



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Academy Photography—Friday 22nd Sept
Year 6 Class Assembly— Monday 25th Sept
Year 3 & 4 Stay and Play— Thursday 28th Sept
FofE MacMillan Coffee Morning—Friday 29th Sept

LETTERS HOME

Chair Of Govenors — Email— All
Bikeability — Year 5
Behaviour — All
Swimming — Year 3



WELCOME!



Welcome to all new and existing parents of Elton Primary School & Nursery. We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. Should you have any queries regarding school, please do log onto our fantastic website which is full of information or give the school office a call on 01244 981170.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



As you know good attendance links directly to good achievement in school. This year the attendance percentage is **95%**. Should your child's attendance fall below this threshold, the EWO will be notified.

The Education Welfare officer (EWO) reviews our registers on a regular basis to identify pupils who arrive late or are often absent from school. The EWO has lots of help and support to offer to families to get attendance back on track.

Lateness = Lost Learning

(Figures below are calculated over the school year)

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!

10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost!

15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost!

The school gates open at 8:45am each morning, we ask that all children are in school no later than 8:50am for morning registration at 8:55am. If your child is poorly and unable to attend school then please telephone the school office immediately on Tel: 01244 981170 and select option 1. Please note, school can not authorise holidays during term time. Parents risk a hefty fine and the absence is recorded as being unauthorised.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



Don't forget, if your child is in KS1(Reception—Year 2), they are entitled to a free school meal under government legislation. For pupils in KS2 (Years 3-6), school meals are charged at £2.30 per day, we ask that payments are made in advance via the online system www.scopay.com. The menu is available on the school website and copies can be obtained from the office.

FRIENDS OF ELTON



The next PTA meeting takes place at school on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm and we would like to see as many of our parents as possible attend to help plan fundraising initiatives for the rest of the academic year. We hope to see you there!

RECEPTION PARENTS— On Thursday 21st September, Friends of Elton are inviting reception parents into school for a welcome evening at 6:15pm, further details to follow.

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS DEE ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER.

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

Nurs: Finn & Rubie	Y2: Jasmin-Tiana	Y5: Jack	Miss Perry: KS1 Ethan Rec
Rec: Whole Class	Y3: Reece B	Y6: Jessica	KS2 Chloe
Y1: Jude	Y4: Alexa		

QUOTE OF THE WEEK — From Alfie Q Y5— " This is the best week ever!!".

CELEBRATE



We would like to wish Amelia (Y1), Chloe (Y1), Tylia (Y4), Roman (Y6), Sophie (Y3), Max (Y3), Nathan (Nur), Isaaleen (Y5) and Tyrone (Rec) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK—2

Headteacher's Blog

Welcome back! We have had a brilliant week, starting off with a very joyous INSET day in school on Monday for all of the staff and Governors who could attend. We spent a day focusing on what went well last year and how we could make it better this year, reviewing the Behaviour for Learning Policy (you will have had a letter about this), discussing new ideas that we want to try out, welcoming new staff members setting up the year ahead and generally preparing school for the arrival of our children. The power of our collective enthusiasm for Elton is almost visible as we get our heads together and make preparations that we then see to fruition over the year. Big plans and big thinking means big opportunities for the children we work with and want to see do well.

Despite my request that neither children nor adults should come to any physical harm over the holidays, we have had two lovely youngsters arrive with broken bones this week! Poor little things! We hope for a speedy and full recovery for both of them- accidents do happen but please remind children that as nights get darker and weather worsens that they must take care of themselves and each other. In addition, there are families in our community who we know, in the last couple of months, have suffered bereavements and we send out our love and prayers for them during what must be a difficult time. Finally, there are families, including those in school, who will be dealing with the build up to, and the aftermath of, surgery of loved ones and for them, we say get well soon and if we can do anything to support you, then you only need ask!

As for the rest of the week, we welcomed new children and new volunteers, we practiced new ways of starting and ending the school day, we bench marked children across the whole school so we can better track progress, we laughed and chatted with each other about holidays and families and shared the joys of our time off and some of the sorrows. I gave out lots of TEAM points during assembly for children who came up with some brilliant ideas about getting the best out of the whole year and always being kind to each other – Evie Louise got the first one of the year!

Adult and child mental health and development are always high on our agenda as we know that without self-confidence and self-esteem it is difficult to learn. Not everyone has these traits naturally, so part of our job (and yours) is to help the children develop it so that they can continue to push themselves to try new and challenging things in school and not give up at the first hurdle. Resilience only comes from facing challenges and picking yourself up if you do not succeed and this is true not just with children but also adults, we therefore continue to build a growth mindset ethos in school. This is also why it is important that the governors and I take the resilience and mental health of our staff so seriously so that they can do the same for our children. In this way we all look out for each other and show support when needed.

We are such a strong team that it really was a pleasure to be back in the thick of things, feel a part of the energy in school, generated in part by the super competitive staff haha Miss Blake wants to have the 'best class' in the school, she has some strong competition from the other classes of course!!! May I just brag for a moment and say that, for the second year in a row, I have been first to pay my tea money for the year up front.

One of the treats of the week was to see the outdoor 'Community Garden' behind the Children's Centre. We are hopeful that, in conjunction with the Parish and Church, and of course all of you and our FoE team, we can make a start on a gardening club and invite members of the local community to come and teach our children how to grow fruit and vegetables that we can use in our kitchen! If you are keen, or have a family member or friend who may be able to spare an hour or so to come and share expertise or enthusiasm for gardening with us, please let me know via the school office. We have trialled this with EYFS and Ms Adshead has grown chillies, aubergines and tomatoes down there with the children, as well as peas, that Shellie, our fab cook, is planning to use with the children to cook something brilliant with! Well done EYFS team and well done in advance to Shellie for what I am sure will be a real treat! Move over Master Chef, we have Master School Cook!!!

We read the most wonderful report over the holiday by a lead Ofsted inspector that we invited into school in the last week of the term in July, and I wanted to share with you one or two of the things she said:

“A key feature of the school's improvement is the willingness of staff and governors to actively pursue opportunities to work with other schools to share best practice. They have high ambitions for the school and are determined to make the best possible provision.

This inclusive school has worked extremely hard to keep its vision and values at the forefront of all its work. Inclusion is a key feature of the school and it has developed a successful reputation for welcoming pupils from all cultural backgrounds,

Staff are very positive and the Headteacher ensures that morale is high by providing very effective support and supervision for the staff. School staff remain optimistic and focussed on the needs of pupils. They continue to set challenging targets for themselves and their pupils in their constant drive for improvement.

It was a great pleasure to witness the excellent relationships between adults and children during a tour of the school site. Warm and friendly greetings were typical. Pupils eagerly ran to the Headteacher to speak to her and exchange news.

On the playground pupils were happily engaged in many different activities and thoroughly enjoying the wonderful facilities on offer. Pupils responded quickly to adults and followed the well-established routines calmly.”

What a nice way to start the school year!