



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Reception Welcome Meeting—Thursday 21st Sept
Academy Photography—Friday 22nd Sept
Year 3 & 4 Stay and Play— Thursday 28th Sept
FofE MacMillan Coffee Morning—Friday 29th Sept

LETTERS HOME

Welcome to Y3 — Y3
Governor Election Result— All
Volunteer Readers — All
Young Voices — KS2
After School Clubs — All



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Please note the school photographer will be in school on Friday 22nd September. Can you please ensure your child is in full school uniform. The photographer will also be available from 8:30am to take family photographs.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



After school club letters have been sent out this week. If your child would like to take part in a club, please ensure their completed form and payment is handed into school no later than **Monday 18th September** to ensure a place. Unfortunately applications received after this day will not be accepted.

DINNER MONEY



Can we please remind parents that dinner money needs to be paid a week in advance via the online system Scopay. If you require any assistance with Scopay or you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the school office. Please note online accounts take 24 hours to update.

MANOR RESIDENTIAL Y5/6 — Just a reminder that final payments are due by **Thursday 30th November**.

DATE CHANGES

Please note the following date changes -

Year 5 Stay and Learn has changed from Tuesday 26th September to Tuesday 3rd October due to Bikeability.

Year 6 class assembly has changed from Monday 25th September to Monday 13th November.

You can keep up to date with events on the school website calendar.

STAY AND LEARN Y6

All Year 6 parents are invited to attend Stay and Learn is on Wednesday 4th October from 9am to 10am.

FRIENDS OF ELTON

RECEPTION PARENTS — On Thursday 21st September, Friends of Elton are inviting reception parents into school for a welcome evening at 6:30pm, further details to follow.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING — On Friday 29th September, Friends of Elton are holding their annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to come along from 8:45 am to 12 noon and enjoy a piece of cake for this wonderful cause.

THIS WEEK'S WINNING TEAM IS **BEESTON ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER.**

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: James

Y3: Sophie

Miss Perry: Smicker (Rec)

Rec: Mia

Y4: Josh

Y1: John & Olly

Y5: Lena

Mid Days: Jessica (Y2)

Y2: Joel

Y6: Lauren

CELEBRATE

 We would like to wish Isabel (Nur), Olly (Y1), Olivia (Y3), Scarlett (Y6), Ethan (Y2), James (Y2), Samuel (Y2) and Olivia (Y6) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK—3

Headteacher's Blog

Quote of the week, Carmen Y6 "Jessica is the best friend you could ever have. I am so proud of her!" As was I when Jessica Y6 showed me not one but 11 medals for archery that she had won! Good grief! An Olympic contender of the future clearly! Well done to all of our children who were successful with the Summer Reading Challenge, and a big well done to Alfie Quinn who showed us his Mini Mudder skills (Ms Roberts this is an unusual year for you and I as we didn't do the Tough Mudder race!).

Assembly on Monday was all about World First Aid Day. The International Federation of Red Cross introduced World First Aid Day in 2000. Each year, more than 100 Red Cross Societies around the world organise events to raise public awareness of how first aid can save lives in every day situations. This year, World First Aid Day took place on 12 September. We discussed how, in our school, all TAs and mid-day assistants are Paediatric First Aid Trained; that if children bump their head they MUST tell an adult so that we can keep an eye on them; that NOTHING should be put in mouths/eyes/ears in school; that when eating food, children should be sat still and concentrating on this to prevent choking. We talked about how Year 6 each year do First Aid Training with St John's Ambulance, and how if children saw an accident either at home or when out with friends, they needed to call 999, but only in a true emergency. In fact, much of the teaching that we have done with our children, over the years, about safety and doing the right thing was evident in what they were telling me during the assembly, so well done to staff and children for doing such a good job in this very important area of school life!

We had a super week last week too, on Thursday we were awarded our second successive REQM GOLD award for the work we do in RE. This covers our entire P4C and Global citizenship programme and the children were able to speak with confidence to the assessor and also Rev Ruth who attended as a Governor for the assessment of the files and work completed. Well done to Mrs Harland who took the lead on this on behalf of school, I am proud not just of the children but also the staff in the hard work that they do providing super learning in spiritual, social, moral and cultural education which enhances their emotional development in school as well as their academic development.

This last 2 weeks I have spent evaluating the impact of some of the changes that we have made to our school day and I am thrilled to report that feedback from the pupils in Key Stage 2 about the quality of the PE they have enjoyed with Miss Preugschat has been excellent, Year 6 even wrote about it in their diaries! This is as a result of us trialling this year specialist teaching in the afternoons in the foundation subjects - as we are lucky enough to have such experts in these subjects, and all of our children will benefit from such highly qualified instruction from staff. In addition to specialist swimming and music tuition paid for by school in KS2, Mr Manning has outstanding computing knowledge and skill to impart, Miss Blake is an outstanding scientist and Miss Linwood enhances our History and Geography skill base wonderfully in KS2, so I am delighted. The office also tell me that when dropping off messages and so on at 9am there is a real sense of calm throughout school that is the result of children coming in from 8:45 and settling into work quickly. Miss Blake also reported to me that by 9am when children start their reading, she has already been able to correct the work of the day before, give 1:1 feedback where appropriate in readiness for the day ahead, and children may have done a maths problem or worked on spellings. This is music to my ears and I am chuffed – although baffled at myself that we hadn't thought of this before...

I was delighted that Miss Blake, our new Behaviour for Learning leader in school was able to report to me the number of children who were seen being fabulous last week and indeed, she rang up several parents to tell them this (a lovely way to spend a Friday after school!). Thank you for your continued support with our initiatives for exemplary behaviour – they are clearly working!

PDS dance were in on Monday this week and the children had such fun with the very enthusiastic and talented girls from PDS – a big well done.

The Friends of Elton meeting was on Tuesday night and between us we organised a number of events for this term so please do watch out for letters/texts/emails and check out their Twitter & Facebook pages for information on up and coming events so that you don't miss out.

The Governor's meeting on Thursday night was great – we are thrilled to announce that Andy Canham and Helen Coy are not just back on the Governing Body for another 4 years but are the Chair and Vice Chair again this year.

On Monday next week we welcome Justin Madders MP and his wife Nicole Meardon, into school to show off our children and the work that we do in the locality. The children will see Justin again later in the academic year as we have invited him into school to celebrate the Democracy week we are planning (more information to come about that).

For now, have a super weekend and don't be too surprised not to see me on the gate for a few weeks as I am due an operation on Tuesday that will take me away from school until half term.