

I HOPE YOU HAD A NICE SUMMER

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Thursday 10th September 2015

Dear Families,

Tonight! 6.30pm and 7.15pm
'Meet the Teacher' Evenings for Years R to 6.

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. We will share clear guidance on what the end of year expectations for each class are. **PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND!** 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. Please note: these are adult only meetings and *Year 6 is 6pm and 7.15pm as so much to cover!*

Term has started well and all our new Nursery and Reception children are in and settling! We also welcomed a small group of older children in September and so a warm welcome too, to Leon and Mateen who have joined Year 1, Cicely who has joined Year 2 and Thurston Year 3.

Events in school next week, 14th - 18th September:

Monday 14th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2 - run by parent volunteers!

Year 3 visit The Ragged School.

French Club will be on Mondays this term - see over!

Tuesday 15th

8am Early morning football for Years 3 - 6 - run by parent volunteers!

8am Early morning running - but **more parents needed!** Coach Martin would welcome walkers as well as runners!! 36 children turned up last week - we were stretched! Only two sessions left before Cross Country.

Our Year 3 thespians start a new theatre project, this time on a project called 'Does Cinderella have to have blond hair?' led by the Told By An Idiot Theatre Company.

3.30pm Secondary transfer event at the Camden Centre.

After school - School team football trials for Years 5 and 6.

Junior Choir starts after school - letters will be coming home soon to interested children!

Wednesday 16th

8am Governors Staffing Committee.

Art Club starts for Year 2

Thursday 17th

8am Governors PPC Committee.

8am Football Club for Year 4s starts!

Ukulele Club starts for Year 4.

Friday 18th

8am Junior Girls only sports with Coach Martin.

Year 4 visit the wonderful Roman Villa at Lullingstone.

Our first Cake Sale of the year, hosted by Year 3.

Our trip system - very important

Please keep returning those all-important pink slips and one off payments in advance of a fantastic year of Eleanor Palmer visits and visitors! A big than you to all those of you who have already done so. The deadline is Friday 18th.

Stay and Play

A new initiative at EP this year is Friday Stay and Play! We will start with 'the first Friday of the month'. All parents are invited to stay for register and then join in with a game, ideally one you can then repeat at home that rehearses key skills. It might be a maths dice game; it might be a card game; a grammar game or maybe sharing books or topic tasks. No need to book and we anticipate a 30 minute session. Make a note of the first date (Friday 2nd October). The emphasis will be on fun!

E.P. Eleanor Palmer.E.P!

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Support for refugees

I'm sure everyone wants to do something practical for the migrants and refugees making their way to Northern Europe and specifically to Calais. Lou Chamberlain, along with other parents from our area, is making a trip to Calais on the 14th. We are supporting her collection!

BADLY needed:

Shoes (trainers or hiking shoes sizes 41-46) tents, covers, tarpaulin, jackets (sizes small and medium only), travelling bags, socks, candles (lighting equipment), belts.

You can drop off at school or at the Lady Somerset Street Party this weekend.

Secondary transfer

As Year 6 are at Wick Court during open mornings for both William Ellis and Parliament Hill, we have fixed an exclusive tour of William Ellis - 9am on 14th October. I am still waiting to hear back from Parliament Hill.

On **Thursday 17th September at 7pm**, we are hosting a 'Meet the Parents' Evening giving EP parents and children, the chance to hear from students/parents at our local secondary schools.

Julia Eccleshare

We are delighted that Julia, Children's Book Editor of the Guardian, has agreed to come and talk to parents in our first Shed Talk. Her focus will be advice on good titles, authors and series for 'take off' i.e. when a child first starts reading 'chapter books' independently. Developing stamina and a good habit at this point is key. It is best suited to parents in Years 2 and 3 but, if this sounds like your child, others welcome! She will be here on **Wednesday 30th September from 9-10am**.

Paul Bell

We are really pleased to have a great school counsellor in situ. Paul is here once a fortnight on Fridays, and has already done great work with children and parents tackling issues such as secondary school anxiety, difficulties with friends and supporting a child through divorce. His services are free and confidential and of course, he always meets parents first. He will be available on Friday 18th from 8.30am if any parents want to meet him and discuss a possible referral.

Mix Up Mondays

Every Monday we are 'mixing up' the playground allowing children to play anywhere, with the exception of Reception who are still finding their feet in the smaller infant playground!

Reading and spelling books

You will I hope, have noticed the new reading and spelling diaries. Please use!!! The habit of daily reading and talking about books is one of the key building blocks of future academic success and this is our way of supporting you develop that vital habit.

French Club

This is a long standing private club for which we provide the space and parents liaise directly with the organiser. Le Club Francais offers fun French and promotes a positive attitude towards learning a new language. After-school Club is starting this term for Year 1 and Year 2 on **Mondays** from 21st September, please register your interest now with Claire 0774 0943372/ clairemurat@talktalk.net

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. Contact: jane.gillie@hotmail.com

Reading volunteers

We now have a very small group of BRILLIANT reading volunteers, drawn from parents and grandparents. We would love to encourage more of you to do this. We pair you with a child and, in our experience, a wonderful relationship then develops around the all-important books and chat. Please see Nancy - Year 2 teacher - if you could spare an hour a week.

Thank you

To Maddy Elliot-Major in Year 6 for this week's border design.

With best wishes

Kate Flood and staff.

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