

**ELEANOR PALMER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**Autumn 2021 - Whole School Newsletter 14**

16th December 2021

Dear families,

*We would like to say thank you! We are truly grateful for the incredible community that is EP, we have had a fantastic first term of co-headship. Thank you for your enthusiasm, engagement and of course, for your wonderful children.*

*We wish you a happy, healthy and restful Christmas break,*

*Natalie and Sally.*

**Tomorrow Friday 17th December**

**EP's Got Talent - see over - remember to bring money to vote - 50p a vote!**

End of term - we finish at 3:30pm for the Christmas break

**NO CLUB EP**

**Monday 3rd - Friday 7th January**

No clubs in the first week of term - Breakfast Club and Club EP open as usual, please book.

A quiet start to the term in a short week.

**Monday 3rd**

BANK HOLIDAY

**Tuesday 4th**

Staff INSET Day - school closed for children

**Wednesday 5th**

**School starts at 9am for the first term of 2022!**

The Place Dance Company are in school working with Year 3 and 4.

**Thursday 6th**

**Friday 7th**



Happy Xmas

EP's Got Talent

Tomorrow all of our classes will be watching our EP's Got Talent show on the big screens in their classrooms. We have thirteen super-talented acts from Nursery to Year 6. The show will be hosted by our Year 6 compères and we have our very own Year 6 judges. This is a fun end of term event for the children to enjoy, cast a vote on and raise money for charity. Each vote is 50p, so **children can bring in some small change into school tomorrow** if they want to take part in the voting. **Our chosen charity for 2021 is Crisis.**

Unfortunately we cannot invite parents to the event this year, but we will send a link to all of our families and children who have been asked by the school to self-isolate at home so that they can watch the acts in the morning. This link will be sent out later today, if you don't receive it please do get in touch.

Winter Concert

We are incredibly proud of the commitment and enthusiasm of our children yesterday, with fantastic singing and readings at the EP Winter Concert. Some of our readers were unable to take part, but we look forward to inviting them to share poems in an assembly in January. In addition to being such a joyous event, we raised £310 for the homeless charity Crisis - thank you!

Covid Response at EP

We know that this has been a particularly difficult and anxious week for everyone as the rise in Covid cases has presented various challenges. Thank you for your help in taking children for PCR's when requested and for keeping children off school if you have Covid in your household. Through this approach we have caught multiple asymptomatic cases in children who would have otherwise have come into school. We're aware that this has meant more for you to juggle at this busy time of year, and that testing and missing school is an unsettling way to end a term. Through your help in this we have reduced the spread of Covid in the school community. Thank you again.

After we break up we will continue to inform families of any close contacts who test positive at the start of the holiday. **If your child has a positive Covid test before Tuesday 21st December** please contact Tania, who can then notify any close contacts in school.

Returning to school in January

Camden, following guidance from Public Health, is asking that all primary school children take **two home LFD tests 3-5 days apart before returning to school in January**. This has been an effective measure in secondary schools in reducing the spread of Covid. Please can children have the second test in the evening before school reopens for children i.e. on the evening of Tuesday 4th January.

LFD tests are available online for delivery <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>  
**Do order a pack to have ready** for this return to school testing. At times the ordering website will show that no stock is available, but it is replenished daily - often after 10am - so keep trying at different times. Unfortunately school is now only given limited stock for staff, so we no longer have spare tests to share. Staff will of course also continue their routine testing each week as we have all term.

Reminders for tomorrow

- If you haven't already, please:
- Collect bikes and scooters;
  - Check coat pegs, lost property and lunch trolleys;
  - Pay outstanding debts in full.

There will be no Club EP, but Breakfast Club is open. School finishes at the usual time of 3:30pm.

Thank you

To the O'Gara family for responding to our request to collect the much-needed manure for our school veggie patch from the city farm. We hope that the van is now odour-free!

To the many children and adults who took part in the **Proud To Be ...** video earlier in the term. All our classes have now seen the film in school. After watching it there was an overwhelming response from the children expressing how proud they are to belong to our brilliant and diverse EP community!

To Vince Warren in Year 2 for this week's border design.

To the EP team - we hope that you share our gratitude for the extraordinary work that our staff do, well over and above what is expected.

There won't be any class newsletters tomorrow, so from everyone at EP, thank you for your amazing children. We wish you all a wonderful holiday with a chance to relax and enjoy family time.

With best wishes,

Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson.

