.

### FRIENDS OF ELTON



Thank you to everyone who donated chocolates and bottles today. The PTA ladies have been busy making up hampers for the Christmas fair. Raffle tickets are available from school for £1 a strip and will be drawn on Friday 16th December at the Christmas fair.

### YOUNG VOICES 2017



Unfortunately Young Voices has been cancelled this year due to lack of interest, we had only 20 children who wished to take part. All refunds will be made next week via the online system or cash will be returned.

### FIDLER MUSIC



If your child would like Guitar or Ukulele lessons, further details are available from the school office.

### FAMILY COOKERY ON A BUDGET



From Monday 16th January to Monday 13th February, Elton children's centre are holding a family cookery on a budget course. It will run for the 5 weeks from 1pm to 3pm in Elton community centre, crèche places are available. Please call 0151 338 2227 to book a place.

### ANGIE'S KIDZ CLUB



Don't forget, if you are stuck for childcare during Christmas holidays, why not give Angies Kidz club a call. The holiday club will be open from 3rd to 6th January and Monday 9th January from 7:45am to 6pm. A full day is £26 per day and half day is £13, also there are 3 hour sessions for £8.50. Children will be kept occupied with lots of fun activities including arts and craft, baking, visiting the park and much more. To book please call 07805095781.

**THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAMS ARE DELAMERE/MANLEY ALL CHILDREN IN THESE TEAMS CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER.**

### STAR OF THE WEEK

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

REC : Kevin

Y1 : Indiana

Y2 : Josh



Y3 : Tylia

Y4 : Danny

Y5 : Bartek



Y6: Lochlyn



### CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Finnan (Y4), Adam (Y5), Joseph (Y4), Dean (Rec) and Ava-Rose (Rec) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

**LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK— 2**

# Headteacher's Blog

Well, we are starting to gear up now for the Christmas Fair! Today was a non-uniform day for gifts for prizes so many thanks to all who have donated! We have lots of stalls this year booked already and Christmas certainly arrived in Elton this week as our beautiful trees are up.... Santa's little elves were certainly elf-like and I don't think there is an inch of the school that hasn't been "festive'd"!!! In addition to the adult elves, there is a little elf who has been visiting the infant children and reminding them about being good over the next few weeks. I must have been a bit good, Matthew brought me a surprise snowflake Christmas card that he has made on Thursday afternoon that made my day!

It is that time of year when it would be a good idea to remind you all about safety on the dark nights - bright clothes or reflective bands for children help to make sure that are seen and visible to motorists. Also, if you could remind your children about stranger danger then we would appreciate it – obviously we go over these things periodically and as we have had a few reports from schools in Cheshire who have had suspicious people outside, I thought it would be a good idea to remind you all too. Take care on the pavements and remind children who bike to school to be careful also, we grit the pathways in school and there can be a risk that everyone sees this and forgets that paths outside may still be very slippery.

Our Ethos group have been meeting with children in school in readiness to write the school RE newsletter and P4C newsletter so watch out for those in the last week of term and a big thank you to Mr Eisenberg our 3<sup>rd</sup> brilliant Troops to Teachers student for looking after this.

I know that the children are very excited to attend the panto next week and I must say I think they will love it! The feedback we have had so far is excellent and I am excited to hear back from our children whether they enjoyed it. I am really hoping that the children have been sticking to our behaviour expectations because I really do want them all to go and anyone who has not met our standards for behaviour in school will not be granted the treat of going on a trip outside of school.

We hosted a PE meeting here this week for the PE teachers of the local schools and Miss Hughes was instrumental in organising that. A few things were discussed, in addition to the 'Mile a Day' so watch out for more information on that in the new year!

I hosted the LSCB and our safeguarding Governor, Michelle Massey, and also a local Headteacher for a meeting about Safeguarding which was informative and illuminating. One of the things we talked about was the new app called "yellow" which has been called the "Tinder for Kids". More information to follow on this.

Mr Manning and Mrs Roberts attended Domestic Violence training in Blacon which means that our senior team are becoming even more robust in terms of supporting our safeguarding aims in school.

We also had a few visitors into school who enjoyed their tour and were particularly impressed with Year 1 who told me that they were all on Santa's 'good list' as they had received phone calls and letters to tell them. I did say that there were still 3 weeks left and I wasn't sure if I would make the good list so I had to work extra hard for the next few weeks to stand a chance... we will see!

You will have had leaflets from the church to tell you about the up and coming Christmas events that they are organising so if you haven't then have a rummage in your child's bag or ask at the office.

We were also delighted to welcome a new volunteer into school on Tuesday who wants to help us out with listening to children reading etc. so that was lovely. In addition we welcome several news students into school, who will be completing primary teaching placements with us! Our reputation as an excellent base for initial teacher training is due in a large part to the excellent teachers who the students have the opportunity to work alongside, and also the mentoring that they are given by Miss Blake and Mr Manning. I know that I go on a lot about the brilliant staff here but I see it from the inside so I know how dedicated and talented the staff are – this is why when they leave here it is usually for a promotion! This week has been about assessing the children's progress for the term so that we can discuss it in the next week or so and share it with the Governors and the School Improvement Partners who have to keep an eye on standards – even in the build-up to Christmas!

Finally it is my birthday today, and my brother's birthday too, so whilst I have been in meetings, I also enjoyed breakfast in bed made by my children and would like to thank those of you who have sent me well wishes.

Enjoy the weekend!