



ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 11th December 2014

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, the last week of term, 15th - 19th December:

TOMORROW

9-10am in the Shed: Maths for Parents Session 4 - Division! All welcome.
Roman Day in Year 4 - parents welcome to class from 2.30pm to taste Roman food, meet traders and fortune tellers. Brush up on your Roman numerals before you come!
Last chance to order and pay for a school Christmas Lunch!

Remember no clubs next week. A huge thank you to all the parents who have run clubs this term. It is much appreciated.

Monday 15th

Rocco, who leads Planting Promise, is coming to assembly to say thank you for our recent fund-raising - we have raised over £3000! And at 9am, after drop off, the remaining clothes etc. from the 'Frock Swap' will be on sale in the Shed.

At 2pm, Year 6 sing carols for Ash Court Older Peoples' Home.

After school, parent Kellie Strom will be signing and selling copies of his extraordinary new book *Worse Things Happen at Sea*.

Tuesday 16th

Boot Camp for our X Factor finalists.

Wednesday 17th

Our traditional Carol Concert at 2pm. Please join us for a re-telling of the 1914 Christmas Truce interspersed with carols and other festive favourites! Everyone is welcome; the atmosphere is very informal but it is a squash and a squeeze. We will open the doors at approximately 1.45pm when all the children are safely in. If you're bringing babies and toddlers please be ready to make a swift exit if they make a noise. Thank you.

Thursday 18th

Christmas Lunch! Traditionally all the children eat together so if you're a 'packed lunch' please confirm you'd like one and, if in Years 3-6, pay for the meal at the office. School meals are free up until Year 2. Nursery parents are invited to join the class for festive fun at 1.30pm!
Year 4 and 6 swimming.

Friday 19th

The X Factor! It all starts at 9.15 with two acts from each class. It usually lasts until about 11 then voting takes place. This year all the money raised will go towards our Planting Promise our partner school in Sierra Leone. Each vote costs 50p so children may bring 50p or more. Parents and friends get to vote immediately after the morning show.

At 2pm, the 3 acts that secure the highest number of votes return for the live final!
Term then ends at 3.30pm.

Thank you

To ElsieWoodhouse from Reception for this week's border design.

Help!!

Parents Ed Sayers and Nora Meyer have kindly offered to make a professional film of this year's X Factor...capturing the whole spirit of the event from audience reaction to acts waiting off stage etc. To do this, they would like 4 or 5 cameras set up. If there are any keen camera people out there with 'kit' (we'd need to put cameras on tripods) please let Ed, Nora or the school office know! No other commitment required.

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Christmas Fair

What an amazing Christmas Fair! Such beautiful decorations; so many helpers; such lovely homemade items on sale and such a great way to get us in the Christmas spirit. The money is being finalised but, including a small profit on each Christmas tree it looks like we have almost £3000 profit - AMAZING! A huge thank you to the PTA team of Clara, Sam, Alison, SJ, Ayesha, Julie, Natasha and Tamara and everyone else who helped on the day from folding raffle tickets to being an elf helping Father Christmas.

Calendars and Aprons

These two unique items are still on sale! As well as from the office, look out for a stall after school and at the Carol Concert. They will sell out and won't be re-printed so don't miss out!! Aprons adult £8/child £5, calendars £5

I ♥ NW5 and N19 bags now back in stock too! £5.

New school sweatshirts!

Most sizes are sold out, but do please place your order with Tania. Once we have the minimum number of orders and a sense of the most popular sizes, we will order a re-print. There is an adult list developing so feel free to put in an order for yourself.

Book Amnesty

Lots of our books are IN YOUR HOMES!!! All next week we will be running a book amnesty! Please search on shelves, by beds, under beds for those yellow dots and 'Eleanor Palmer stamp' and bring them back! There will be a crate at the entrance. Otherwise valuable funds are spent replacing them. Thank you.

Other end of term jobs too: please check lost property; clear coat pegs and settle debts.

Last week's attendance

As promised, a weekly report on attendance and punctuality! Next week we will be awarding our 100% badges...to those children who haven't missed a day of school this term!

Class	Attendance weekly %	Weekly Punctuality %	% Cumulative attendance this term
6	99.4	93.4	97.8
5	96.6	96	97.67
4	97.4	91.4	97.56
3	98.4	96.7	97.75
2	95.4	97.4	97.17
1	96.4	96	97.91
R	99.4	99.4	97.29

Two new members of staff

We are delighted that we have decided to employ our two cleaners Joana and Marcelo, directly. We will not only pay them the London Living Wage (a huge hike from their current salary) but will treat them with the decency they deserve, unlike the current contractor. Alongside Danny, they do a wonderful job in keeping the school super clean. So if you're ever in EP before 8am do give them a warm welcome.

And a goodbye

I know the staff have been in denial but the time has finally come to say goodbye and bon voyage to Anna McGrory. She and her husband Alex leave to travel the world after Christmas. On her return, and having flown the EP nest, she will take up a leadership post in another school as she has ambitions to be a headteacher. And what a wonderful one she will make! Anna is one of those exceptional teachers who has the gift to teach with exceptional rigour and high standards whilst making it all amazing good fun! Everyone loves being in her presence. So many children, colleagues and parents have learnt from Anna and her impact beyond our school too, in her maths work for our Teaching School, is huge. We are all going to miss her so much.

We will say our public goodbyes at the start of the X Factor next Friday 19th.

With best wishes
Kate Frod and staff

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