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Thursday 29th September 2022

**AUTUMN 2022 - WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4**

*Our autumn assembly theme is 'what kind of person can I be?'*

**Ask your child about...**

... their **unique identity** and what their core values are. We talked about starting by thinking of things they love and considering whether these are part of their values.

... the festival of Rosh Hashana, celebrating the Jewish new year. 'Shanah Tovah,' to our Jewish families.

**Tomorrow – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

9:10-9:30 - **Stay and Play for Years 1, 2, 3 and 5** - Join your child in class after drop-off for a classic EP maths game!

Year 6 return from Wick Court at lunchtime - we will text updates with an ETA

Year 5 host the Snack Sale after school

**NEXT WEEK 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**Monday 3rd October**

8am - Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball and Basketball Club

3:30-4:30pm - Years 1 and 2 Development Football Club

**Tuesday 4th**

8am - Year 1 and 2 Dodgeball and Tag games

Year 5 have a trip to the British Museum

Indian cookery workshop in Year 2

3:30-4:30 - Football Squad training

**Wednesday 5th**

9-10:45 - Year 4 have cross country training on Hampstead Heath

Indian cookery workshop in Year 2

**4-7.30pm - Parent Progress Meetings**

**Thursday 6th**

8am - Years 3 and 4 Dodgeball and Cricket Club

Year 4 Trip to Lullingstone Roman Villa

Year 1 have a House of Illustration project in school

**4-6pm - Parent Progress Meetings**

**Friday 7th**

8am - Girls' Club for Juniors

3:15 Year 4 host the Snack Sale

3:30-4:30 - Junior Development Football

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**NEWS IN BRIEF AND REMINDERS!**

**Parent Progress Meetings**

These individual meetings between parents, carers and teachers are a chance to discuss the progress that has already been made during the first weeks of this school year, and to look forward, discussing how we can support great progress together. It's a chance to discuss any aspect of your child's schooling, though we do hope that families feel able to talk to teaching teams outside of these meeting times.

You will receive a text/email booking request today. Contact the office if you haven't received a booking request. Please arrive 10 minutes early for your meeting so you can look through your child's books.

**Black History Month**

**Time for Change - Actions not words**

We have organised a series of assemblies and lessons focusing on Black artists for Black History Month this October. This supports the ongoing work we have done over the last few years to further diversify our curriculum and to make sure that our book corners and lessons across the curriculum are representative of the pupils in our school. We are also looking forward to a former EP pupil visiting to share his achievements as a presenter! We would love to hear from parents and carers too. If you would like to come in and talk to your child's class during this special month, whether to share an aspect of your life or experience, or to talk about race, please let us know.

**Scholastic Book Fair**

We will host the Scholastic Book Fair in Juniors next week. The Book Fair arrives on Monday and will be open after school Monday to Thursday 3:20-3:45pm, and before school Tuesday until Friday from 8.45-9am. There will be hundreds of fantastic books for you and your child to browse and the prices start at just £2- with such a great range that there's bound to be something for your child to enjoy. Up to 60p in every £1 you spend comes back to us in vouchers for new books for the library!

**Safeguarding and Child Protection at Eleanor Palmer**

Periodically we remind parents about the key safeguarding practices and policies we have at EP. Creating a safe learning environment so that children can develop socially and emotionally is central to our school life and work. The following factors are very important to safeguarding and child protection at Eleanor Palmer:

- We have excellent recruitment procedures; every member of staff has full safeguarding checks and up to date references, as do visiting artists, regular volunteers, supply teachers and governors;
- All staff receive appropriate training as part of induction and then routinely every 2 years.
- We have policies and practices that focus on ensuring the health and well-being of the children, for example: risk assessments before every class trip, an annual safety check of our playground, a medicines in school policy and staff presence at the school entrance every day;
- We have well-established ways of monitoring and responding to incidents of concern, for example: unexplained absences, challenging behaviour and significant changes in physical or emotional appearance;
- The ethos of the school is open so that staff, parents and children feel able to share concerns. We welcome parents and carers contacting us if there are events in school or at home that may cause your child concern.

Local Authority guidance suggests that every parent who accompanies class trips should also undergo full criminal record (DBS) checks. Our Governing Body has taken the decision not to do this in line with guidance from the National College of Teaching and Learning who run safer recruitment training. This is because of the particular ethos and values of our small community school. Close relationships are central to our school ethos and parental participation in our many trips is a much-valued part of school life for children, parents and staff. We strongly encourage all parents to take part in trips. Parents who volunteer on a regular basis however, will be asked to undertake full DBS checks.

Our full Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is on our website. This policy framework is from Camden Local Authority and is reviewed annually by the school leaders and the Governing Body to make sure our practice reflects the policy, and to add additional measures unique to the school.

If at any point in the year you have questions concerning information on child protection and safeguarding please contact the school office. If you have any specific concerns or suggestions regarding safeguarding please contact Sally Hill or Natalie Stevenson [head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk](mailto:head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk)

**Thank you**

To our Year 6 team, Miss Cousins, Miss Thomson and Taynee and to Mr Palejowski and Coach Martin who have taken our Year 6 class for a week's long residential at Wick Court Farm this week.

To Thomas in Year 1 for this week's border design.

With best wishes,  
Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson

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