



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 8th May—Year 6 SATs
- 15th May — Coffee Morning
- 15th May — Year 1 Class Assembly
- 16th May — Year 3 and 4 Stay and Play

LETTERS HOME

- Year 4 Parent Lunch — Year 4
- 30 hours Free Childcare — Nursery/Preschool



CLASSICAL MUSIC ROADSHOW



On Thursday morning, the children enjoyed a visit from Edsential's Classical Music roadshow. It was great to start the 4th May with a Star Wars medley. All the children and staff enjoyed listening to a variety of classical tunes.

YEAR 6 SATs



Year 6 begin their SAT's on Monday and we wish them all the very best. To minimise any stress and disruption for the year 6 class, it is imperative that all pupils arrive to school on time. Thank you for your cooperation. Don't forget school will open from 8:30am for breakfast for Year 6 pupils only.

CLASS ASSEMBLY



Year 1 have their class assembly on Monday 15th May. Parents are welcome to come into school via the office after dropping their child off. We kindly ask that no younger sibling attend, thank you.

STAY AND PLAY DATES



On Tuesday 16th May, Year 3 have their Stay and Play at 9am and Year 4 at 2pm. We kindly ask that no sibling attend these sessions, thank you. We hope to see lots of parents attending.

YEAR 4 PARENT LUNCH



Year 4 parents are invited into school on Wednesday 17th May to enjoy a delicious roast beef dinner cooked by Mrs Perry and her team. If you would like to join your child for lunch, can you please ensure your completed form is returned to school, along with payment no later than Friday 12th May.

30 HOUR FREE CHILDCARE



From September, if you have a child who is aged at least 2 years and 39 weeks, you may be entitled to 30 hours free childcare. To see if you are eligible log on to <http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/30HoursFree>. More information can also be found on the school website, under Admissions.

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 WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS DEE ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 12TH MAY.

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

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

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| Nurs: James | Y3: Shaun | Mrs Perry's: KS1- Reception Class |
| Rec: Marlo | Y4: Filzer | KS2- KS2 Cookery Club |
| Y1 : Zarai | Y5: Adam | Mid-day's: KS1- Kevin McGuire |
| Y2: Jimmy | Y6: Gemma | KS2- Alexa Dale |

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Daisy (Nurs) and Amari (Y3) a very happy birthday. We hope you both have a wonderful day.

Headteacher's Blog

What a lovely 4 day week this week! The weather has been glorious and we are all really beginning to feel like summer is on its way!

With the start of the summer term, however, always comes a little black cloud in the form of SATs ... this is an issue for us every year because of the way SATs are set and marked, and the way that results are collated and then published. Most parents know that we struggle to make sure that all children attend school regularly, we have agreed compromises and also followed strict national fining regimes and yet it still remains an issue. Although the Parent Panel for this half term was around the coasting school agenda (which you can read more about here: http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/9/pdfs/ukxi_20170009_en.pdf), I do plan to discuss the topic of attendance at some point to get some feedback from parents about what sorts of things we could try in the future order to avoid attendance related issues. Thoughts and suggestions will be gratefully received!

The outcome of the Parent Panel discussion around Coasting Schools and what that means for us will be available on the website once they have typed the minutes up because it is important that you all have an idea of what is going on beyond the boundaries of our rural idyll.

My sincere thanks to Mrs Gibson who has popped up this week to organise volunteering in school: any more for any more? We are really enjoying welcoming such kindhearted and public spirited people into school who are prepared to help us!

We also had a visit from Gail Fulbrook, our Local Authority school improvement associate, and it was delightful to see her and talk to her about our ongoing projects in school and share some of our barriers to success. She knows our school very well and understands all aspects of the changing landscape of educational policy so is very sympathetic and supportive of what we are keen to achieve.

I had a very productive meeting with our school business manager on Wednesday all about a project that we have managed to secure external funding for... watch out for developments over the coming months. Just goes to show that taking the time, and making the effort to write bids really can pay off and benefit school!

We had the most amazing music performance in school on Thursday, for free, from Edsential (who can provide catering, cleaning, music support, school advisors etc.). It was just amazing to hear the powerful contemporary and classical tunes pumping out of the hall and all of the children were mesmerised!!! I love music and love it when the children are enthusiastic about it too. The great thing about it is, you can be doing something else and music is playing alongside what you are doing either to motivate you, or relax you, to focus your mind, or even just to keep you company! I loved my running play list for the marathon so much that I have continued to listen to it on shuffle ever since!

Mile a Day is so nice when it is done in the sunshine! J I was planning to try to organise a volunteer day when members of the school community come together to do some tidying up, the hedges in school, outdoor planters, maybe some small painting projects – if you are keen to help out one weekend, can you email and let me know, I will then contact you once the date for this has been agreed.

I am off with the caretaker today to do some fire safety training in Winsford. The variety of my job, the expectation that I need to be an expert in all areas of building maintenance from boilers to legionella, fire safety to moss; an expert in finances and HR; an expert teacher; an expert fund raiser; an expert social worker; an expert in conflict resolution....thankfully I have a great team around me to shoulder some of the responsibilities. Have a great weekend all, enjoy the sunshine!