

ELEANOR PALMER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 6th January 2022

Ask your child about...

... **Janus and New Year's Eve** - we learnt about Janus the Roman god of doors, gates and transitions. Janus is often associated with endings and new beginnings.

... Tomorrow through our assemblies the children will be learning about **winter** and **changes in nature**.

MONDAY 10TH - FRIDAY 14TH JANUARY

All clubs resume this week - with places for every child who has returned slips.

Monday 10th

8-8:50am - Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball / Gymnastics Club
3:30-4:30pm - Football session for Juniors

Tuesday 11th

8-8:50am - Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics Club
3:30-4:30pm - Football Squad training

Wednesday 12th

8-8:50am - Parent-led Basketball Club Years 3-6. Thank you to the group of Year 4 parents who run this for us.
Year 3 and 4 - The Place Dance Company workshop in school

Thursday 13th

8-8:50am - Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball / Gymnastics Club
Year 5 workshop with the Young Shakespeare Company in school

Friday 14th

8-8:50am - Year 3-6 Girls Multi-Sports Club
Year 3 are heading to Hampstead Heath for a soil scientist workshop
3:15 Year 6 host the first Cake Sale of term
3:30-4:30pm - Gymnastics Club - Year 3-6

Well done

To everyone! We raised £308 for Crisis at Christmas through your donations at the Winter Concert and by voting at Eleanor Palmer's Got Talent. Congratulations to our joint EPGT winners - Elsie in Year 3 and our Year 4 group of Daisy, Mila, Rachel and Scarlett.

Thank you

To Samiya, Jumman and Maryam in Years 5 and 6 for this week's border design.

The Place Dance workshop with Year 3 and 4

We are very lucky to be working with The Place Dance Company this term. Our Year 3 and 4 children will be taking part in dance workshops every Wednesday afternoon. This work will culminate in a dance performance to which parents are invited at The Place (Holborn) on the 22 March 4-5pm.

Reminder of school protocols

As we start a new term we want to remind families that:

- The school day starts promptly at 9am. It is unfair and unsettling for children to start late, so children should be in their classrooms and ready to learn by 9am. **Classrooms open at 8:45am** giving your children a fantastic opportunity to not only settle into class, but for 15 minutes of additional learning and practice of key skills! We know children benefit from being in class early, so please do take advantage of this.
- If your child is going to be absent for any reason please call the school office **before 9am**. If the line is busy, please try again.
- Please renew bookings (even if unchanged) for Breakfast Club and Club EP at the start of each term, ideally through the school app.
- Please check the newsletters each week for important information.

Traveling abroad during school holidays

Many of our families are taking the opportunity to travel abroad or to visit families during the school holidays and we know how important some of these trips are. Most trips abroad now require additional testing or sometimes isolation on return. Please plan time for this **within the school holiday period**, enabling your child to return to school on the first day of term. Every minute in school counts, and days missed due to known testing requirements cannot be considered as authorised absence going forward.

Key dates for the rest of this year

- **Spring half term holiday- 14-18 February**
- Book Fair in school 21-28 February
- **Spring Term ends 3:30pm Friday 1 April** (note Easter comes at the very END of the holidays)
- The Summer Term starts for staff and children on Tuesday 19 April. **No INSET day.**
- **Bank Holiday closure on Monday 2nd May**
- Year 6 SATs week Monday 9 - Thursday 12 May
- Eid Party – lunchtime Monday 9 May
- CBC Party - evening of Thursday 12 May
- Our two remaining **INSET days - Monday 6 June and Monday 13 June**
- **Summer half term holiday - 30 May - 3 June**
- Year 2 residential to The Mill -Thursday 23-24 June
- Year 4 Camping -Thursday 30 June-Friday 1 July
- Summer Festival - Saturday 2nd July
- Sports Day - Tuesday 5 July
- The school year ends on **Thursday 21 July at 1:30pm** (please note end of term is on a Thursday and *not* on Friday)

Additional dates for the Spring Term

- **Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 February** - mid-term **Parents' Evening**. All appointments will be after school on these days. Booking information will be sent closer to the dates.
- Year 4 Strings Concert - Thursday 10 February at 11am
- Year 3 and 4 dance performance (parents are invited) at The Place - Tuesday 22 March 4-5pm
- Year 5 Shakespeare play - Thursday 24 March 2pm and again at 6:30pm
- Year 6 WW2 Variety Performance - 2pm Wednesday 30 March
- Friday 1st April - The 18th Great EP Egg Race (and the last day of term)

Friday Cake Sales this term

Year 6 – 14 January
Year 5 - 21 January
Year 4 - 28 January
Year 3 – 4 February

Year 2 – 25 February
Everyone! World Book Day EP library fundraiser – 4 March
Year 1 - 11 March
Reception – 18 March
Nursery – 25 March

We are all set for an exciting term ahead! Teachers have been busy booking trips and visitors, and we look forward to welcoming families into school later in the term for concerts, plays and all the extras that make EP so special!

With best wishes,

- Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson.

