



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



24th April—Y5 Class Assembly
26th April— Y3 Parent Lunch
28th April—School Photographs
1st May— Bank Holiday Monday
4th May—Parent Panel

LETTERS HOME

Afternoon Tea & Movie— All
After School Clubs—All
Fixed Penalty Notice—All



Year 5 class assembly is on Monday 24th April. Parents are welcome from 9am.

MAD SCIENCE



On Tuesday the children had an assembly with Mad Science. It was a great way to start the week, with everyone enjoying the experiments. Letters have been sent out inviting your child to take part in an after school programme. If your child would like to be involved, please ensure the completed form and payment is returned to school no later than **Tuesday 25th April**.

SCHOOL DINNERS



Can we please ask that all school dinners are now paid in advance via the online system. Details of your Scopay login can be obtained from the school office.

PARENT LUNCH



Year 3 parent lunch is on Wednesday 26th April. We kindly ask that you arrive at school for 12 noon to be seated at 12:15pm. Please note due to health and safety reasons we cannot allow young siblings to attend, thank you.

FOXHOWL RESIDENTIAL



This week Year 2 have enjoyed their first residential visit to Foxhowl. Mrs Harland has kept everyone up to date with her fabulous tweets. We look forward to welcoming the children back and hearing all about their adventure.

FIXED PENALTY NOTICE



Please be aware letters have been sent today regarding fixed penalty notices. Copies of the letter can be found on the school website or obtained from the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Letters have been sent out this week regarding after school clubs. If your child would like to take part, please ensure the completed form and payment is returned to school no later than **Monday 24th April**. Unfortunately we are unable to offer any place requests after this date, thank you.

PARENT VIEW



Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. To log on, please visit— www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

THIS WEEK'S WINNING TEAM IS MANLEY ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON THURSDAY 27th APRIL

★ 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:

Nurs: Nancy-Belle

Y3: Reenee-Rose

Y6: Luke

Rec: Peter

Y4: Teresa

Y1 : Nedina

Y5: Olivia

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Jamie (Y2), Amy (Y4) and Alyssa (Pre-sch) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU W/C 24th APRIL — 2

Headteacher's Blog

Welcome back! The sun was shining on Tuesday when we all began the term and what a start to the term it was! Our lovely Miss Blake had organised a MAD SCIENCE assembly for the children to enjoy, which meant that I was able to meet with 3 successive sets of parents before 10am! Thanks Miss Blake.

Tuesday night was a late finish as we also hosted the termly Friends of Elton meeting at which we discussed the events of last term and their huge successes and also our up and coming charity, fund raising, FUN and also community events for the term. Watch out on their FB page and also TWITTER for events as well as our website. They have planned the following (all before summer holidays!!!): summer fair, the pensioner movie afternoon, a sleepover (with bakeoff!), a coffee morning, end of term disco and Year 6 leaver's party! We must take this opportunity to thank the SPAR team here in Elton, Katriona, Kath and Jan, for all that they do supporting events at school.

Before the holiday we were notified that as a result of our Year 6 assessments in 2016 we are classed as a 'coasting school' because our results fell below the thresholds for the Regional School's Commissioner last year. Details of the definition of 'coasting schools' is available on the DfE website. Any questions about this can be directed to me in the office but rest assured our response to this was robust, detailed, accurate and informed. Meanwhile we will continue to serve our brilliant and diverse community with outstanding teachers and a super team.

On Wednesday we launched our new Parent Parking Charter with Sharon Marshall who is one of the Rural Localities Officers. It has been a joint effort by school, Sharon, Sarah Dobbins (another Rural Localities Officer), Sue (our PCSO), Councillor Ste Smith, Gillian Shaw (assistant road safety officer) and our children and will hopefully make the area outside school much safer. If you haven't already signed then please do! Let's make this a real "whole school initiative"!

I also met with Britewater, the company who do our water checks, I asked them to check our files and do an audit and they were happy to do this for us. I know that some of you were concerned about the temperature of school after Christmas and our ongoing boiler issues seem set to be sorted very soon by CWAC so not only the temperature but any issues with heating will therefore be resolved. I met with Qwest who have our caretaking contract, and also another pre-school and nursery setting on Wednesday so that was a very busy day indeed. Our staff meeting was about spellings and this went very well.

We hosted our first "Open Surgery" for parents on Thursday where 2 of our governors (Mr Canham and Mrs Massey) were present along with me to discuss issues that parents raised. Mrs Wright and Mrs Hardwick members of our FoE were on hand to support parents in completing the parent view online Ofsted questionnaire and also to organize the parents for the surgery but we didn't have any visitors this time. We will run it again next half term so watch out for the date if you'd like to pop in for a chat.

Thursday afternoon, 2 of our new Governors, Mrs Wright and Mrs Roberts were here for training in assessment with Mr Manning, our resident expert! We are very lucky to have such committed governors who really know our school inside and out.

We said goodbye for the night to our Year 2 pupils who were off to Fox Howl. They had an amazing time arriving home dirty but smiling this afternoon! My sincere thanks to Mrs Caldecott and Mrs Harland for organising this trip and to the rest of our brilliant staff Mrs Weekes and Mrs Robinson for supporting it, in addition to a very committed student teacher, Miss Brand.

Today I have attended a meeting for Ignite our local teaching school alliance in which we will discuss future initiatives for our school and joint working, loads of research (about which I am passionate), and support.

I was delighted to receive a certificate for our glorious Mr Manning who was nominated as an outstanding mentor for 2016 for Chester University – just confirming what we already know!

I was also more than chuffed to receive notification that our infants were the winners in the SACRE RE competition for their work on "Compassion"! Well done Mrs Robinson and Mrs Harland and all of KS1 children - we will enjoy spending the £125 prize on RE books.

Tonight I am travelling to London because this Sunday I run the marathon so keep your eye out for me.