

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new school term!

Events in school next week, 12th - 16th January:

Clubs start next week. Letters to relevant classes have gone home this week. Please return slips!

Monday 12th

8am Early morning football for Key Stage 2 re-starts. Don't be late!
Iwona will be running her Sewing Club again for Year 6.

Tuesday 13th

8am Early morning football for Key Stage 1 re-starts. Don't be late!
It's Nursery and Reception's turn to visit the Unicorn Theatre, to see the show 'The Polar Bears Go Wild'.
Football squad training after school. Matches re-start soon!
French Club re-starts. See below.

Wednesday 14th

8am Governors' PPC Committee.
Year 1 see 'The Polar Bears go Wild' at the Unicorn Theatre.
Art Club, this term for Year 5.

Thursday 15th

Coach Martin will run Early Morning Football for Year 3 this term.
8am Governors' Staffing Committee.
Year 3 and 5 swim again.
We spent some of our Sainsbury's vouchers on a day of Rock 'n' Roll for all junior classes! Years 3-6 will all get an hour's lesson!
After school - Code Club, Ukulele and Latin Club

Friday 16th

8am Girls' Ball Skills Club at with Coach Martin.

Thank you

To Gus Lowthorpe-Ziehn in Reception for this week's border design.

French Club

There are a few places for new beginners in Yr1 and Yr2 at the French Club run privately at school. Contact Claire Murat (07740943372/ clairemurat@talktalk.net) if you'd like to book a place.

Calendars and Aprons

Last few on sale! They will sell out and won't be re-printed so don't miss out!!

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.

Weekly/fortnightly creative writing classes re-starting in January

A 10 week 'Introduction To Writing' covering all the basics. Also shorter courses and individual sessions for writers who would like support to complete that first draft. Classes are fun and productive - lots of great references from other EP parents! £15- £40. Contact Alison on 07973 822337 or alisonhuntington@me.com

Use of mobile phones and other devices

Having had e-safety training as a staff on Monday, it seemed apposite to review our approach to parents and the use of mobiles. If nothing else it makes us reflect on the current culture of filming and photographing everything rather than simply being present and enjoying it in the moment! We have always maintained a common sense approach here in the face of often draconian guidance. It feels really important that we retain a trust between the school and parents. So to clarify:

We do allow parents to take photographs and videos at events and on trips but now ask that these are not posted on social media or You Tube: if you want to share with friends and relatives please do via email or text.

Please be mindful when taking photos with phones on school trips: the priority is supervising the trip and supporting the teacher. Teachers will always post pictures on the website which can be downloaded. Thank you!

Maths videos and pdfs

Following on from our Maths for Parents sessions, please check out our new videos on the website. They can be found under 'Curriculum and Ethos'...choose 'Maths for Parents' in the left hand bar. Helped by our children, Anna McGrory talks through our methods for each formal operation i.e. addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. There is also an extensive document that can be downloaded detailing step by step how we reach that goal! These are a fantastic support for you. Please use!!

Final attendance and punctuality for the Autumn term 2014

Congratulations to Year 3- best attendance last term, and to Year 1 for the best punctuality!

Class	Final attendance % for Autumn term	Final punctuality % for Autumn term
6	97.65	97.21
5	97.47	98.95
4	96.94	97.83
3	97.69	98.54
2	96.67	99.04
1	97.15	99.32
R	96.78	98.38

New Year's Resolution!!

We want to have a campaign to eliminate the pattern of minor lateness - 2-3 minutes late! It is amazing how few people are on site BEFORE 9! Please start your days 5 minutes earlier so that you're on site at 9 and not just after!

To encourage an earlier arrival and to help ease congestion at the moment the bell rings, children may be dropped off in class from 8.55am - infant teachers will open their doors - and then children will be ready at 9am for the register and to start learning. The bell will still ring at 9 for those who are playing in the playground...which is just fine too!

Here's to another great term!

With best wishes
Kate Froud and staff