

Winter Fair

2nd December 2021

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Ask your child about...

... **Advent and Advent calendars** - we learnt about Advent in the Christian calendar, Advent wreaths and candles, and the history of Advent calendars. We also talked about a kindness calendar - look out for acts of kindness on the blackboard throughout December.

... the **songs** we are learning for the **Winter Concerts**. Words should be at home now, the children know them fairly well but we're looking to sing without words next week! **Please see below for news of our changes to this event.**

... Tomorrow's assembly about **Chanukah**, the Jewish festival of lights... **Happy Chanukah!**

Tomorrow Friday 3rd

Club EP will not be open.

Winter Fair - 3pm - 3:30pm child free browsing, finish at 5:30pm

We are moving as much as possible outside; face-masks must be worn inside for adults.

Collect your Christmas trees and wreaths!

MONDAY 6th - FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER

Last week for clubs

Monday 6th

8- 8:50am Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Club in the playground

9:30am Year 3 Class Assembly on the Victorians

3.30-4.30 Year 1 and 2 Football Club

Tuesday 7th

8- 8:50am Year 1 and 2 Dodgeball Club

9:30 Year 2 Class Assembly - Ancient Greeks

Wednesday 8th

8-8:50am - Parent-led Basketball Club Years 3-6

Thursday 9th

8:00am Dodgeball and Cricket Club for Years 3 and 4

Friday 10th

8 - 8:50am Year 3-6 Girls Multi-Sports Club

3:30-4:30pm Development football session for Juniors

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WINTER EVENTS AND COVID RESPONSE AT EP

As we approach the Christmas holidays, we are making decisions and adaptations with the aims of keeping everyone healthy and feeling safe, while also having our EP traditions, so important to our community sense of belonging.

We are guided by Public Health, Camden and our own risk assessments. After a long period without any Covid in school, we have over this last fortnight had a few cases and relevant class groups have been made aware. Over the next few weeks we are being cautious, measured and making some changes which we hope you will support:

These changes are:

- **all visiting parents and adults to wear masks inside**
- **parents and carers of children in classes in which there are positive cases, do regular LFD testing and in the case of close contacts, PCR tests with their children.** We will contact you where this is the case
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- pausing Buddies and Big School Meeting
- returning to separate key stage and year group assemblies
- **increasing hand washing**
- continuing to ventilate classrooms
- inviting parents and carers of Year 2 and Year 3 children to the Class Assemblies set for next week - you will be the only audience, to allow for more distance.
- asking you all to be aware of the common symptoms of Covid in children, and to **keep your child off school until they have a negative PCR test if they are symptomatic.** If in doubt, please keep home until tested
- if there's a Covid positive case in your household of someone who is not a child at EP, please also let us know

Change to end of term events:

Winter Concert

We have decided to hold **separate Junior and Infant Winter Concerts** outside on the playground. These will be on the **existing date of Wednesday 15th December in the afternoon.** We hope you will agree that the children being able to perform for you live is worth braving the cold weather for, especially since each will be shorter than the original performance.

EP's Got Talent

The risk of transmission with all the children in the hall together for such a long time, even without an audience, is too great just before Christmas. To avoid cancelling altogether, we will host an internal online / Zoom version of EP's Got Talent for all of our children to watch in their classrooms on the last day of term. All acts will be filmed next Friday 10th.

We are hugely appreciative of your support.

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NEWS IN BRIEF AND REMINDERS!

Football Success

We want to say a huge congratulations to George Welton (Year 2) who played his debut football match for Crystal Palace under 7s on Saturday and scored a hat-trick! Our very own football superstar! We all wish George good luck for Saturday when he plays in the Derby County Cup.

Our Girls' Football Squad also had success last week in their match against St. Pauls winning their match 2:1.

Club EP and sports clubs

The final day for Club EP this term will be Thursday 16th December, with no club on the last day of term. Breakfast Club will be open through to the end of term. Both clubs reopen on the first day back after the holidays.

In the last week of term 13-17 December there will be no sports clubs before or after school. The only exception is the Football Squad, who have a match at Castlehaven on Tuesday 14th. There are no sports clubs in the first week of term in January, as Coach Martin moves clubs around classes.

Christmas Lunch

This will be on **Thursday 16th December** and we invite children who usually have packed lunches to have a school dinner on this day. Do please return your forms for this by Monday 6th so that the kitchen know the additional numbers for the feast!

Payments

We ask that payment for lunches, Club EP, Breakfast Club and Year 6 music are up to date before we end term. Please pay outstanding balances through Scopay or contact the office for cash payment. Thank you

Debating and BAFTA

Savina (parent to Tara, Lila and Zachary) and Miss Thomson have been teaching debating in Year 5 and 6 this term. Last week, a group of 19 Year 5 children went to this year's Inter School Debating Competition at South Hampstead High School and were fantastic! They debated on three unseen motions - 'private cars should be banned in central London', 'school uniforms should be compulsory' and 'some people having superpowers would be a good thing'. A huge well done to all the children for taking part, representing Eleanor Palmer with great confidence, energy and enthusiasm. Special mentions to Precious, Lila S, Miya, Jake, Frankie, Cecily, Sasha, Lylah T and Rafi who won one of their rounds against some stiff competition! Next term we hope to take teams from both year groups, so watch this space!

A busy week for Year 5, as they were also invited to visit **BAFTA** headquarters after their entry in a special 'pandemic time capsule' competition earlier this year. We entered a fantastic film made by Alex (Sasha's mum) when the children were in Year 3 - and won! Our BAFTA visitors were given a royal welcome and even met some Blue Peter celebrities and YouTuber Nikki Lilly.

Thank you...

...to Aniera Maturine in Year 3 for this week's border design.

...for all the amazing preparation taking place for tomorrow's **Winter Fair** which opens for child-free browsing at 3pm. Latest news and reminders from the PTA overleaf. If you have not yet signed-up to help, we still need a hand setting-up from 2pm and The Festive Café is a bit short on food if you are able to contribute. New lots have been added to the online auction today, so do take a look and get bidding!

With best wishes,

Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson.

EP Winter Fair 2021 - Friday 3 December

Parent only browsing: 3:00-3:30pm; runs until 5:30pm

Raffle Draw & End of Auction: 5:15pm in the Hall

Layout/Covid Measures

To reduce the time spent indoors and facilitate social distancing, the following will be outside:

- **Santa's grotto**
- **a bar**
- **games**
- **toy stall**
- **wreath decorating**

The **Juniors** will host the beauty bar, crafts and biscuit decorating. The **Hall** will host the Café, main bar, hot chocolate and mulled wine, tombola, auction, raffle, homemade goods stall and a few others. The **Governors' table** at the fair entrance will be the point of sale for EP Payment Cards and where you can guess the weight of the cake and the number of sweets.

Reminder re EP Payment Cards

EP school governors will be selling EP payment cards for £5 each at the fair entrance. Each card has 10 circles representing 50p each. Each time 50p is spent, one of the circles will be crossed off. These should be treated like money. If a child loses a card, we cannot replace it.

Set-Up/Clean-Up Volunteers

We still need volunteers for set-up and clean up. Please sign up on the board asap.

Café

Please bring labelled and pre-cut sweet or savoury items to be sold at the EP Café. Bring your own takeaway containers where possible.

Auction

The EP Winter Fair Auction is now live at jumblebee.co.uk/epwinterfair. There are over 40 lots at all price points. **NEW LOTS ARE BEING ADDED TODAY!!** Bidding will take place online until 11:59pm on Thursday 2 December and will resume in person at the Fair until 5:15pm. All items will be on display. Please be prepared to pay by debit or credit card on the day. But BACS payment possible.

The opening bid at the fair will be the final bid listed on the auction website. No reserve pricing will be carried over and no anonymous bids will be accepted at the Fair.