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# ELEANOR PALMER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER 2022 - Whole School Newsletter 35



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Thursday 14 July 2022

Ask your child about...

... Our sports awards assembly on Monday. Who inspired them? What did they learn about other children at EP that they hadn't known before?

The census...we learnt about the initial results of the 2021 census, including population change in Camden.

### TONIGHT

**Parents' Evening (second evening)** - This is a vital meeting to hear from your child's teacher about how the year has gone and what needs to be your child's next steps. It is also the opportunity to collect their final end of year written report.

### TOMORROW

Year 3 and 4 join an interactive performance at Queen Elizabeth Hall as a culmination of their collaborative writing project with Southbank.

Year 6 leavers' BBQ from 6.30pm - please bring a dish

### MONDAY 18th - 22nd July

**NO ACTIVITY CLUBS** - Breakfast Club and Club EP are open as usual

#### Monday 18th

11am - Year 5 swimming

4-6pm Year 5 and 6 Debating Competition. Adult judges still needed - contact Rosie Thomson if you can help.

#### Tuesday 19th

11am - Year 5 swimming

Year 6 Leavers' Show at 2pm and again at 6:30pm

#### Wednesday 20th

11am - Year 5 final swimming session

#### Thursday 21st

9:15 - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for families of our wonderful Year 6 class and all the children

**School term ends after 1:30pm registration!**

#### Heat plan for next week

Following guidance from the DFE and the local authority, we have put a heat management plan in place. In addition to measures outlined earlier this week, we are giving the option to all of our **Nursery and Reception families to collect their children at 1.30pm after lunch on Monday** to prevent overheating and tiredness. Early Years children are at greater risk of heat stress. Obviously this is optional, and you may wish for your child to remain in school. Please be reassured that we have plans in place to support all children in the heat on Monday and Tuesday, and all school activities and lessons will be low exertion.

#### Give it a Go Festival, Sunday 17th July

Hampstead Heath's Give it a Go Festival takes place this Sunday 17 July, 1pm to 4.30pm at Parliament Hill. This free health and wellbeing event is an opportunity for everyone to try out a new sport or activity or have a health check. There will also be music on the bandstand and food stalls.



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**EP Books**

We are so fortunate to have wonderful book corners in each classroom, in addition to the library, and love it when children are keen to take books home to read. We end the year with a significantly reduced range however, and know that these will be on shelves, tables and under beds around your homes. Please can you take five minutes this weekend to look for any EP books - they will have a yellow sticker on the spine, so are easy to spot.

Most importantly **children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are given Little Wandle phonics books** to read at home. Children progress through individual titles in a specific order and so we need complete sets ahead of the new school year. These sets are very expensive to replace, and we very much want to avoid asking parents for payments or introducing fines. **Do please have a good look for these slim phonics books so that children can access high quality reading teaching next year.**

We will put a Book Amnesty box in the school entrance from tomorrow.

**Please pay your debts!**

We are owed a substantial amount of money by parents for services taken – meals eaten, auction promises, violin lessons, clubs attended etc. The office team are working really hard to gather this money and reconcile end of year finances amidst a myriad of other tasks. Please respond to their polite reminders and pay the money before the end of term, ideally online, though cash to the office is also gratefully received. Thank you.

**End of year jobs!**

Before we finish on Thursday, some reminders –

- Check lost property
- Bring in a bag to take home your child's work
- Clear pegs and packed lunch trolleys
- Take home bikes and scooters

As soon as we break up we have a big clear up and items left behind are given to charity or thrown away. Please make sure you take all your child's belongings home.

**Summer Challenges**

We have not one, but two summer holiday challenges this year! The return of the ever popular **Extreme Reading** – photos of you reading or being read to in an extreme place. It might be in the sea, on a roller coaster, hanging upside down, buried in the sand...you decide!

**Maths Snaps** challenge- we know that maths is all around us and that we use it and see it every day. Share photos of mathematical things you spot or make, and don't miss the chance to talk about it together. Some examples here – but we'd love to see you in the photo finding, using and playing with any maths shapes and numbers.

Take part in either or both challenges, and email photos to [head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk](mailto:head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk)



**Looking ahead**

School reopens for children at 9am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

One date for the diary is our annual 'Meet the Teacher' Evening where you can meet your child's new teacher and learn more about the year ahead. This will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

This is the last newsletter of the year. Thank you all once again for your fantastic support – and for your wonderful children. Thanks also to all our brilliant staff who are looking forward to the holidays too. We wish you all a very happy and healthy summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again when the autumn term begins on Monday 5th September.

With best wishes,

Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson

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