

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2015 NUMBER 10

www.eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk

Thursday 12th November 2015

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 16th - 20th November:

TONIGHT!

The DISCO @ 6.30pm

This is a highlight of the year and a great occasion for parents to socialise as well as children. It all starts at 6.30pm (and ends at 8.30pm) with our own DJ. Entrance will be £1 for adults and 50p for children. Hot dogs and popcorn will be on sale and there will be a pay bar.

*Please remember: children will **not be allowed** into the disco without a responsible adult, nor will large groups of children with one adult be allowed. School staff will be on the door to ensure that these important rules are adhered to for everyone's safety and enjoyment. Ex-pupils are more than welcome but again, must be linked to a responsible adult. Eleanor Palmer pupils and ex-pupils only please.*

Tomorrow

Cake Sale hosted by Reception

Monday 16th

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

8.50am Wake Up Shake Up - children, parents and staff are invited to join in our 'start the week' outdoor exercise routine to music, led by Year 6!

We welcome visiting headteachers from Jersey for two days.

French Club.

At 1.30pm The Primary Maths Challenge! See over.

Tuesday 17th

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

Year 6 head to the Heath for orienteering.

Year 3 head to Talacre for a PE session. Please come to school in PE kits.

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 18th

Art Club for Year 3.

9am Year 1 will be sharing their Egyptian work with parents and the school in an assembly.

Solar Schools rubbers on sale before and after school - see over.

Thursday 19th

8am football for Year 4.

Years 2 and 6 dance project with the Place Contemporary Dance Theatre.

Ukulele Club for Year 3 and 4.

Friday 20th

Year 3 are visiting the Foundling Museum.

Year 1 visit the CLC.

Cake Sale hosted by Nursery.

Attendance for last week

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
6	98.75	97.50
5	99.17	96.67
4	97.92	96.67
3	99.60	100.00
2	98.75	100.00
1	98.75	90.83
R	99.58	95.83

Thank you!

To Kyle Williams in Year 2 for this week's border design

School Councillors!

Somewhat late off the ground - apologies - we are recruiting for our new School Council. We have two very definite roles this year: helping to create our Science Lab and helping to raise money to put our Solar Panels on the roof. Applications are invited from all classes Year 1 and above, and broadly, two are recruited per class with four from Year 6. You may take on this role twice but not in consecutive years. Applications must be in writing to Sally Hill and given in by Monday 23rd. Selection criteria are:

- An understanding of the need to be a Rights Respecting Champion, supporting and representing the views of everyone in your class;
- An interest in either being a Lab Rat or on our Solar Panel - and some ideas!



Solar Schools

Be a STAR and support our solar schools project!

Please bring in £1 on Wednesday 18th November to buy a smiley faced sun rubber to support our fantastic solar schools project. Rubbers will be on sale in the morning and after school. They make fantastic little gifts so don't forget to buy extras for friends and family - Coach Martin has reserved 5 for his godchildren so you'll need to be quick!

Our total now stands at £2255! If you haven't already donated please do so via

www.solarschools.co.uk/eleonorpalmer.

Sessions for parents

Your feedback last year said you preferred one off parent talks rather than committing to a course.

Two more open meetings - all parents invited - are coming up. Firstly, on **November 27th at 9am**, deputies Fiona Crean and Natalie Stevenson will share our approach to creating "growth mindsets" (resilience, enjoying a challenge, learning from mistakes) in our children and thoughts about how you can help with this as parents.

Secondly, on **Monday 30th November at 9am**, Gill Morris, Camden's Health and Well-Being Advisor, will talk to parents about bullying: being aware of what it is and ways to support as a parent.

Thank you

Stay and Play really is firmly on the EP map. I counted over 100 parents last Friday rolling dice, strategically sliding counters, playing cards and turning over dominoes. We firmly believe in games to engender a love of maths and a motivation to learn those number facts - because you want to win! Please make sure you have Friday 4th December in your diary for the next one. Feedback from teachers is a request that you stay with one child/class to get the whole experience and introduction.

Hampers

You will have noticed the festive boxes appearing outside each class. Our class reps are busy collecting donations that will lead to the creation of 8 fantastic Christmas hampers. Each will be silently auctioned at our Christmas Fair. Please donate!

Primary Maths Challenge - next Monday 16th November at 1.30pm.

This is the first of two national maths competitions open to keen and confident mathematicians in the juniors! It takes the form of a 45 minute paper with multiple choice answers. The emphasis is on problem solving and applied skills. It's tough!!! Open to all keen mathematicians in Years 5 and 6 and by invitation only in Years 3 and 4.

I'd urge anyone wanting to give it a serious go to do 3-4 practice papers over the weekend to get a feel for the type of questions. Go to www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk and there you can either download past papers or try an online practice paper.

Last year we achieved 2 silver and 5 bronze...can we attain gold this year?!

See you at the Disco!

With best wishes
Kate Frood and staff.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday December 4th from 3pm

Only 3 weeks to go!

We want the Christmas Fair to be as fun and festive as possible, but we also need to raise money for the PTA to fund school extras for 2016, such as trips, books IT equipment and improvements to the playground. So we would love as many of you as possible to help make this a fantastic event.

We need...

ESTATE AGENTS' BOARDS

In order to get sponsorship money for the Fair, we need *40 families* to let estate agents Matthew James put a board advertising the fair outside their home. Boards will go up 2 weeks before the Fair and come down 2 days after. This is a big money earner for the school so we would be **MASSIVELY** grateful if you could volunteer for this! If so, please contact Tania in the office tania@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk

GIFTS, FOOD AND DECORATIONS

Do you, or anyone in your family, cook amazing cakes, jams, knit lovely clothes or toys, or make fantastic decorations? We would love donations of affordable handmade gifts to sell on our stalls, to raise money for the school.

DONATE TO THE HAMPERS

Thanks to class reps these are now outside every class and will be auctioned at the Fair. We're looking to fill them with biscuits, chocolates, bottles etc. but donations can also include candles, new books, toiletries, vouchers or any special treats!

LOOK OUT FOR THE CHOCOLOATE TOMBOLA DONATION BOX

The most popular stall will be there again! It will be at the school entrance soon. It's most fun when we have chocolate of every shape and size, so whether it's a big box or a small bar all donations welcome!

Do you know of a shop/person/company which might be able to donate affordable gifts, decorations or festive food?

We would also be super grateful for any nice prizes for the **RAFFLE!** Anything from a bottle of wine to cinema tickets to shop vouchers to luxury items would be **AMAZING!**

If you think you can help with any of the above, please contact PTA members Nora (07801 553746) or Lily (07985 008185).

Look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible!
THANK YOU!

Everyone on the PTA X