

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Families,

Events in school in the week after half term, 24th - 28th February 2014:

TOMORROW

Cake Sale hosted by Year 2

School is closed to children next week - it's half term!

Monday 24th

8am football for Years R-2. Arrive on time!

3.30pm Spanish Club.

Tuesday 25th

8am football for Years 3-6. Arrive on time!

Year 3 are going to the Natural History Museum.

3.30pm Art Club, French Club, Chinese Club.

After school Football Club starts for Year 4. Letters home tomorrow.

Wednesday 26th

8am football for Junior girls. Arrive on time!

Year 5 are going to the Zoo.

Year 4 are going to the CLC.

Year 1 visit the Museum of Childhood.

Thursday 27th

8am football for Year 3. Arrive on time!

Parent Gym course at back of the hall at 9am.

Strings Concert rehearsal (am) for Years 4 and 5. The concert is the following week, Thursday 6th at 2pm. All parents welcome.

Year 6 have a Royal Albert Hall rehearsal at the Camden Centre.

3.30pm Code Club

Parents' Evening from 4.30pm. PLEASE make sure you have arranged a meeting!

Friday 28th

8am Netball Club. Arrive on time!

Angus, an Arctic Explorer, is coming to visit Year 2!

Cake Sale hosted by Year 1.

Thank you!

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

Sierra Leone trip!

Do check the school website news page and blog for daily photos of Anna McGrory and Nancy Cummings' adventures in Sierra Leone, and answers to all your questions! The school has clearly come such a long way since the tin shack Sally Hill and I visited in 2010. On Friday, as the school now has Wi-Fi, and an ipad donated by us, we are going to attempt a Skype in assembly!

School Council Update

School Council are really pleased to announce that following discussions with each class, we are looking to introduce a new line of school sweatshirts in different colours that were voted for and chosen by the children. More information to follow. School Council also suggested that we have another outside clock in the Junior playground and this will be ordered and put up soon.

Mid year Parents' Evening - Thursday 27th February

All teachers have sign-up sheets up outside classrooms. Please sign up for an appointment to see your child(ren)'s teacher. This is a key meeting: we are half way through the year and know your children well now. It is a chance to share perspectives on how the year is progressing and to be clear about next steps to ensure further progress. All teachers offer an alternative date too.

Parents' Evening is the first week back after half term so please sign up tomorrow before half term starts. We will be chasing those of you who have not made an appointment after half term

Using the school website and blog safely

We recently had a couple of incidents of children writing inappropriate things on our school blog. To re-assure parents about how it works:

All comments posted come to relevant teachers first - and all to me as head - so we can vet them before they are posted. That way we can filter out spam and delete anything unsuitable. We are also able to easily identify the source, even if a different name has been used and will immediately contact parents.

On that note, we spend a lot of time correcting spelling and grammar! We love that children use the blog/do homework unaided but given that spelling and grammar matter in published work, it would be a good piece of parental support to co-edit a draft the child has written before posting.

We noticed that some children were using their full name - please only use first names for security.

We are confirmed as outstanding!

We recently had a voluntary 'peer review' from an OfSTED Inspector and two senior leaders from schools beyond London. The report confirmed our status as an outstanding school. To read the report in full please go to our website home page - it is the first piece of news - on the home page. Click on the picture and the report is there. Congratulations to staff and children!

Have a restful week. I hope you and all your families are not suffering too much in this awful weather. We have had an extraordinary number of 'wet playtimes' this half term and I cannot tell you how much harder it is to teach in the afternoon on these days: we are all ready for a break!

With best wishes,
Kate Froud and staff.