

Thursday 4th November 2021

AUTUMN 2021 - WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 8

Ask your child about...

... why **the clocks changed**, **leaves change colour** in the Autumn, and what's special about **squirrels' teeth!**

... our assemblies on **the COP26 summit about tackling climate change**, and **Diwali**, which is today!

... where our tradition of **Bonfire Night** comes from, after tomorrow's assemblies!

Tomorrow Friday 5th

Year 4 visit The Museum of London
3:15pm - Year 2 Cake Sale

MONDAY 1st - FRIDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Monday 8th

8- 8:50am Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Club in the playground
Year 3 and 4 visiting The Place for a dance workshop (they will need a packed lunch)
9:15 Reception health check with the school nurse
1:30 - Year 6 continue their two week swimming lesson block
3:30-4:30 Year 1 and 2 Football Club

Tuesday 9th

8- 8:50am Year 1 and 2 Dodgeball Club
Target Sports Event, Talacre - a squad from Year 4, 5 and 6 will attend
1:30 - Year 6 swimming
3:30-4:30pm Football Squad training

Wednesday 10th

8-8:50am -Parent Led Basketball Club Years 3-6
1:30 - Year 6 swimming

Thursday 11th

8:00am Dodgeball and Cricket Club for Years 3 and 4
1:30pm Year 6 swimming

Friday 12th

8 - 8:50am Year 3-6 Girls Multi-Sports Club
1:30pm Year 6 swimming
3:15 Year 1 Cake Sale
3:30-4:30pm Development football session for Juniors





NEWS IN BRIEF AND REMINDERS!

Primary Maths Challenge

Monday 15th November (Year 5 and 6) and Tuesday 16th November (Year 4)

Our annual Primary Maths Challenge is coming up, open to anyone in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6, who wants to have a go at some brilliantly thought-provoking maths questions. There is no pressure to enter, and we have already asked the children whether they would like to take part; we usually have a large group though because we love maths at EP and we put reasoning and problem solving at the heart of our maths curriculum. It's never easy but that's what makes it great fun!

This is a change of date from 10th to give any of the children who want to enter, a little more time to practice. A practice paper can be found here: <https://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/downloads>

I will photocopy some too and hand them out on the gate. A little bit of practice has helped children to know what to expect and has really boosted their confidence in the past.

Reminder to wear odd socks on Monday 15th November!

Monday 15th is the start of National Anti-Bullying Week, which is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme **One Kind Word** and is all about kindness fuelling kindness. The week will begin with **Odd Socks Day** which is supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks. There's a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

A reminder about how we celebrate birthdays at EP

It is an EP tradition to celebrate birthdays in classes (including adults!) with perhaps a cake, cupcakes or a similar treat, and a song at the end of the day! If you would like to bring in a cake for your child's birthday, we're happy to let you know of any allergies in the class, and it's extremely helpful if the cake is already in small portions to hand out. However, **we ask that parents do not bring in party bags or anything further** as this quickly becomes an expectation from the children, putting quite a pressure on parents and carers. It's not in tune with our inclusive ethos either - costs quickly mount up with these things!

Christmas Cards

Your child's Christmas card design is coming home today. This is the only copy of the artwork, so please look after it! If you place an order then the artwork is reduced and professionally printed onto Christmas cards - or even gift labels, mugs or wrapping paper. Your child's name is proudly displayed on the back of each card and you can select the seasonal message inside, or simply leave blank.

The price for a pack of 12 cards is £5.50, mugs £6.50, wrapping paper £5, gift labels - £2.50.

All orders are placed online directly to Cauliflower cards, no payment is made directly to school.

Once the online order is completed **the artwork must be returned to the school office** so that the couriers can collect it from printing.

To place your order:

- 1) Login to <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/>
- 2) Click **Parents Shop** (top left on screen) and then **Parents Order Here** tab.
- 3) Enter the **School Code** and **Unique Code** found on the top left of the order form sent home.
- 4) Start shopping! Don't forget to add your child's name and select greeting on the orders page.
- 5) Check out and make payment.
- 6) On your paper order form **complete Box 2** for pupil name and class, and **tick box to indicate payment**.
- 7) Complete your online order and return completed form and artwork to the school office by **9am on Tuesday 9 November**. The artwork will be collected by courier on that day, so please return in time.

Thank you...

...to all our parents, members of staff and children who shared what they're **Proud to be**, in our Black History Month video booth. We are putting together everything that was recorded, so watch this space!

...to everyone who contributed to the **Cake Sale for Breast Cancer Awareness** on the last day of the half term. We're still collecting donations, so don't yet have the total amount raised. Special thanks to Adelaide (Zephaniah and Zayne) for leading on this and making it such a successful event.

...to Renée Barnett in Year 3 for this week's border design.

With best wishes,

Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson.

Co-Headteachers

