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Dear Families,

Events in school next week, the last week of this term (where did that come from?!) 31st March - 4th April:

TOMORROW

Children's Cake Sale!

We had a really interesting shortlist of charities from the children. They voted and the World Wildlife Fund was the winner. Please make or buy cakes and biscuits to sell after school.

A warm welcome to Kingsgate children, joining our Year 5 for an inter-school sports day.

We are lucky enough to have a skipping coach coming to school to run a series of skipping workshops for Reception, Years 1, 3, 5 and 6! Many of you will remember the buzz that went around school after she visited last year, so we look forward to seeing lots of children getting the skipping bug this year. At 3:00pm there will be a demonstration of what the children have learnt in the hall which parents are welcome to watch. At home-time there will be skipping ropes for sale: child's standard rope £4, the solar rope £5 and adult ropes £6 (come on, you know you want to!)

Saturday 29th

Thanks to Year 6 girls who have organised a cake sale on behalf of Sierra Leone in the Home zone from 2-4pm.

Monday 31st

8am football for Years R-2.

Zed is back, drumming in Year 4. Last time before the show.

3.30pm Spanish Club

Tuesday 1st

No early morning football this week.

Shed Talk from 9-10: Simple maths games ideas for 5-7 year olds led by Kate Frood.

Year 3 are visiting the fantastic Viking Exhibition at the British Museum.

Year 1 to see the Velveteen Rabbit at the Unicorn Theatre.

3.30 pm French Club, Art Club, Chinese Club and Football Club for Year 4.

Wednesday 2nd

No girls' Football Club this week.

Year 2 will be dressing up as pirates for their Pirates Day! Parents are welcome to join the fun from 2.30pm.

Nursery will be dressing up as their favourite story characters.

Thursday 3rd

8am football for Year 3. Arrive on time!

2pm Please join us for a dramatisation of 3 African Stories by Year 4.

Friday 4th

8am Netball Club. Arrive on time!

The last day of term and the 12th Eleanor Palmer Egg Race. See over for timings.

EGG RACE

Thank you!

To Amy Slotover in Year 4 for this week's border design.

Congratulations

To all the children - 114 out of a possible 120 from the juniors - who ran in Camden's Cross Country. All children placed in the top 10 earn us points and overall we came an amazing 7th out of 26 schools! A special mention to Evelyn and Ewan in Year 3 who came 3rd and 5th in their respective races, Caitlin in Year 4 who came 3rd and Joe in Year 4 who came 4th! Official photos on our website. We really recommend Highgate Harriers for those children who are really keen: it's cheap and local and our runners who did well, all do extra practice with them.

Our next event is the Swimming Gala on the 24th April. For this event we do take a select squad: trials happened today!

Toys for Infants

If you are having a spring clearout we would welcome any unwanted toys (especially lego) for our infant shed.

Update on our chronology timeline

Thanks to the PTA donation, children spent the Autumn term, working in groups with our artist Kally, to create 14 circular metal art pieces illustrating major periods and events in British history. Through a series of assemblies, we learnt about these key events. It is now all coming together and will be installed around the playground over Easter! For a sneak preview of the circles do look at our website. They are absolutely beautiful! They will be joined on the timeline by 3D pieces encased in resin and metal 'post it notes' with a written commentary. Unique in the UK I'd say!

Staffing news

Huge congratulations to Louise Wykes who has been appointed Deputy Head at Meridian Primary School in Greenwich from September! Louise has been at Eleanor Palmer for 9 years and is very ready to take on school leadership. First and foremost she is a wonderful teacher, loved by all the children: she has also been a vital part of our progress and success. We will miss her very much on so many levels but for now, we are all just saying well done and congratulations!

We sadly say goodbye to Catherine West who has been teaching Year 1 at Easter. Cat has decided to leave teaching and her move into another career doesn't neatly tie in with the school year. Rather than appoint an unknown supply teacher for a term, I am delighted that a dream team of Fiona Crean, Craig Cairns and Louise Wykes will be taking Year 1 next term! All Year 1 parents will have received a detailed letter today. I am really confident that this is an excellent solution in a really difficult situation, and an unusual one for EP.

The 12th Great Eleanor Palmer Egg Race - Friday 4th April, last day of term

I hope egg-mobiles are going well. I was delighted to see some being trialled in the Home Zone yesterday...lots of water seemed to be involved....hmmm! But we are always looking for ingenious designs! It is a fantastic way to end the term so parents, do join us if you can:

- Years N 1 3 and 5 race at 9.15 (please take your seats promptly)
- Years R 2 4 6 race at approximately 10.45am
- At 2pm, we have the Certificates of Eggsellence and the Adults/Ex-Pupils Race

With best wishes,

Kate Frood and staff.

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