ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2014 NUMBER 2 www.eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk Thursday 11th September 2014 Dear Families, TONIGHT!

6.30pm and 7.15pm 'Meet the Teacher' Evenings for Years 1 to 6. NB Year 6 is 6pm and 7.15pm as so much to cover! Ahead of our one to one meetings with individual parents, each teacher will do a short introductory talk about the year ahead and explain what lies ahead, routines and expectations for the class and ways in which parents can support. There will of course be time for questions too. Because many of you have two or more children each teacher will talk at 6.30pm and then again at 7.15pm. I will ring a bell at changeover time! This is a good opportunity to meet up with other parents in your class too. These are adult only meetings.

Meetings for Nursery and Reception are later in the term on Tuesday 2nd October.

Events in school next week, 15th - 19th September:

Monday 15th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2 starts. Please arrive on time! Many thanks to the parent volunteers who lead this, and on Tuesday.

Year 3 are visiting the Ragged School Museum in East London.

Year 5 are off to the Tower of London.

** This means all trip slips for these two classes must be in by Monday!**

Tuesday 16th

8am Football for Years 3-6 starts. Please arrive on time!

3pm School lunch taster session at 3pm. Please come to the main hall and sample our delicious lunches. A special invite to all our new parents.

3.30pm Football trials for Years 5 and 6 - see over.

Wednesday 17th

8am Governors PPC Committee

9-11 Open morning at Camden School for Girls

After school in the Junior Resource Area- Art Club for Year 1 with Ruby and Dilek starts.

Thursday 18th

8am Governors Staffing Committee
8am Early morning Football Club for Year 4 starts
Code Club for Year 5 and 6
4-7pm Open Evening at Maria Fidelis School

Friday 19th

9-11 Open morning at Camden School for Girls

Year 3 kick off our partnership with the Unicorn Theatre by going to see 'The Secret Life of Suitcases'!

Year 3 also start the Cake Sales!

Our trip system - please return those slips and donations You should all have received a pink letter attached to last week's newsletter detailing our system for dealing with our many trips this year. Regular trips that enrich the curriculum are essential to our style of teaching and learning. To make life simpler for you and the office, as explained in the letter, we are asking for one slip and one contribution this month, to cover your contribution for all trips, workshops, artists, storytellers and visitors this year. We will not ask for any more unless you have a residential. We will continue to remind/notify you of every trip and on each occasion, you have the right to withdraw permission (although no one ever has!). Please return slips and contributions to your child's classroom, ideally in a named envelope as soon as possible!. If you didn't get the all important pink letter please ask! We will be nagging so this is all sorted by the end of the month: it must be sorted before your child's first trip which for Years 3 and 5 is next Monday! Thanks to the very many of you who have done this already. School Journey payments - Years 5 and 6 only Final instalments are due before the trip departs. Not long now! Year 6 leave on 26th September and Year 5 on 20th October. Please see Tania in the office if you'd like to make more payments or find out what you still owe. Sample our School Lunches On Tuesday 16th at 3pm all parents are welcome to try a taste of our school lunches. Our chef Cordel will prepare lamb rogan josh, chickpea and vegetable hotpot, roast chicken and a selection of rice, potatoes and vegetables, with pineapple upside down cake and fruit to follow. Just come to the hall at 3pm to sample! Breakfast Club A polite reminder to Breakfast Club parents that Breakfast Club is open from 8am; please do not drop your children off until the Club opens as staff are getting ready. Rights Respecting School Councillors Years 2-6 Children who have expressed an interest will be bringing home an application form to apply to become a School Councillor this year. Over the years our School Council has led on many initiatives and guided important changes, not least achieving UNICEF Level 2 Rights Respecting status last summer. Decisions are made on the quality of the application: we involve an independent assessor! School Football Teams! In a break with tradition, we are going to have trials for our school teams and then expect the chosen squad to show commitment by coming to squad training each week with Coach Martin, prior to the Camden tournament starting in November. Trials for both boys and girls, and open to both Years 5 and 6, will be next Tuesday 16th and on the 23rd. With Coach Martin at the helm, and the chance to give the team consistent practice together, we have high hopes for this year's tournament. Roy Hodgson watch out! Newsletter border designs Thank you to Isabella Katz in Year 4 for this week's border design. I need to build up stocks for this year please. Please come to my office and help yourself to a blank border if you would like to see yours in print! With best wishes. Kate Frood and staff.