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Thursday 5th June 2014

Dear Families,

TOMORROW
Cake Sale hosted by Year 2

9am Please join the PTA and me in the Shed at 9am to discuss this year's Summer Festival!

Acland Burghley staff are visiting EP to meet pupils and staff transferring in September. Parents: please join us at 3pm in the Shed!

Laura is working an extra day to support Summer Concert performances (for 18 June). Please bring instruments and music...her priority will be those pieces where there isn't tutoring at home.

Events in school next week, 9th - 13th June:

Monday 9th

Year 3 are visiting the Garden Centre.

Year 6 are visiting the Houses of Parliament!

Year 4 have a workshop with The Unicorn Theatre helping them to develop materials around their new play 'How Nigeria became'.

Tuesday 10th

Year 6 have a special workshop on internet safety.

Nursery are going to the Transport Museum.

Wednesday 11th

Reception are going to RAF Hendon.

2pm - Year 3 and Year 6 will perform in a Strings Concert. Parents welcome!

Thursday 12th

Our kitchen staff are serving up a Brazilian lunch to celebrate the start of the World Cup!

Friday 13th

It's the Camden Athletics Tournament! We will take a squad from across the juniors, representing EP in a range of individual and team sports. Coach Martin has picked a team during P.E lessons and the names will be announced tomorrow with a detailed letter for the squad to follow next week.

Year 1 Cake Sale.

Thank you!

To Clementine Hall in Reception for this week's border design.

Congratulations!

We have had great success in this year's national UKMT Maths Challenge, aimed at children in Years 7 and 8 (secondary school). We had 4 golds (Ben, Roisin, Stella Y6, Arnold Y5), 3 silvers (Vic, Sarah, Olly Y6) and 5 bronzes (Benny, Aleya Y6 Danny, Joey, Gabriel Y5). This is an amazing achievement! A huge well done to all the younger children who tried and to the huge group who were within 10 marks of a bronze. Try again next year!

Well done to all the children and staff who had such a fantastic attitude on the recent Day for Change. Do look at the photos on the website! From Musical Theatre to Kung Fu everyone learnt something and threw themselves into their activity. How lucky we are. I am delighted that on the day we raised enough - £300 - to buy two UNICEF 'Schools in a Box' for use in emergency situations and refugee camps.

Staffing next year

I always like to let parents and children know as soon as possible about staffing for next year to alleviate speculation and gossip! As ever we have changes afoot but this is part of the normal and healthy life of a good school. As you know already, Louise is leaving for a deputy headship in Greenwich (nearer home). We are also losing Anna McGrory who, after eight brilliant years with us is getting married, going travelling and then returning with the intention of finding a deputy headship in another school. Whilst we are proud to have inspired deputies who will 'go forth and multiply' (as it were!) this is clearly a huge loss to the heart and soul of EP. We also 'lose' Eve and Kinga to, as planned, a year of teacher training. Proper farewells at the end of term.

All recruitment is done and dusted and I am delighted with the 2014 team which goes as follows:

Nursery - Lizzie Lumb

Reception - Helen Holgate

Year 1 - Suzie Yaffe

Year 2 - Nancy Cumming

Year 3 - Bethany Elliot

Year 4 - Tom Gibson

Year 5 - Lucy Foster

Year 6 - Natalie Stevenson and Rosie Thomson

Add to this, Coach Martin, part-time teachers Craig Cairns, Sally Hill, Fiona Crean, Laura McWilliam, Annie Fair, Kally Lawrence and Julie Forsythe and our stellar cast of teaching assistants and you'll agree it is a dream team! Our extra fab and large staff is part funded by the income stream from being a teaching school. Once we have appointed a part-time Nursery Nurse (Dilek returns in two weeks on a part-time basis) I can confirm support staff classes and roles.

New to EP are Suzie, Bethany and Rosie. In fact Suzie taught here 14 years ago and has since worked in 3 other Camden schools (including leading my daughter through a fantastic Year 6 at Brookfield!). She is a gifted teacher who will bring a wealth of experience and a lot of wonderful stories from her current year travelling around South America with her family! Bethany and Rosie are both joining us after a year doing teacher training at the London Institute of Education both from the 'School Direct' route where much of their training is school based; in fact Rosie was based with us and Year 5! They bring between them huge skills and passions in maths (both), national orchestral music (Beth - oboe) and history (Rosie).

Congratulations to Natalie Stevenson who has been appointed as a second deputy to strengthen our leadership team given our teaching school commitments, and to Nancy Cumming who becomes our Literacy Coordinator.

Year 2 Assessments

At various points next week Year 2 will have special quizzes in reading, writing and maths. Miss McGrory will have more detail in the class newsletter.

Please support Bluebelle's effort!

Ex pupil Bluebelle, now in Year 7 at Camden, has made it to the final 15 nationally in 'DebateMate': the prize being an appearance at Prime Minister's Question Time! It is a slightly complicated process (easier via Facebook) but it works as I have voted. She is currently in a strong 3rd place!! Go to www.debatemate.com and then click on the twitter symbol on the right. Look for a red link called 'save.tc/t202@savechildreनुक' click on it and then vote for Bluebelle (15 candidates appear).

Make a Splash

We have a pop up swimming pool locally, at La Sainte Union School by the Heath!. The Make a Splash mobile pool is there from this week until 21 August and after-school community swimming lessons are FREE but must be booked in advance. Lessons are for all ages. The quickest and easiest way is to book online through the Total Swimming website www.makeasplashlondon.org. Alternatively, parents can book over the phone by calling Total Swimming on 0161 764 2224.

Dates this half term

This really is the busiest half term just when teachers, on top of a full teaching timetable, have to write reports! Please note all the dates, and in particular, that we will end, as is tradition, at 1.30pm on the last day of term.

Wednesday 11th June at 2pm -Year 3 and 6 Strings Concert

Friday 13th June - Camden Athletics

Wednesday 18th June - Summer Concert

Tuesday 24th June - school photographer in

Thursday 26th - Friday 27th June - Year 2 go camping!

Tuesday 1st July - Sports Day

Saturday 5th July - Our Summer Festival

Thursday 10th July - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 16th July - Y6 Leavers' Show

Thursday 17th July - Y6 Leavers' Family BBQ

Friday 18th July - the school year ends at 1.30pm.

The new school year starts for children on Wednesday 3rd September.

With best wishes, Kate Frood and staff.