



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



15th May — Coffee Morning
15th May — Year 1 Class Assembly
17th May — Year 4 Parent Lunch
19th May — Own Clothes Day
26th May — Sports Day and Summer Fair

LETTERS HOME

Church Visit— Year 5 and 6



YEAR 6 SATs



Well done to Year 6 who have worked hard during SATs this week. We hope you all have a great time at the zoo today.

KS2 SUMMER SLEEPOVER



If your child is taking part in the sleepover this evening, can you please ensure you arrive at the school office for 7pm, with final admission at 7:20pm. Children must be collected **PROMPTLY** at 8am on Saturday morning, thank you.

YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY



Year 1 have their class assembly on Monday morning. Parents are welcome to come into school via the office after dropping their child off.

STAY AND PLAY



Please note Year 3 Stay and Play has changed from Tuesday 16th May to Monday 22nd May at 9:15am and Year 4 will no longer have their Stay and Play on Tuesday 16th May, but will be rearranged for after the half term holidays. Sorry for any inconvenience these changes in dates may have caused.

OWN CLOTHES DAY— SUMMER FAIR DONATIONS



On Friday 19th May, children can come to school in their own clothes for a donation to the summer fair. Can KS1 bring in sweets and treats and KS2- bottled items, thank you.

YEAR 2 SATs



Year 2 will start their SATs week commencing Monday 22nd May. If you have any questions regarding the SATs papers, please speak to Mrs Caldecott or Mrs Harland.

CHANGE OF MENU



On Thursday 18th May, we have a special American themed lunch. Please see attached menu for details.

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY EMAIL ON MONDAY MORNING.

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

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

Nurs: Summer	Y3: Issy	Mrs Perry's: KS1- Indiana (Y1)
Rec: Aaron & Chloe	Y4: Alfie	KS2- Adam (Y5)
Y1: Ruben	Y5: Jake	Mid-day's: KS1- Evie (Rec)
Y2: Antony	Y6: Whole Class	KS2- Jack (Y3)

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Jack (Pre-sch), Jake (Y2) and Jackson (Nurs) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day. Also belated birthday wishes to Jack (Y3).

Headteacher's Blog

So, SATs. Yeah. Anyway, our children are all thoughtful, kind and articulate – none of which are measured by SATs, yet have far more importance in real life! I think I have said it before, but I will repeat myself, there were no SATs when I was in primary school, school was a fun and exciting place to be. We went outside with an American exchange student teacher when I was in the Y6 equivalent and all built a Mayflower and talked about voyaging towards and new and exciting life. Even though the Wirral still operates the same selective 11+ system as it did then, I wasn't tutored for it, and have only the briefest recollection of sitting the 11+. I remember long jump, some of my teachers for being lovely and some for being horrid, I remember running up and down the playground racing other kids, doing handstands against the wall, school plays for parents, Christmas services at the local church, reading in the school library and enjoying maths. It hasn't stopped me being a success in my own little way, and having a productive life with children of my own and a job! Therefore, take heart! SATs mean very little to your child. Their happiness at this tender age is more important. Their zest for life, interest in learning and desire to challenge and push themselves rather than their fear of pressure from school should take priority – for us in school it does. The children have had the opportunity to have breakfast together this week, have been active participants in the moderation and monitoring process by observing me open the sealed packets of tests each morning. They have practiced being in 'test conditions' and not talked to friends. They have been calm and tried to show their skills off to the best of their ability and I am very proud of them. A big thank you also to our Governors who supported Mr Manning and I in delivering the SATs. They observed all aspects of the facilitation and can prove that I checked the materials on arrival, locked them in a secure cupboard until moments before the assessments began, opened them in front of the children, took them immediately to put into alphabetical order, did not open completed papers, sealed them immediately in the requisite bags, labeled them and locked them (and the unused papers) back into the secure cupboard until they were collected and signed for. This safety mechanism ensures that we can be completely transparent should we have an external monitoring visit and reassures everyone that the process is highly efficient and applied as per the rule book.

In other news! I have booked NSPCC to come in and do some sessions in the autumn about safety with children – always high on our agenda. You can read more about the sorts of stuff the children will do here: [We have](#), as a direct result of parent feedback, had a good look at our teams and who is leading each one – no harm in a little shake up from time to time, keeps everyone on their toes!

I have been working on a "worst case scenario" business continuity plan following some Fire Safety Training that our caretaker and I went on last Friday – keep an eye out for the updates on this as (heaven forbid) if we ever needed to implement it, then it would be because of a disaster of sorts and could affect each of you as much as us. I will place a copy of the plan on our website once finished and ratified by the Governors.

I am really proud to say that our EYFS team, and Caretaker, were in at the weekend last week clearing the horrid rubbery stuff nest to the fence in preparation for the artificial grass being laid in half term. Our staff, as you all know, are fab, but this is further evidence (as if you need of) of this, and how they give up hours of their own time to support the improvement of our school and the surrounding community. There won't be any more rubbish on the Community Centre Car Park now, as a result of this and the FoE raising funds for the grass to improve the EYFS provision. Thanks to ALL involved.

I enjoyed showing some new parents around this afternoon – I always enjoy wandering into classrooms and getting a huge warm welcome

Governors meeting last night was highly productive and I am deeply grateful to ALL of our governors for their unstinting commitment to and support of our school – if you are new, and not sure who they are, then please check out their profiles on the website!!

Today I have been working in Chester and I will return tonight for a (no) sleepover with the children. I am getting too old to pull an "allnighter" but there you go, I will no doubt be sleepwalking through next week as a result! Year 1 parents, don't forget your class assembly on Monday morning, I shall be in school for that and then off to another meeting.

Have a lovely, restful weekend.

AMERICAN THEMED LUNCH

THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2017

MENU

BEEF BURGER IN A BUN WITH FRIES
OR
HOT DIGGETY DOG (Sausage in a roll) WITH FRIES
OR
JACKET POTATO

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BAKED BEANS
SWEETCORN
SEASONAL SALAD

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AMERICAN STYLE CHOCOLATE MUFFIN
FRESH FRUIT PLATTER

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MILKSHAKE
JUICE OR WATER

