



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



1st May— Bank Holiday Monday
4th May—Parent Panel
15th May—Year 1 Assembly

LETTERS HOME

After School Club acceptance slips—all
KS2 Sleepover— Year's 3, 4, 5 and 6



CHESTER ZOO



On Friday 12th May, Year 6 are visiting Chester Zoo to celebrate the end of SATs week. If your child would like to take part in this visit, please ensure their permission slip is returned to school no later than **Wednesday 3rd May**, thank you.

AFTERNOON TEA & MOVIE



On Thursday, Friends of Elton hosted an afternoon tea and movie. All grandparents and local retired residents were invited into school to watch 'Meet Me In St Louis'. It was lovely to see local ladies enjoying their afternoon tea. We would like to say thank you to Friends of Elton for organising this event and a special thank you to Mrs Ankers who once again supplied some delicious cakes.

KS2 SUMMER SLEEPOVER



Letters have been sent out this week for the KS2 summer sleepover, which will take place on Friday 12th May. This event is being jointly hosted by school and Friends of Elton. The children will be given pizza for tea and will have a breakfast of cereal/crossiants. Activities have also been organised for the evening. If your child would like to take part, please make a payment of £15 via Scopay and return your permission slip to school no later than **Friday 5th May**. Copies of the letter are available from the school office.

30 HOUR FREE CHILDCARE



From September, if you have a child who is aged between 0 - 4 years old, you maybe be eligible for 30 hours free childcare. Further details can be found on the school website, under Welcome and Admissions.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



After school clubs will start on Tuesday 2nd May with Football Fun and Minecraft for KS1. All acceptance slips have been sent out to confirm places. If you have not received notification and have asked for a place for your child, please contact Mrs Charlton in the school office.

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 WE HAVE 2 WINNING TEAMS, MANLEY AND DEE. ALL CHILDREN IN THESE TEAMS CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 5TH MAY.

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

This week's star of the week is for 'RE & P4C' and we would like to say congratulations to the following children:

Nurs: Daisy	Y3: Evie-Louise	Mrs Perry's: KS1- Jasmin-Tiana Y1
Rec: Jaiden	Y4: Connor	KS2- Beth Y3
Y1 : Zane	Y5: Rhys	Mid-day's: KS1- Marlow Rec
Y2: Reece	Y6: Oliver	KS2- Gemma Y6

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Ellie (Y5), Freya (Y2), Peter (Rec), Jack (Y3) and Binta (Y2) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU W/C 2nd MAY — 3

Headteacher's Blog

After our 4 day week last week, into which we crammed a 5 day work load, we started this week with a lovely assembly by Year 5 on Forgiveness. Although a few technical issues meant that Grace and Emil could not be heard when they did their solo pieces for the singing section, the whole class did a brilliant job of merging real life situations where things could be easily fixed, with more metaphorical ones where they could not – from cup handles to friendships, with a quick diversion through a bible story. I know that the whole class spent a long time discussing issues around friendships and forgiveness when preparing this assembly and also practicing the play, but the most powerful thing to come emerge was the deeper level thinking of the children and their understanding of the complexity of friendships, trust, mistake making, and restorative measures – something that all primary schools must instill in young children to help them on their school journey and indeed, into their adult lives. Well done Year 5! Thanks to Miss Blake who added my photo at the end to show that the reason I was wearing flip flops and hobbling was indeed as I had just completed 26.2 miles on a hot hot hot London Sunday!

Mr Manning also welcomed several student teachers into school on Monday and they seem to have settled well, learning the ropes of working school life and getting to know our children, staff and parents. We love having students and in times such as this, with finances being so stretched, it is also a useful way of making a small amount of money. The irony! We have to pay into the Government “apprenticeship levy” yet we already host apprentices of our trade and have done for decades! Oh well, the “money-go-round”.

I welcomed another volunteer into school on Tuesday morning who would like to develop skills working with children to further her career in teaching English as a Foreign Language, subject to a DBS check she will start in the next few weeks and I am sure that our children will benefit from extra reading time and so on that volunteers can offer, particularly in our newly refurbished library. If any of you feel that you have time to spare and would like to listen to children read then please do come forward. I have already had another volunteer contact me who I will meet next week so this is brilliant.

We also welcomed Mark Williams into school on Wednesday, he is an ex-HMI Chief Inspector who visited us to see our work and we enjoyed his visit enormously. He stayed for the staff meeting and was able to feed back to us all about an outsider's view of the school community in which we all work. It was a really rewarding and memorable experience for us all. His comments left us elated as he said our school was a “joy” to be in, also commenting on the “awe and wonder” on the faces of the children as they left singing assembly, and their exemplary relationships with each other and the staff in school. Some year 5 children even told him that I was an inspiration, of course I hadn't paid the children who said this!!!! I was, as always, extremely proud of everyone, children and staff alike. Alongside this, Year 3 had their parents in for lunch and several staff completed their 2 day first aid course.

Thursday saw us hosting Safeguarding supervision for the LSCB and inviting other schools to meet with us to discuss and refine our safeguarding practices. This is always a valuable time for me, as Safeguarding lead, as we are faced each day with new and unusually situations that require an immediate action or response from me. I am lucky that Michelle Massey, our Safeguarding Governor, is also usually present so that she can see the complexity of issues facing school that have nothing at all to do with the main job of education and academics that we are judged on. When we have these sessions, we discuss anonymised cases in our schools and the action that we took and the LSCB discuss our responses and suggest further action where it is relevant. We work in close conjunction with the LSCB and Children's Social Care anyway, so this is another layer of us perfecting our work in Safeguarding and one that I sincerely am glad of.

Our FoE also hosted a community event on Thursday, we had local retired people into school for a movie afternoon and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all! They watched 'Meet me in St Louis' and loved having afternoon tea served on their tables. What a treat! Our brilliant FoE, what can I say? Serving not just the school, but the community too! If you haven't already, then follow them on Twitter and also Facebook for the latest updates on what they are doing!

Today we had academy photography into school. I was delighted to see that our second successful week of Mile a Day was completed with some of the Year 2 children saying “Mile a Day gives us a healthy heart and strong legs”. Another super and very busy week!

Enjoy your LONG weekend, I am off to watch the Army/Navy rugby match tomorrow. As a rugby fan, this is great as it is at Twickenham, but I will also meet up with several old friends from Germany. See you all Tuesday.