



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



End of term — 23rd Dec
Inset Day (Staff Only) — 9th Jan
School Re-opens — 10th Jan

LETTERS HOME

Attendance Letter — All



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



On Wednesday Mrs Perry and her team cooked a wonderful Christmas lunch. Everyone looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers while they enjoyed their turkey dinner.

CHRISTMAS MARKET AND RETIREE AFTERNOON



Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the Christmas market on Friday. On Tuesday, school hosted a retiree afternoon for grandparents and local residents. Each class did their own Christmas performance, which everyone enjoyed and made the school very proud. Friends of Elton then finished the afternoon with a selection of Christmas treats. It was a lovely afternoon, a big thank you to everyone who made it possible and made an amazing £1249.50 from both events.

100% ATTENDANCE



Well done to all the children who received their 100% attendance certificate's today and a special well done to Chloe in Year 1 who won the gift voucher.

APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACE — RECEPTION 2017



If your child is born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013, applications can be submitted for a school place in Reception 2017. Applications can be made by visiting www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions or you can call the central admissions team on 0300 123 7039. Please note, the closing date for all primary school applications is **15th January 2017**, thank you.

DINNER MONEY



Can you please ensure all outstanding dinner money is paid before your child returns to school in January. Payments can be made via the online system, if you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact 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.

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Alesha (Y2), Jaime (Y4), Bradley (Y5), Nikola (Y4), Reece (Y2), Holly (Y2), Halle (Nurs), Natalie (Y3) and Isabella (Pre) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2017.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK— 2

Headteacher's Blog

We kicked the week off in style with an animated nativity story with a modern twist narrated in a Welsh accent. It was hilarious! We all absolutely LOVED it and Rev Ruth was delighted to hand out copies of the story and some sweets to all of the children.

We then had Year 5 showcasing their musical talents to the whole school on Tuesday, and the Year 6 school council reps working feverishly on the Behaviour newsletter which they were very proud of. We plan to evaluate our zero tolerance stance on unacceptable behaviour in January, anecdotal evidence collected so far seems to show that it has been positively received by parents and children alike and staff certainly have noticed an improvement in the last few weeks - long may this continue! Second only to attendance, poor behaviour has a significant impact on learning and progress. Depending on the behaviour, this is not just for the child or children in question, but also the other children in the classroom whilst the adults follow up behaviour issues which can then take up an inordinate amount of time. A key element of improvement in behaviour is a strong and supportive relationship between parents and school and we are lucky that in the main we enjoy this with the majority of our parents. Please can I remind all of you that if you have any concern about your child, to contact school - your child's teacher in the first instance, and the Assistant Head or me if you still have concerns. We much prefer you to do this, than you being worried at home, possibly without all of the facts, and getting unnecessarily upset. We pride ourselves on working through all issues, concerns and complaints with integrity and transparency and always with the best interests of the child at the heart of all we do.

Our Christmas fair last week was simply wonderful. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. Tuesday saw us all working hard alongside the PTA to present several festive songs to our local retirees, who were then treated to mince pies, cake, biscuits, chocolates, sherry, tea, coffee and baileys which were kindly donated by SPAR, who once again came up trumps with not just loads of treats which were served there and then, but also for the guests to take home! They are brilliant to us so often throughout the year and support our PTA in any ways possible. They are responsible for the selection boxes that your children brought home on Thursday. The PTA ladies have informed me that a fantastic £1249.50 was raised from the Christmas market and retiree afternoon!!!!

We also said goodbye to the beautiful Mrs Williams - although we will see her every week as she loves our nursery so much that she is keeping her little girl with us!

Wednesday was Christmas jumper and Christmas Lunch day! During the goodbye assembly for Mrs Kinnear the whole hall was a sea of festivity and we all had a real chuckle as we said farewell. We heard news that Mrs Kinnear's replacement would not be joining us after all due to personal reasons so we are pleased to have Mrs Harland up in Year 2 after a successful term with us in Nursery. As a qualified teacher, she has worked in Year 2 for the last 3 years so knows exactly what she is doing. Still working hard, we examined the end of term progress as part of our monitoring programme and Mr Manning, our assessment lead was then able to share the good news with our link governor on Thursday!

In addition to the rehearsals for the talent show, which took place this morning, I was also able to share with staff and Governors the brilliant report we received from our School Improvement Partner, which was written following his visit last Wednesday. I felt so proud of each and every member of my team. Words don't do it justice.

The talent show went without a hitch and the children certainly showcased their extensive talents! A fitting end to the term and all of the children were delighted to be going home a little early today as so many of their friends and family in other schools do! As this has been so well received, and feedback so positive from parents, we will close early on the last day of term at Easter and in the summer too in line with other local schools - apparently it will create a sense of harmony in houses where there are children in different schools.

After such a super busy and productive term, which brings my fourth year here at Elton to a close, all that remains is for me to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and all the best for a happy and healthy New Year.