

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 3rd October 2013

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 7th - 11th October:

Tomorrow at 8am

In response to parental requests for more girls' sports clubs, we are launching a new and exciting Netball Club for, in the first instance, girls from Years 4, 5 and 6. It will be led by a new member of the EP team - Michelle. She has lots of energy and extensive experience in other local schools!

Cake Sale hosted by Year 2

Tonight

At 6.30 Meet the Teacher for Reception (and repeated at 7.15pm)
At 6.30pm Meet the Teacher for Nursery (first one was today at 2.45pm)
Come and hear more about the year ahead and how best to support at home.

Monday 7th

Charlie Lupton returns for a 3rd year, today creating an Egyptian Pyramid in the hall with Year 4!
Year 4 parents - please come at 3pm to see the results.
Year 2 are going to the British Museum.

Tuesday 8th October

9-10am - In the Shed: 'How to give your child the best start' workshop for Foundation Stage parents led by Sally Hill. Come along and gather more ideas after 'Meet the Teacher' evening!
Charlie Lupton is back building a Tudor House with Year 5. Again, parents are welcome to come and see the results at 3pm.
Open mornings at Parliament Hill and William Ellis at 9am

Wednesday 9th

Parents' Evening. From 4.30pm (and in addition, all teachers have alternative slots around the same time - see classroom doors) the first opportunity to talk one to one with your child's teacher. This is a vital meeting to talk about how the year has started, follow through on targets set at the end of last year and agree on how to ensure progress for the rest of the year.
Open mornings at Parliament Hill and William Ellis at 9am

Thursday 10th

Year 3 are visiting the brilliant Sir John Soane Museum.
Open mornings at Parliament Hill and William Ellis at 9am

Friday 11th

Year 6 leave for Wick Court! This is our amazing Year 6 residential trip over 7 days and nights, staying at a beautiful Elizabethan manor house on the banks of the River Severn in Gloucestershire. Wick Court is a working farm and the children learn masses about farming life as well as working hard doing farm chores, starting before breakfast!

Cake Sale hosted by Year 1.

Polite Request!

Please can parents not enter the Resource Area until 3.30pm. Although the central area may seem like a waiting area, it is essentially a 5th classroom and is almost always in use with individuals and small groups and it can be really distracting if parents and carers enter early. Thank you!

New Parent Governors

Congratulations to new parent governors as elected by you - Dan Chamberlain and Mark Peters. Thanks to runners up for Bandini Shah and Nathalie Renaud for standing. It is so much healthier to have an election.

Acland Burghley Classes

Please see the posters around the school advertising Harmony singers, the very successful choir led by Gitika Partington that ran here last summer. It resumes on Wednesday 9th October at 6.15pm in the hall at Acland Burghley.

There is also an Art Class running from Thursday 7th November for six weeks. Contact Basil Olton for full details of either class on 0207 485 8515 x297 or bolton@aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk

Harvest Festival 2013

We will once again have a Harvest Festival to consider those less fortunate. We like to focus on a LOCAL need and so will again collect for New Horizons Youth Centre in Euston. This is an inspirational centre working with young people who are homeless, vulnerable and at risk. They do many things: training, job searches, housing support, street outreach work, drug counselling and also have facilities to cook and offer showers. In the style of a traditional Harvest we would like children to bring things into school next Friday 11th October. We will take the food to the centre later that day with a few children.

They would like *non-perishable basic goods*. They have particularly asked for toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo). "Cheap and cheerful and easy to store" was their message. Do check that the sell by date is reasonably far away for any tins. Suggestions:

- Toothpaste
- Shower gel
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Tinned vegetables esp tomatoes and beans
- Tinned meat
- Pasta, Rice, Couscous
- Cereal
- Socks and Underwear

Thank you!

To Jed Gregory in Reception for this week's border design.

PTA Update

Thanks to your PTA donation of £10,000, we have set about turning our work on the History of Britain into a permanent structure! Armed with the children's art (each class working on a different period) Adam a metalworker will, supported by Kally our resident artist, turn each into a permanent coloured metal structure around the playground (in the style of our fantastic birds). He is very open to both children and parents visiting his workshop to learn about welding and cutting metal. Interested parents - please see Nancy Cumming (Year 3 teacher). It will be January/February time.

And works begin soon on changing Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 toilet flushes to hand 'wave' flushes.

Baby news!

Dilek gave birth to an 8lb girl on Monday 30th September (there's a photo on the website!). Mother, father and baby Dora doing well! . Zoe McWhinnie (who taught Reception on Fridays last year) gave birth to a boy, Cormac, the following day! Their addresses are in the office if you would like to send a card.

With best wishes,

Kate Froud and staff.