

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 8th October 2015

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 5th - 9th October:

TONIGHT at 7pm - in the Junior Resource Area
CALLING ALL PARENTS!

It's the Annual General Meeting of the PTA (Parent Teacher Association). We would love you to join us! Come and hear about plans for the school, meet other parents and get involved.

Tomorrow

Year 6 return from their fantastic week at Wick Court. ETA 1pm but we will keep you posted by text.

Year 2 are going to a show called Groovy Greeks!
Cake Sale hosted by Year 1.

Monday 12th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.
French Club.

Tuesday 13th

8am Early morning football for Years 3 - 6.
Year 3 Drama Project continues.
After school: Football squad training and Junior Choir.
Homework Club, for parents and children together, to get specific help and time to complete homework. School staff always on hand!!

Wednesday 14th

9am Special EP visit to William Ellis as other Open Mornings missed due to Wick Court.
Art Club for Year 2.

Thursday 15th

8am Football Club for Year 4s!
9.10 A special assembly to launch our Solar Schools Initiative! See over.
Parents' Evening from 4:30pm. The majority of appointments to see your child's teacher - each teacher also offers daytime appointments during this week or next. Now we are fully settled into the term, staff are ready to meet with parents and discuss how the year has started and agree next steps for your children to ensure a happy and successful year. It is vital that you attend. If you haven't already made a time please do so tomorrow.
Ukulele Club for Year 4.

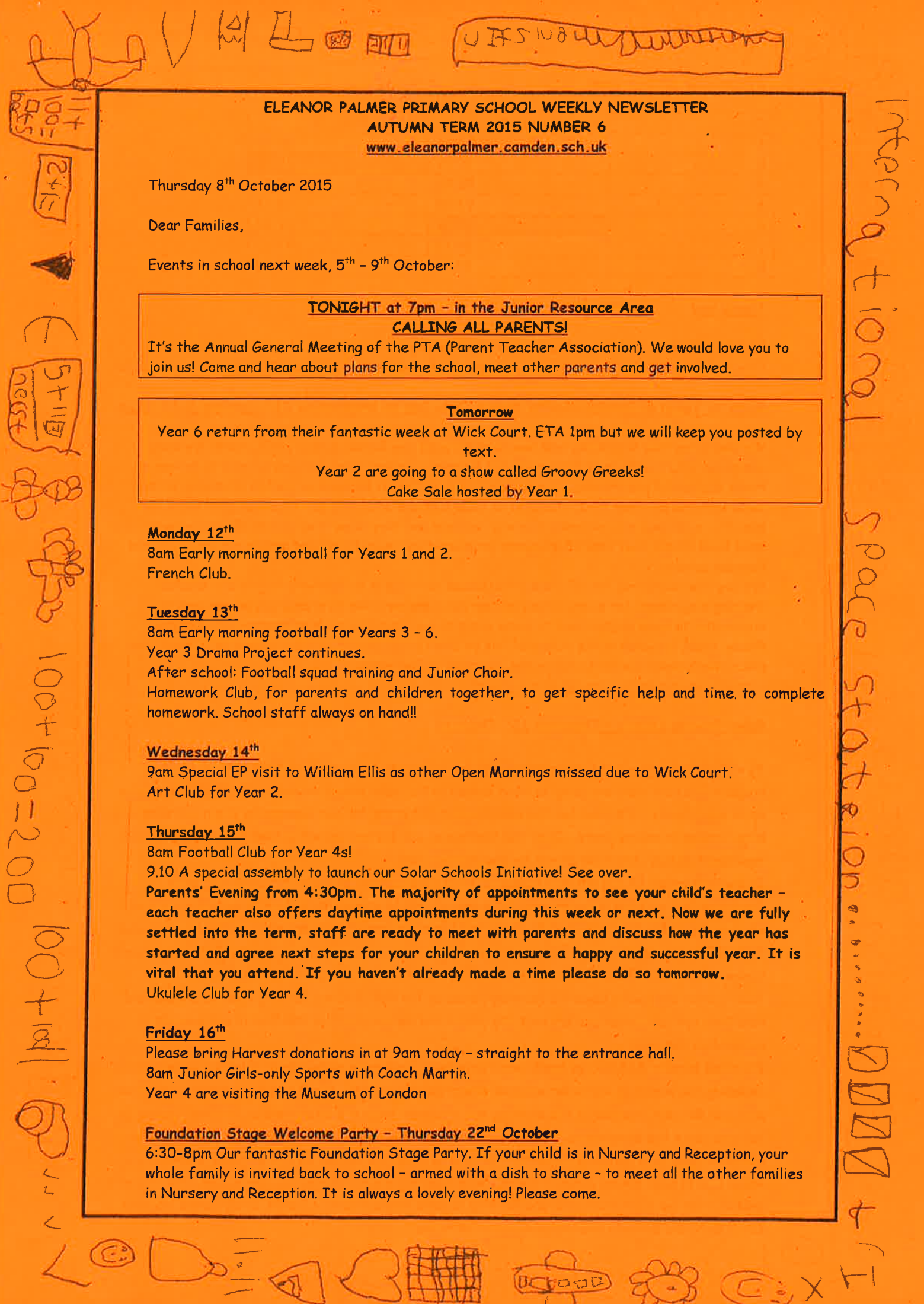
Friday 16th

Please bring Harvest donations in at 9am today - straight to the entrance hall.
8am Junior Girls-only Sports with Coach Martin.
Year 4 are visiting the Museum of London

Foundation Stage Welcome Party - Thursday 22nd October

6:30-8pm Our fantastic Foundation Stage Party. If your child is in Nursery and Reception, your whole family is invited back to school - armed with a dish to share - to meet all the other families in Nursery and Reception. It is always a lovely evening! Please come.

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Attendance for last week

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
6	98.75	99.17
5	97.71	99.58
4	98.96	98.33
3	97.08	99.17
2	99.79	97.92
1	99.17	97.50
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Thank you!

To Louis Rowan in Year 1 for this week's border design
Congratulation and apologies to Raffy in Year 5 who was missed off the Cross Country medals list!

Train to Teach in Camden - School Direct Open Day on Wednesday 21st October 9-12:30pm

We play a key role in training new teachers through the School Direct PGCE route. We work alongside UCL/Institute of Education and 9 other excellent local Camden schools to deliver a really successful programme. Our programme is different because as well as attending all the same lectures as other PGCE students at UCL/IOE, our students get together each week for specific, additional school-based training sessions and they know they will do their placements in a good local school. Last year 15 students graduated and many have jobs within our group of local Camden schools.

We are now recruiting for 20 graduates (please note age is no barrier!) to join our teacher training programme for entry in September 2016 and we'd like to encourage anyone who is interested to make contact and to come along to our Open Day on **Wednesday 21st October**. Please speak to Sarah in the school office or email sarah.ewins@camdentsa.org.uk to book your place. More detail can be found on the Teaching School website <http://www.camdentsa.org.uk/school-direct/>

Solar Schools Launch - Thursday 15th October!

As well as building our new science building and talking to space we also have a really exciting project this year - we are going to raise money to put solar panels on our roof! This makes sense on so many levels - it's good for the environment, it's great for our community and it will save us a huge amount in energy costs. Over the lifetime of our system we will offset 650,000 kg of CO₂ - equivalent to 900,000 miles driven by the average car!

In another coup - EP has not only managed to get the support of Solar Schools to help us fundraise, but we have also managed to be one of only 16 schools in Britain to secure a place on what could be the final round of feed-in tariff funding from the government worth an additional £80,000 to us over the next 20 years. Installing solar panels will add over £5,000 to the school's budget every year. That means more money for front line teaching and learning!

Solar panels are such a powerful learning resource for the children, helping them to understand how they can cut carbon and protect the planet and we are going to link this to our science curriculum this year.

We need to raise £14,000 so really need your help. Lots more detail next Thursday (launch day!) including the launch of our solar website where you can donate. We'll also have a special assembly with our MP Keir Starmer in the morning and the solar team will be around at Parents' Evening to tell you about the programme and give you a chance to donate. We are planning to harness the power of local (and national) businesses to help us raise the money. If you work for a company who would like to help, please contact Sarah Ewins - sarah@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk. We are very grateful for our solar team who are striving to make this a reality - Sarah, Craig Cairns, parents Ian O'Gara and Esther Lane and governor Tim Peake.

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This year's Harvest Collection - donations next Friday please!

It is time for us to do our annual Harvest Collection. As in previous years, we will support a charity close to home and so we collect for the New Horizons Youth Centre in Euston. They do so much for local young people in need, the homeless, vulnerable and those at risk. This year they particularly need:

- Thermals, waterproofs, hats and gloves and socks.
- Toiletries - toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, deodorant sprays, tampons,
- Tinned food: Nothing fancy - tinned soup, baked beans, just the basics.
- Pasta and rice
- Nothing luxurious - just the basics please!

We would like children to bring donations on Friday 16th October. Thank you!!!

Spot the International Space Station!

I am really enjoying collating all the questions for the Space Station. Please take more time to fact find, make posters, think of questions. Our deadline from ARISS/NASA is the 16th. Please give them to your teacher or direct to me! We have put the following link on our home page (easier then to just click on a link)

http://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/view.cfm?country=United_Kingdom®ion=England&city=London#.VhPC5hNViko

There are two good passes this weekend at around 8pm (which is hopefully not too late) which travel nearly straight overhead (80+ degrees elevation) - one Friday night and one Sunday night. It is possible to see it with the human eye, if it's fairly dark and not too cloudy. Apparently it looks like a plane but it's a non-blinking bright light that whizzes overhead. It takes about 2 mins to fly over, and you do start to appreciate what speed they must be travelling at!!

With best wishes

Kate Froid and staff.

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Safeguarding and Child Protection at Eleanor Palmer

Periodically we let parents know more about the key safeguarding practices and policies we have here at Eleanor Palmer. Creating a safe learning environment so that children can develop socially and emotionally is central to our school life and work. The following factors are very important to safeguarding and child protection at Eleanor Palmer:

- We have excellent recruitment procedures; every member of staff has full checks and up to date references, as do visiting artists, regular volunteers, supply teachers and governors;
- All staff receive appropriate training as part of induction and then routinely every 3 years;
- We have policies and practices that focus on ensuring the health and well-being of the children, for example: risk assessments before every class trip, an annual safety check of our playground, a medicines in school policy and staff presence at the school entrance every day;
- We have well-established ways of monitoring and responding to incidents of concern, for example: unexplained absences, difficult behaviour and significant changes in physical or emotional appearance;
- The ethos of the school is open so that staff, parents and children feel able to share concerns.

Local Authority guidance suggests that *every* parent who accompanies class trips should also undergo full criminal record (DBS) checks. Our Governing Body has taken the decision **not to do this** in line with guidance from the National College of Teaching and Learning who run safer recruitment training. This is because of the particular ethos and values of our small community school. Close relationships are central to our school ethos and parental participation in our many trips, that are central to our curriculum, is a much valued part of school life for children, parents and staff. We strongly encourage all parents to take part in trips and school life and would not wish to threaten this. Parents who volunteer on a regular (at least once a week) basis however, will be asked to undertake full DBS checks.

How can parents help with keeping children safe?

- **Make sure all addresses and contact numbers are up to date. We have had several instances recently where we have been unable to contact parents. It is vital that you let us have up to date contact numbers:**
- If someone different is picking your child up, please let us know;
- Be at school on time every day at **9am and 3:30pm**;
- Notify the school about your child's absence - unexplained absences are a key trigger for concern;
- Take full note of the advice to parents if you are accompanying a class trip and ensure that you attend the briefing meeting;
- Share any concerns you may have about another child, confidentially, with Kate Frood who is the school's safeguarding officer.

If you would like to see a full copy of our Safeguarding Policy or any other relevant policies please ask for a copy in the school office. We are happy to talk further with parents.