

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013

Dear Families,

Events in school next week: 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> February:

TOMORROW

Cake Sale hosted by Year 1

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

8am Football Club for Key Stage 1

Year 3 are visiting Highgate Hill Hindu temple in the afternoon.

3.45 Chinese Club.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

8am Football Club for Key Stage 2

A first: Years 1 and 2 have an Engineering Workshop with Jeremy King. Thanks to Arnold's mum Helen Hawker for the lead!

We welcome author HL Dennis, author of the secret breaker novels into school! She will talk to all junior classes and then do a workshop with Year 6.

Year 6 Football Squad match, pick up from Talacre at 5.20pm.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

8am Girls' Football Club

9-11 am in the hall. Parent Gym Week 3. Creche available.

Ms Wykes' Year 4 group are off to London Zoo.

We welcome back teachers for Day 2 of our maths course run with NRich.

Year 6 to the Science Museum.

Year 5 go to The Place to watch the onstage professional interpretation of their dance project.

Year 6 Football squad have another match at Talacre with pick up at 5.40pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

8am Football Club for Year 3

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Cake Sale hosted by Year 4

Year 3 are going up to the Heath for a 'Rock Walk'

**Thank you**

To Jack Spickernell in Reception for this week's border design

**Parents' Evening Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 4.30-7.30**

Teachers will be putting timetables up today outside their classrooms for appointments to see them for an important mid-year review of progress. Please make every effort to find a convenient time as it is so important to meet and talk to teachers in this way. As well as the evening, teachers all offer alternative daytime appointments.

**Governing Body Meeting**


The full Governing Body met last night. The main agenda items were the teaching of maths both within and beyond Eleanor Palmer, the 5 year vision and strategic objectives of the school and a proposal to create a new teaching, learning and meeting space on the Raveley Street side of the school grounds. Full minutes will be available in the office next week.

**Filing Cabinets**

We have three 4 drawer filing cabinets to give away. Ask in the office! They will go next Monday if no one claims them.

**Driving into Home Zone**

We have noticed two or three cars driving right into the Home Zone at drop off and pick up. Please don't do this! It is a double yellow line area but more importantly it's not safe with 236 children and their parents arriving/leaving. If you have to use a car, please stop safely outside the Home Zone and walk in. Thank you.



Details of 3 local opportunities:

Saturday Craft Workshops here in school

Many of you have attended Clío's Saturday drop in family craft workshops. More are planned! "Forget the grey and gloomy austerity weather outside, and get a nice warm family feeling at Clío's Crafty Workshops. We'll show you how to make fun things from everyday materials and have a great time together as a family. Workshops will take place on Saturdays 11am-12 noon or 2-3pm on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July. On 9<sup>th</sup> February we'll start by taking the newspapers out of the recycling bin and turning them into toys and objects. It's fun, honest! We don't charge for the workshops, because we want to give something back to our local school and the community, but you do need to book because places are limited. Please go to [bookwhen.com/ampersand](http://bookwhen.com/ampersand) to do so. Or if you'd prefer, get in touch with Clío any time on 07884 265 518 or 020 3463 3138 or [clio@ampersand-learning.com](mailto:clio@ampersand-learning.com)"

Local Drama Group

Free trials are available for the Helen O'Grady drama classes held at Our Lady Help of Christians church, Lady Margaret Road on Mondays.

"Our classes help children develop their confidence and communication skills alongside a thorough drama training covering speech, improvisation and Laban Movement. Upper Primary children also work on scripts, verbal dynamics and plays. Overall our classes are lots of fun! Classes are on Mondays:

- 3.45-4.30pm Kindy drama ages 3 +4 yrs
  - 4.30-5.30pm Lower Primary ages 5-7 yrs
  - 5.30-6.30pm Upper Primary ages 8-11yrs
- To book a place please call: 0208 360 4020"

Brownies

Brownies are going strong - several EP girls attend - and we have a local group that is recruiting. Details are posted at the entrance.

Sainsburys Vouchers

It's that time of the year again! Please collect as many vouchers as you can and drop them into the office. We use them to buy playground/sports equipment

Epilepsy Study

We have been asked to advertise for a control group to support important research into epilepsy. Details on a poster at the school entrance. Children get to do various tests and have an MRI scan, taking away an image of their brain at work. As this seems a really educational trip including an insight into medical research at Great Ormond St, we would authorise the  $\frac{1}{2}$  day absence needed to take part.

Clothes recycling

A parent asked where the clothes recycling goes and we realised we haven't re-explained it since we started 3 years ago. 80 per cent will be sorted and exported for reuse, 10 per cent that isn't fit for reuse will be cut into wiping cloths and the remainder will be sent for flocking and felting by a company called LMB Recycling. They recycle all sorts of textiles and shoes not just everyday clothes but also belts, hats, household textiles such as towels, linens and curtains. They are happy to accept torn or stained items.

PTA dates for your diary

We have fixed some events for this term and next.

- Family Bingo Night Wednesday 27th February 6.30-8pm
- Table Top Sale Saturday March 23rd 2-4pm
- Summer Festival Saturday 6th July

As always, we'll be looking for support and volunteers nearer the time. Please try and offer up some time. These things just don't happen without you. Thanks Emma and Lou.

Also, please note that the Summer Concert has moved to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June so that it doesn't clash with the Year 2 Camping Trip (27-28th June).

With best wishes,  
Kate Frood and staff.

