



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Retiree Afternoon — 20th Dec
Christmas Lunch — 21st Dec
End of term — 23rd Dec
Inset Day (Staff Only) — 9th Jan
School Re-opens — 10th Jan

LETTERS HOME

Retirees Afternoon — All
Closing for Christmas Results — All



ON FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER, SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 1:15PM, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT THIS TIME CAN YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

END OF TERM FUN



Next Thursday is toy day, children are allowed to bring in a toy from home to play with in class. Can we please ask that NO ELECTRONIC items are brought into school. Also on Thursday and Friday all children can come to school in their own clothes.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Wednesday 21st December, is Christmas lunch and jumper day. Your child can come to school in their Christmas jumper instead of their normal school jumper.

CHRISTMAS FAIR



The Christmas fair is today from 3 o'clock, each class has been busy making their own festive creations to sell and we are even expecting a visit from Santa. The PTA ladies have been busy making fantastic raffle prizes which are on display in the school foyer, tickets are available for £1 a strip and will be the drawn during the fair.

KS1 NATIVITY



Well done to all KS1 children who have performed a traditional nativity in school and St James church this week. All the children looked fantastic and sang beautifully. It was lovely to see all the parents and grandparents come along to enjoy this Christmas tradition.

DINNER MONEY



All outstanding dinner monies must be paid by Wednesday 21st December. Please note any child with an outstanding debt of over £11.25, will need to bring a packed lunch.

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.

ELTON'S CHILDREN CENTRE



On Monday 19th December, Elton's children's centre are having a Christmas party from 10am-11:30am. There will be a Christmas puppet show, followed by crafts and refreshments.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND SWIMMING FOR YEAR 3 AND 5 HAVE NOW FINISHED TILL NEXT TERM

ANGIE'S KIDZ CLUB



Don't forget, if you are stuck for childcare during Christmas holidays, why not give Angie's 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.

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

REC : Jared



Y3 : Connie



Y6: Caitlin

Y1 : Leighton

Y4 : Bethan



Y2 : Sophie

Y5 : Emma

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Johnny (Y3) and Hollie (Nurs) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK— 1

Headteacher's Blog

The content of my assembly on Monday was all about Human Rights! Naturally, not a lot of us actually know what these are as we have become so accustomed to enjoying them, but watching the video clip below outlined to our pupils what they are in less than 2 minutes and helped them understand why they are so important. As is usual with such complex subjects, we try to make them accessible to children so that they can see what we mean and one brilliant opportunity for doing this was to have the 2 year 6 children who represent year 6 on the School Council coming to the front to discuss how the 12 children on our School Council, who were voted democratically onto the School Council, arrived at their decision to reward children who are always on Green and always doing the right thing with a disco on Thursday. I have to say, Mr Manning was quite against the disco, and Mrs Barnes quite for it, but the children voted and also agreed the parameters and this is real democracy – not everyone will like it but it was agreed and voted upon by those who were elected to represent the school population. In the same way that we gave the parents the option to vote for an early pick up next Friday and the clever Mrs Wright in the office did it all via an online survey! It always feels good to go with the majority – even if it doesn't suit you as an individual at the time, democracy was hard fought for and is definitely celebrated in our school. I have asked the School Council to do a newsletter for parents all about their work and ideas this term, including behavior – so watch out for it next week! If you are keen to see the clip, it is only 2 mins <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pRGhrYmUjU4>

I was able to say well done to Emil, Chloe, Beth, Connie, Issy, Evie and Grace who all represented school on Sunday night in Church in Thornton-Le-Moors for the candle lit Christmas Carol service – which was so lovely (and SO cold) and thank you to Mrs Harland for supporting them on the music, and her mum for coming too. I think everyone was impressed with Emil's powerful solo! Big thanks to Mrs Weekes, Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Robinson for braving the cold with me and getting into the Christmas spirit!

Talking of which, I loved the Nativity in the Church on Thursday and the back drop to the one in school looked fab) although I missed it as I was sorting out a problem with our Chair of Governors!. Yay for Christmas! The Christmas Fair is today- and I for one am looking forward to it! I do hope that everyone enjoys it and gets into the spirit of Christmas given that we only have a week to go - as always, a MASSIVE thank you to both the PTA and local SPAR! So, we have had the infant nativity at both Church yesterday and school this morning, stay and play twice this week in both Nursery and also Reception, and I also had the real pleasure of watching the Reception children whilst they were taught an outstanding lesson in RE by Mrs Roberts who really is second to none when it comes to early years. So, contrary to media impressions, there is no "winding down" towards the holidays, in fact, we are *full on* long after we go home.

We say a big **congratulations** to our school cook, Shellie, who became engaged on Saturday last week, and wish her all the best for the future!

I just wanted to let you all know that it was agreed recently at our Full Governing Body meeting that we would close our main gates into school at 8:30am and re-open them at 9:15am. We took this decision in response to the following, and have shared this information with the Parish Council and the Rural Team:

- We have a child who struggles to come to school and often runs in and around the school car park between these times.
- We have several parents who bring their children to school persistently late.
- Members of the community use the school car park to turn their cars around and do not always drive slowly, or with due regard for other car park users such as parents with babies and small children, children's centre users, nurses etc.

These three things compromise the safety of the children who attend school and for these reasons the gates will be closed whilst we get children into school. Naturally, we are taking other action to remedy all 3 things, and have been in touch with the local parish and also local police, but our priority at the moment especially is to make sure the immediate area of school is safe. We have also contacted the food delivery company to request that they make deliveries after 9:30 or before 8am in order to prevent any issues with lorries etc.

I am delighted to share some of the comments of parents who visited our Early Years setting for stay and play! They all had a right old time and the comments were lovely!

"I really enjoy stay and play because it gives me a chance to see what [my child] gets up to. Also how [my child] plays with other children and what he likes to do. Brilliant nursery [my child] loves it!"

"It was really great to stay this morning. It is really pleasing to see how [my child] has settled in. The activities are really engaging and with lots of variety. Thank you, Dad."

In Reception the comments were equally as lovely:

"A fab morning watching them learn and having fun learning. Great class!"

"A great time, lovely idea and can't wait for next time!"

"A lovely afternoon. He was positively glowing during his phonics. He loves the learning style and I can see a vast improvement in him!"