

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> November:

Tomorrow  
Cake Sale hosted by Nursery

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**HAND IN YOUR SCHOOL COUNCILLOR APPLICATIONS TO MISS HILL PLEASE!**

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! The song/routine will change every few weeks.

Hopefully, in assembly, results of the 2015 National Primary Maths Challenge.

French Club

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

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

Year 2 are visiting the British Museum.

Y4 visit the CLC.

After school: Junior Choir.

Football Squad training.

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

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 have a visit from the Rainbow Theatre to support their Egyptian topic!

Reception have a trip to Pizza Express.

Art Club for Year 3

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

8am football for Year 4.

Year 3 are going on a Charles Dickens walking tour.

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

Ukulele Club for Years 3 and 4.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

9am A session for parents in the shed on 'building growth mindsets' led by our deputies, Natalie Stevenson and Fiona Crean.

Cake Sake hosted by us all because it is **Solar Snacks!!** Let's have yellow cakes, sun icing topped cakes...even solar panel cakes?! All your best Bake Off talents please!

Attendance for last week

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
6	98.67	100.00
5	97.67	97.33
4	100.00	96.67
3	99.33	96.67
2	99.00	98.00
1	99.67	98.00
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#### Thank you!

To Assia Finer in Year 3 for this week's border design.

#### Solar Schools



Our total now stands £2774! This is thanks to both the brilliant solar rubber sale this week which raised over £200 (thanks for the idea Angelal) and a generous £200 anonymous donation from a parent - thank you. We can get to £3000 by Christmas surely??? Please note our next event is a Solar Cake Sale next Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contribute and/or buy!

If you haven't already donated please do so via [www.solarschools.co.uk/eleanorpalmer](http://www.solarschools.co.uk/eleanorpalmer). Each tile is £5.

#### Sessions for parents 9-10am Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Next Friday's session will focus on growth mindsets. It is something we very much believe in here: developing in our children the ability to persevere, relish challenges and learn from mistakes rather than always wanting to be first/right/the best. There are so many things we as adults can do to build this productive mindset - and unintentionally can do to dismantle it! Fiona and Natalie will share some background research and also some really practical tips to support you in working with us to make our children lifelong positive and resilient learners.

Then, on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 9am**, again in the Shed, Gill Morris, Camden's Health and Well-Being Advisor, will talk to parents about bullying; being aware of what it is (and is not) and ways to support as a parent.

#### Buy Your Christmas Tree at School

Please support the PTA raise funds by buying your Christmas tree through school. This will be ably managed by Tania in the office for the 4<sup>th</sup> successful year!

The trees are Nordmann Fir (non-drop) and you can order in different sizes - up to 8ft or smaller - price varies accordingly and full details are attached to this newsletter.

Order through the school office by next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November and collect your tree at the Christmas Fair on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>. The trees are harvested sustainably and the supplier is a member of The British Christmas Tree Growers Association.

#### Thank you

To everyone who organised, helped to run and came to the Disco. Our net profit was just short of £1000! It was also, as ever, a great Eleanor Palmer Party.

#### Congratulations

To the 60 children who gave the Primary Maths Challenge a go. It was hard! I was very proud of everyone's effort and 'give it a go' attitude. We will hope for results by Monday.

Both our girls and boys football teams top the Camden Fair Play League: the boys are also topping the actual league (although others have games in hand). A fantastic start and your coach is very proud. A special thank you to Kyras's dad Kevin, who joins Coach Martin at Talacre to support the girls' team.

#### Playcentre

Just a reminder that Playcentre runs daily from 3.30 until 6.00pm in the school hall. There are currently spaces available for children aged 4 or above.

As well as sports activities including football, tennis, pool and table tennis, they are joined by a yoga teacher every Wednesday. On Thursdays there is a popular cookery session. There are lots of opportunities to get creative every day with arts and crafts, plus plenty of indoor games, construction toys, puzzles and activities. A daily tea is also provided.

Prices per session are £7.65 with reductions for siblings- £11.00 for 2 siblings and £13.00 for 3. There are also concessionary and subsidised rates of £4.60 and £3.00.

For further details and registration forms please see Ross or the Playcentre staff any day from 3.00pm until 6.00pm in the hall, or get in touch on 07875 724105 / [ross.kenworthy@p3charity.org](mailto:ross.kenworthy@p3charity.org)

With best wishes

Kate Frood and staff.

**Hello!**

We are the new **PTA (Parent Teacher Association)** Core Committee.

In case you'd like to know more, or would like to get involved....

**WHO IS ON THE 'PTA', AND WHAT IS IT FOR?**

**Of course as an Eleanor Palmer parent you are ALL members of the PTA!**

But we are the group of parents who have volunteered to help lead and organise all the fun school events like the Disco, Winter Fair, Summer Fair, the CBC (Celebrating Black Culture) Party (coming in January!) and Bingo, which bring Eleanor Palmer families together and raise money for the school.

Some of us work part time, some of us are freelance, and some are finding time to help out in the evenings.

**WHAT DOES THE MONEY GET SPENT ON?**

Funds raised by the PTA pay for lots of things that help make our kids' experience at Eleanor Palmer really special, adding to the core spending from the school budget. So far, these have included extra school trips for every class (and making sure all kids can join) i-pads, extra books, musical instruments and lots of amazing playground facilities like the Island and the Bog Garden. Most recently we agreed a contribution to the solar panels; the purchase of 30 'Raspberry Pis' for computing and coding work and a School Council budget. **With national cuts to education of 10% plus imminent, it is more important than ever that we are all organized and willing to raise money to support our fantastic school.**

**CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

**YES PLEASE!!!! We always need people to help out when they can!**

Could you spare half an hour at one of the events, e.g. helping out behind the bar, or at a stall?

Or maybe there is something you could do at home? Like making or cooking something lovely we can sell at the Winter Fair?

Or you might be able to contribute something for the chocolate tombola, or even a fantastic raffle or auction prize!?!?

If you would like to get involved or have any questions, you can either approach any of us at school (see pics) or pop into the office and put your name and number/email in the PTA book, and we'll be in touch very soon.

**THANK YOU! WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!**

**Lily, Nora, Emma, Bandini, John, Vesna, David and Wanda**

(New PTA committee)

## New Eleanor Palmer PTA Committee

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**EMMA CORRIGAN**  
(mum of Molly Rose in Y3 and  
Alana in Reception)



**DR WANDA WYPORSKA**  
(Arkady's mum, Y1)



**DAVID PLANT**  
(Leon's dad, Y1)



# Order your Eleanor Palmer Christmas Tree Today!



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Here's your chance to raise money for the school by buying a  
fabulous Christmas tree from a sustainable source at a  
fraction of the cost!

**Order in the office NOW!**

Complete your order form and payment method

Last order: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Order today to save disappointment!  
Delivery Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Pick up at the Fair.

### Tree Sizes and Prices:

4ft-5ft	£25
5ft-6ft	£35
6ft-6ft6"	£40
6ft6"-8ft	£50

(As every tree is different, we cannot guarantee the exact size, so these are  
estimated ranges)

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### ORDER FORM

Please bring this order form to the office with your payment (Cash, Cheque or  
Online)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method    Cash/Cheque/Online