

Thursday 16th July 2015

Dear Families,

TONIGHT
 7pm Year 6 Leavers BBQ. Siblings welcome but no other friends please.
TOMORROW
 9.15am Leavers' Assembly
 This is a chance to say goodbye and thank you to leaving staff and then to the Year 6 leavers. It usually takes about an hour and then children spend some time with their next teacher.
 School ends for the year at 1.45pm! There is no After School Club.

End of year jobs!

Please:

- Clear coat racks and PE Kit;
- Check lost property at the entrance; anything left at the end of term is packed up for our charity clothes collector;
- Return all library books;
- Collect photos;
- Pay debts!

First week of next term

School opens for children at 9am on Thursday 3rd September! A couple of dates to flag up for the start of term:

- Thursday 10th September at 6.30 and 7.15pm will be our annual 'Meet the Teacher' Evening
- Swimming for Years 4 and 6 also starts on the 10th
- We will host a 'Meet the Parents' Evening on 17th September for Year 5 and 6 parents interested in hearing from parents at our local secondary schools.

Also key dates to note:

- Year 6 visit Wick Court 2-9th October
- Year 5 visit Sayers Croft 19th - 23rd October

Attendance and punctuality - results for the year!

| Class | Attendance % | Punctuality % |
|-------|--------------|---------------|
| 6 | 97.90 | 97.74 |
| 5 | 97.79 | 99.13 |
| 4 | 97.10 | 97.98 |
| 3 | 98.02 | 98.53 |
| 2 | 96.81 | 98.97 |
| 1 | 97.45 | 99.13 |
| R | 97.63 | 98.69 |
| N | 94.98 | 97.98 |

Congratulations to all the 100%-ers!

98 have 100% attendance for the Summer term

68 100% attendance AND punctuality for the Summer term - badges should have come home!

22 have 100% attendance for the year;

and just 10 children have 100% attendance and punctuality for the entire year including superstar Rachel Cooper in Year 6 who leaves this school with 100% attendance and only 1 late mark EVER. Well done!

Thank you!

To Theodora and Phoebe Knight in Nursery and Year 3 for this week's border design.

To the wonderful, fantastic Year 6 of 2015 who entertained us with such a funny, slick and moving show last night. It was such a celebration of their time with us and a delight to see such happy and confident children on stage. A huge thank you to all the fab parents who worked so hard to support the show and for all your support over the years.

Local Music Club run by our violin teacher Jane!

Tufnell Park Music Club takes place after school on Thursdays at Rainbow Nursery. If your child enjoys singing, drumming or strumming and would like to learn musicianship in a fun but structured way using singing and movement, send them to Music Club! 4.00 - 5.00 pm is for beginners from Year 2 onwards and 5.00 - 6.00 is for those with more experience. 6.00 - 7.00 Violin Club and Chamber music at all levels. Cost £70 per term.

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WELCOME TO ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL

let's get together again

Staff changes

A big goodbye and thank you to Lisa, our part-time Nursery Nurse who leaves us to become Reception teacher at Fleet School; to teaching assistant Sophie who leaves as Year 6 do and heads off for adventures abroad and to the wonderful Julie who has worked part-time in Reception (and a host of other roles) for ages and who will doubtless be back in some role or other: we hope so! All have contributed much to EP and we will miss them! As yet we only have one hello, to Sara Stokes who will be teaching Reception along with Helen Holgate. Sara will be here tomorrow to meet children and parents. It's also 'welcome back' to Sally Hill who returns from maternity leave in November. We will also be appointing a new graduate teaching assistant for Year 6 over the summer. This is a perfect post for someone considering teaching training the following year so do tip off any friends or relatives.

We are very sad to share the news that after 8 years as the best ever community policeman, we lose PC Omar! He is leaving the Met for new adventures. He is coming to our Leavers Assembly on Friday.

Teaching Assistants next year - the final touches to a great staff team!

Year 6 - Janet Collins and a new teaching assistant, to be appointed

Year 5 - Ruby Holmes and Caroline Fay

Year 4 - Pauline Bradley

Year 3 - Linda Hill

Year 2 - Terry Little and Amy Bowles

Year 1 - Jackie Churchill and Lisha Siddiki

Reception - Natalie Mungly (Nursery Nurse) and Dee Roberts

Nursery - Dilek Mustafa (Nursery Nurse) and Taynee Woods. Sam Sidaway works across Foundation Stage.

What to do this summer

Have a wonderful holiday together. Remember that we set no homework in the holidays but here are some suggestions from us to ensure your children come back ready for a new school year:

- Have adventures however big or small and have stories to tell;
- Chat, chat, chat;
- Read, read, read! Use www.lovereading4kids.co.uk. It recommends similar books if there's a genre/book you like...
- And have FUN memorising those number facts! To move into Year 4 with your times tables at your fingertips is THE most fantastic start....even better if you know them before Year 3. They really are the key that unlocks so much mathematics.

We have uploaded our 'key mental maths skills' sheets and put them on the relevant Year Group page on our website, along with the 'by the end of year' detail of critical maths understanding for each class. Why not check out your next class and get ahead for next year!?

Remember www.interactive-resources.co.uk Username - eleanor, password - palmer. There are so many great games here to support memorisation.

The children heard all about the library's Summer Reading Challenge on Tuesday. The library also has weekly events.

Extreme Reading Challenge

We will once again be running a competition for the best photos of you reading/being read to in an extreme place! It might be out at sea, on a rollercoaster, at the top of the Eiffel Tower, deep in a hole, in the London Dungeon, on an elephant....this is year 3 of this challenge so let's push the frontiers.

All photos will be posted on the website - prizes for our favourites! Email them directly to me on head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk Entries close on Friday 4th September.

Very exciting news!!!

After a bidding process, and specifically because of the confidence Camden have in us to manage the project ourselves, we have been awarded a substantial sum by Camden to transform our dull and decrepit junior playground shelter into a state of the art, science and food tech lab!! This has always been a plan and we have slowly been trying to amass funds through PTA fund-raising etc. The process of creating our lab will begin in September with architects' tenders and visits to exciting neighbours such as the Wellcome Trust and the Crick Institute. If any parents would like to be a part of a design team please let me know!

Thank you all once again for your fantastic support - and for your fantastic children. It has been another great year. Thanks to all our brilliant staff too who right now, really deserve a break!

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff

