



ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DREAM TEAM

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 16th Jan — Conway Information Meeting

Wed 17th Jan — Year 2 Parent Lunch

29th-31st Jan - Conway Residential

LETTERS HOME

After School Clubs—All



YEAR 2 PARENT LUNCH

 If you would like to join your child on Wednesday 17th January for a delicious roast dinner, please ensure your completed reply slip and payment is returned to school, as soon as possible, thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

 After school club letters have been sent out this week. Due to popularity of the clubs, please ensure your child's completed form and payment is returned to school no later than **Tuesday 16th January** to secure a place, thank you. We cannot accept any late replies.

CONWAY RESIDENTIAL YEAR 4

 If your child is attending the Conway Residential, Miss Linwood would like to invite you into school for an information meeting on Tuesday 16th January at 3:10pm. Please note final payments are now due.

FRIENDS OF ELTON

 The next PTA meeting will now take place in February, date to be confirmed nearer the time.

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 please contact the school office. Please note online accounts can take 24 hours to update.

RECEPTION PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

 If your child is born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, applications can be submitted for a school place in Reception 2018. Applications can be made by visiting www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/a/admissions or can call the central admissions team on 0300 123 7039. Please note, the closing date for all primary school applications is **15th January 2018**, thank you.

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS DELAMERE ALL CHILDREN IN THIS TEAM CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY.

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: Jack K

Y3: Jake

Mid-day: Aaron (Y1)

Rec: Isla

Y4: Beth

Y1: Leon

Y5: Deryn

Y2: Ruben

Y6: Jake

CELEBRATE

 We would like to wish Brandon (Y6), Haydon (Y1), Marnie (Rec) and Jasmin-Tiana (Y2) a very happy birthday. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

LUNCH MENU 2

Headteacher's Blog

Welcome back, to a new year and a new term. I know that I have been smiling since the beginning of the week as I am so happy to be back and have enjoyed showing people around, talking to children and catching up on all of the amazing work done in school last term.

I am delighted to congratulate Mrs Deakin on her award of an Advanced CBT Diploma, in which she gained a distinction! She really does do such a super job for us here in school working with children who are struggling emotionally and who need that little bit of support. This qualification is testament to her commitment to the work that she does and how brilliantly she does it. Well done to her.

I have also been on the gate each morning and welcoming you into school, a real pleasure and also an opportunity to see how well our parent parking charter initiative is doing since we launched it. We have had less complaints from parents, which is a relief naturally, but more importantly it ensures that the area outside school is safer for your children coming into school – our main concern. I was a bit shocked to hear from our caretaker, Wendy (you can't miss her, she wears a big yellow coat) that some parents had taken to swearing at her when she asks them not to park on the zig zag lines but nevertheless, she persists in reminding ALL parents that they are not to park there and our local PCSO, Sue Kears, will be periodically around school to reinforce this. We would like to share a message from our JRSOs, to highlight the important road safety message in January's Bulletin, 'in-car safety', which you can see at the following web-site www.goodeggcarsafety.com if you would like further information.

I have resumed recording a 'story of the week', if you are too busy to read one night, why not click onto the school website and let me do it for you! This week was "One World" (find it on the school website under School Curriculum - Literacy - Storytime with Miss Carr), a book essentially about polluting the world and how we could ALL help, even the youngest of children, by picking litter up where we see it. A brilliant message to start the year and to bear in mind. I also plan to recruit some of our children (obviously with permission to go on the website) to read a story that they have picked to go on the website alongside me. If you feel brave and would like to read one for us as a parent or grandparent, can you email me?

Also, if you are on the website, can you access the parentview questionnaire and complete it for us? It allows you an additional way to give feedback to school about your views, as well as the annual questionnaire that will be out after half term, although if you do have any issues, and you want to talk to me, please do contact me via the school office or via email.

Got back to school to see that we had a second article published in the RE Today magazine, a national publication that shares social, moral, spiritual and cultural articles. Ours was about mindfulness and how we can all benefit from adopting mindful strategies. The copy we have is in the foyer if you would like to read it!

I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Ms Ankers, our newest member of staff and lunchtime assistant! She is doing a marvelous job of helping your children and supporting us with both our healthy eating initiatives and also simple things like teaching our youngest school members to use a knife and fork where they still find it tricky, and opening pesky packets!

I have had a disturbing number of reports of incidents involving cars and young children on the A5117 and around the village. Several members of staff and many parents have reported this to me in the week that I have been back. Whilst I am sure that the children involved are not from our school, many will be playing with children who are. Naturally we all, as parents, like our children to be out playing and getting fresh air with their friends, but it is worth reminding your children that if they, or their friends, throw eggs or rocks at cars, the damage done could be much more serious than simply breaking a window or scratching paint. Cars can kill people and those driving in the near dark, and icy conditions, of winter are vulnerable to losing control of their car if a rock is thrown at the window. People have been encouraged to report this to the police and obviously criminal damages and common assault charges will be levied if there is evidence to show which children have done this. If anyone knows of any young people involved, you have been encouraged to contact the police on 101.

Finally I would like to say Happy Birthday to Mrs Robinson, hope you have a wonderful weekend celebrating.