

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 21st - 25th September:

Tonight

At 7pm 'Meet the Parents'. A chance for any interested Eleanor Palmer children and parents to come back to school and meet pupils and parents from our local secondary schools. It is an informal event with an open invitation to ask questions!!

Tomorrow

School counsellor Paul Bell is available from 8.30am if any parents would like to meet him.
Year 4 head to Lullingstone Roman Villa.
Our first Cake Sale of the year, hosted by Year 3.
Last day for returning trip slips and donations!

Monday 21st

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2 -PLEASE NOTE THAT IT DOESN'T INCLUDE RECEPTION. *We need more parent volunteers to ensure this club can continue. Please come forward!*
Acland Burghley School has open mornings all this week.
French Club after school.

Tuesday 22nd

8am Early morning football for Years 3 - 6. *Again, we need more parent volunteers to ensure this club can continue. Please come forward!*
8am Final early morning running - last practice run before Camden Cross Country!
Year 3 have their second theatre workshop with 'Told By An Idiot'.
Year 5 are visiting Camden's CLC.
After school - second school team football trials for Years 5 and 6.
3.30 pm Junior Choir.
After school Homework Club. For parents and children together, to get specific help and time to complete homework. School staff always on hand!!
Acland Burghley Open Evening 6-8pm.

Wednesday 23rd

2.45pm Please come to the school kitchen area for a school meals tasting! Our lovely chef Cordel will produce a selection of typical school meals. Having a school lunch is such a great way of encouraging your child to try new foods and to practise table manners independently. We very much promote it!
3.30pm Art Club for Year 2.

Thursday 24th

8am Football Club for Year 4
8am The first meeting of our Lab Rats (Radical Architecture Technology and Science) Committee! We have selected our architect and the next phase is to co-design our fantastic science lab! There will be plenty of opportunities for parents and children to see design proposals along the way. Our goal is that it is ready for use next September!
3.30pm Ukulele Club for Year 4.
Charlie Lupton is back creating a Tudor House with Year 5! Parents welcome to join the workshop from 3pm.

Friday 25th

8am Junior Girls only sports with Coach Martin
Today Charlie Lupton makes an Egyptian Pyramid with Year 1! Parents welcome to join the workshop from 3pm.
All day - it's the Camden Cross Country!! We leave school ready for a 10am start up on the Heath roughly opposite the playground. Parent supporters welcome and we'd be grateful for support walking up. As usual we expect all 120 junior children to enter!

Cake Sake for Macmillan Cancer Support. EVERYONE is invited to bring donations for this sale. Could we have some definite volunteers too to run the stall please?

Important diary date - PTA AGM

Please join us on Thursday 8th October at 7pm for our AGM. We will hear about funds raised last year; elect a new committee and plan events for the forthcoming year. A special invitation to new parents. We will start with time to chat and meet others over a drink!

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 thank you to all those of you who have already done so. The deadline is tomorrow. It wastes so much of Tania's time if she has to endlessly chase parents....

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.

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.

Another chance to support Macmillan

Parent Janie Lawson is hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday the 25th September from 11am till 1pm in The Upstairs Room at The Pineapple Pub, Leverton Street. It will be transformed into a Vintage Tea Room for the morning! Please come and bring your friends - pre-school children are welcome too. Please bring a cake for the bring and buy cake stall. They are having a raffle and have got some really great prizes (voucher for The Beauty Box, Meals at Leon, House of Commons bottle of wine signed by our local Labour MP, Keir Starmer, vouchers for Ruby's Ice Cream Parlour, voucher for Rosella's Restaurant).

Poster designs!

Entries are invited from parents and children, for a Homework Club poster! We can enlarge and colour copy so any size will do. The winning design will adorn the school.

The local police are keen for us to participate in the Commissioner's Christmas Tree Campaign. Children are asked to design a Christmas tree picture and send via email to Abbas.Manji@met.pnn.police.uk or to Abs Manji, Youth Engagement Team, Kentish Town Police Station, 12A Holmes Rd NW5 3AE. Deadline is Monday 28th September.

The winner for Camden will be invited to the Christmas tree launch at New Scotland Yard and to the police carol service. The overall London winner will be invited to switch on the Christmas lights at New Scotland Yard!

Home Zone Tidy Up - this Saturday

The HZNA is organising a Community Tidy-Up in the Home Zone and St Benet's Garden this Saturday 19 September from 10am to 12 noon. Much needed!!!! We'd like to clear the tree bases, plant some bulbs and generally make the place feel appreciated and looked after. Camden Council is providing litter-pickers, sacks and dog-poo spray(!), but if you could come with gloves and armed with useful tools that would be a great help.

If you can come along or for more info please contact homezna@goolemail.com

Thank you

To Jack Spickernell in Year 3 for this week's border design. We still need more borders!

With best wishes

Kate Frood and staff.

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