

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> October:

Tomorrow

**Stay and Play!**

Please stay in class after the bell and join in 20-30 minutes of a favourite EP game with your child! This is not just Early Years - all classes open. However Year 6 off to Wick Court We will repeat Stay and Play on the first Friday of every month.

Cake Sale hosted by Year 2.

Year 6 leave for 7 days and night at Wick Court, an Elizabethan Manor House in Gloucestershire. I am there Sunday/Monday so any forgotten things can be taken.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

8am Early morning football for Years 3 - 6. *We're so grateful to the parents who run this club, but unless we have more volunteers the club will not continue after half term. Please come forward to help!*

Year 3's Theatre Club 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 7<sup>th</sup>

Reception are visiting Borough Market.

Art Club for Year 2.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

No Year 4 football this week as Coach Martin is away on the Year 6 trip.

Ukulele Club for Year 4.

7pm The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Everyone warmly invited! 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!

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

No Ball Skills Club this week.

Year 2 are going to a show called Groovy Greeks!

Year 1 host the Cake Sale.

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
R	97.71	98.75

Thank you!

To Mia Adebowale in Year 6 for this week's border design.

To the huge crowd of parents who came to hear the inspiring Julia Eccleshare speak yesterday about children's books. We must get her back!

To everyone who supported last week's Cake Sale for Macmillan: we raised a fantastic £209!



### This year's Harvest Collection

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!!!

### EP is out of this world - literally!

Thanks to parent Mark Drayton, and an application made two years ago, we received the amazing news this week that we are to be linked up to the International Space Station to be able to ask the astronauts questions! Yes, EP talks to people in space!!! The enormity of this cannot be under-estimated. Working through ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station), NASA select schools from across the world. They will bring all the requisite kit - antennae etc. - and we will set up in the hall and await a connection!!

The Space Station orbits the earth 16 times a day at a speed of 17,500 miles an hour - and we will get something like a 13 minute window. Understandably we can't pin the exact date and time down just yet (!) but we know it will be during the week of November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Whole school homework this weekend is to find out about:

- The Space Station - what is it? What goes on in it? Who is in it? How long are they up there?
- And to think of a REALLY good question to ask!

We are told we can choose 10 children - who won't lose their nerve - to ask questions: their own and possibly someone else's if time. More and there will be disappointment. I have been told in no uncertain terms questions cannot be about religion, personal hygiene or toilets! Why not find out about the toilets anyway this weekend?! Please make posters, do drawings etc. etc. We must impress NASA!!!!

### CALLING ALL PARENTS!

As you know, it's the Annual General Meeting of the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) next Thursday 8th at 7pm. We would love you to join us!

The Parent Teacher Association is all about building the EP community to help organise fantastic events like the School Disco, the Christmas Fair, Bingo Night and the Summer Fair, which bring the school together and raise money for extras that make the school a more exciting and enriching place for your children. In recent years money raised has funded our suite of 30 ipads; playground improvements; easy flush toilets; staging and sound equipment and artists working in school.

We rely totally on parents to make these events happen, and to make them really fun and special. We know how incredibly busy you all are, but any help makes a massive difference, whether in kind (donations of prizes) or with your time. So if think you may have a few hours to contribute every now and then, especially in the run up to one of the bigger events like the Christmas and Summer fairs, we'd love you to join us on Thursday. It's also a great way to meet other parents. There will be plenty of wine and juice, crisps and possibly pretzels.

Hope to see you there!

### Congratulations

To this year's football squad, chosen after two weeks of sustained effort and focus: Kyrah, Leila, Bibi, Maggie, Edie, Phoebe, Amy, Alice and Kirsty for the girls; Theo, Keifer, Ewan, Raffy, Joe, Maceo and Julius for the boys. An equally big well done to those who tried and didn't succeed and who acceded with great resilience and generosity of spirit. Rest assured Coach Martin has lots of matches and events lined up for you too!

To Team EP who gave their all at the Camden Cross Country. We finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Camden overall and were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the small schools category. Amazing!! We are so proud of all those who challenged themselves to give it a go and pushed themselves to new limits. A special well done to those who won medals. Caitlin in Year 6 an amazing 1<sup>st</sup>; Joe in Year 6 came 4<sup>th</sup>, Evelyn and Maggie in Year 5 came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively, Sylvie in Year 3 came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lara and William in Year 6 received medals for their outstanding effort and positive attitude.

With best wishes,  
Kate Frood and staff.