

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 8th October 2015

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 19th - 23rd October:

REMEMBER NO COACH MARTIN CLUBS NEXT WEEK AS HE IS AT SAYERS CROFT WITH YEAR 5, LUCY FOSTER, RUBY HOLMES AND LINDA HILL.

Tonight

Parents' Evening from 4:30pm.

Tomorrow

This year's Harvest Collection, for the New Horizon Youth Centre in Euston - donations to the school entrance please!

We need:

Thermals, waterproofs, hats and gloves and socks;

Toiletries - toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, deodorant sprays, tampons;

Tinned food, nothing fancy - tinned soup, baked beans;

Pasta and rice;

Nothing luxurious - just the basics!

Year 4 to the Museum of London
Cake Sale hosted by Year 5

Monday 19th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2 with parents.

Special visit to Parliament Hill School for Y6 girls.

Year 5 leave for their week at the fantastic Sayers Croft Field Centre in Surrey. I am visiting on Wednesday so can take forgotten items etc.

French Club.

Tuesday 20th

8am Early morning football for Years 3 - 6 with parents.

2:45pm Year 3 parents are invited to share the work the class have done with Told By an Idiot Theatre Company to create an alternative version of the Victorian classic, 'The Little Match girl'.

After school: Junior Choir.

Homework Club, for parents and children together, to get specific help and time to complete homework. School staff always on hand!!

Wednesday 21st

No Art Club this week.

Thursday 22nd

Ukulele Club for Year 4.

6:30pm Foundation Stage Welcome Party.

Friday 23rd

9am Meeting of our Parents Group in the shed to discuss and plan an evening next term to celebrate black culture.

Cake Sale hosted by Year 4

Half term begins today!

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.

Attendance for last week

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
6	100 (at Wick Court)	100 (at Wick Court)
5	98.33	98
4	98.33	96
3	99	98
2	98.67	96.67
1	98.71	98
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Thank you!

To Sylvie Thomas in Year 4 for this week's border design.

Space update

Despite the best efforts of staff and parents, and numerous ingenious suggestions, the space team are not confident that a traditional radio link will work with the International Space Station - it seems St Benet's Church gets in the way! Don't panic! There is a Plan B which is a telebridge link up. We are on it and still aiming for the link in the week of 2nd November!

It is just great how children are looking out for the ISS (lots of sightings!) and taking an interest.

Solar Schools - Launched today with Keir Starmer MP!

We had a fantastic Solar Schools launch assembly today and opened our fundraising. We need to raise £14,000 to put solar panels on our roof to help the environment AND save us lots of money on energy costs. We really need your help! You can donate very easily on the Solar Schools website: www.solarschools.org.uk/eleanorpalmer and you can put your picture on a solar tile and write a message! If you are a taxpayer you can tick the gift aid box and your gift will be worth even more. All ideas for fundraising and events very welcome - every little helps and we'd love your support.

PTA

Thanks to the fantastic leadership of the outgoing PTA team, the PTA is sitting on £32,000 of raised funds. At the meeting last Thursday, those present voted to support:

The purchase of a class set of Raspberry Pis to support computer programming work;

The solar panels project by donating £4000 towards the goal of £18,000;

£500 for School Council to spend;

£3000 for a PTA pot that will build to support our ambitious programme of trips and visitors when the national cuts start to hit (and they will);

We are also looking at costings for an external sound system and some further playground developments. And, a consensus to wait and see if the PTA can support the fitting out of our new science lab...plans well underway!

A huge thank you to the new core committee of Bandini, Nora, Lily, Vesna, David, Emma and John.

We kick off the EP Social Calendar with the annual disco on Thursday 12th November!

Half term begins next Friday. School will be closed to children from Monday 26th October until Tuesday 3rd November: remember we are closed for an INSET day on Monday 2nd November.

With best wishes
Kate Frood and staff.