

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 10th December 2015

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, the last week of term December 14th - 18th:

Tonight

Year 5 performance of Macbeth at 7pm.
Railey Mews Street Party from 5pm - 8pm. Bouncy Castle, Mulled wine, mince pies and a seasonal barbecue sponsored by Meat NW5. Everyone welcome!

Tomorrow

Year 6 open classroom to share the topic work with parents 9:10-9:30am.
Nursery and Reception theatre trip to see Stick Man. Please bring packed lunches.

NO CLUBS OR EARLY MORNING FOOTBALL IN THE LAST WEEK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FRENCH CLUB AND ART CLUB WHO HAVE A WEEK TO CATCH UP.

Monday 14th

8.50am Wake Up Shake Up.

Year 4 open classroom - parents welcome from 2:30pm.

Year 2 Greek day. Children to dress in Greek costumes and parents welcome to the open classroom from 3:10pm.
French Club after school.

Tuesday 15th

Christmas Lunch. It is lovely to have all the staff and children eat a Christmas meal together.

Year 5 open classroom at 2.30pm

Wednesday 16th

2pm Our traditional end of term Christmas Concert. This is always very popular and thus very crowded. Bringing buggies and small children is tricky! Please if you can, come without them so everyone can relax and enjoy the concert. Doors open at 1:45. Children may be taken home from the concert rather than waiting until 3.30pm.

Art Club for Year 3.

Thursday 17th

A deliberately quiet day to sort, finish, tidy! X Factor contestants will also have a final rehearsal on stage and with mics. Any details of backing tracks to me please: we will use karaoke downloads on Spotify; it's good to get the right one!

Year 3 open classroom after drop off 9-9:40am.

Years 4 and 6 will have their last swimming lesson.

Friday 18th

The X Factor! It all starts at 9.15 with two acts from each class. It usually lasts until about 11 then voting takes place. This year all the money raised will go towards our partner school in Sierra Leone, back open and in business after Ebola. Each vote costs 50p so children may bring 50p or more. Parents and friends get to vote immediately after the morning show.

At 2pm, the 3 acts that secure the highest number of votes return for the live final

Term then ends at 3.30pm.

Thank you!

To Alice Rocchetti in Year 4 for this week's border design

Christmas Craft Fair this Saturday

Get creative with Christmas crafts workshops for children at Mary's Family Factory (120 Kentish Town Road) this Saturday between 10-5pm. Arcadia Crafts are running a drop-in to make festive bunting, decorations or ribbon weave a present. Cost £3, suitable from age 4 and no need to book.

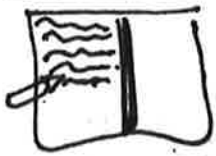
For older children Paint'n'Pin are running a sewing workshop to make a stocking or sew some bunting. Call Iwona to book on 07888 738 731. Prices from £12-£15.

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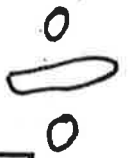
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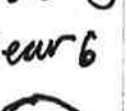
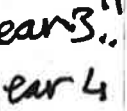
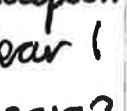
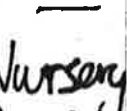
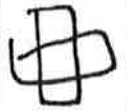




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Apply for Reception 2016

Posters are now up reminding everyone to register for a place in Reception. This has to happen even if you are in our Nursery and/or have elder siblings in the schools. NB. Remember that a place in our Nursery is no guarantee of a place in Reception. Please ask Tania if you would like help with the on-line process.

Attendance for last week

Next week is the attendance results for the term with 100% attendance badges up for grabs. I will also be writing to parents of those children whose attendance is already below 90%. Although this can usually be simply explained, parents are sometimes not aware of how absences accumulate and it is good to be made aware.

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
6	98.67	98.67
5	99.33	97.33
4	99.00	94.67
3	99.67	93.33
2	98.00	98.67
1	94.00	98.67
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Solar Schools



We are almost at £4000 - £3828 - thanks to local businesses and more in school fundraising! This week we had our first bronze business sponsorship from Royle Insurance Consultants on Fortess Rd who donated £400. If you haven't already donated please do so via www.solarschools.co.uk/eleonorpalmer. Let's get to £4000 by the end of term! Each tile is £5. We'd be particularly grateful for any links to larger corporate sponsorship and any community support schemes you might know of through your work and/or local connections. We need some big donations!

Christmas Fair

What an amazing Christmas Fair! Such beautiful decorations; so many helpers; such lovely homemade items on sale and such a great way to get us in the Christmas spirit. The money is being finalised but, including Estate Agent donation and a small profit on each Christmas tree it looks like we have made about £3800 profit - AMAZING! A huge thank you to the PTA team of Nora, Lily, Emma, Bandini, John, Vesna and David everyone else who helped on the day from folding raffle tickets to leading a crafty stall to making tea and cakes! Message from the PTA attached.

Calaid

Calaid is looking for volunteers to help sort and box donations of children's, men's and women's clothing to be sent to refugees in Calais and Greece. (No donations are needed at this time as they have a back log to be transported first). Please contact Janie (Lottie in Reception's Mum!) on info@glamhatters.com if you would like to help for a couple of hours at Islington Town Hall one evening after the children are tucked up in bed! Janie will be driving so can sort out lifts there and back.

A chance to have some speech and drama coaching here at school

Kate Renna, lovely ex EP parent and neighbour (and an occasional Sharon Osborne!) is a trained LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) Coach. From January she will be offering after school coaching here at EP which builds up with levels (as music grades) and ultimately can count - if you choose - towards UCAS (University) entrance! This type of bespoke coaching can really improve presentation, communication and confidence.

Sessions will last for 30 minutes and can be focussed on a solo or duologue. Individual sessions cost £20 and paired £15 each. If your child is 7+ and you'd like to know more, do call Kate on 07989-747338 or come to an informal information session on 5th January after school in our Shed!

End of term

Please take the time next week to do end of term jobs namely:

- Return EP books;
- Pay your debts;
- Clear coat racks;
- Check lost property;
- Collect lunch boxes;
- Collect scooters. Thank you!!

Next term begins on Tuesday 4th January for children. Term dates for 2016-17 are attached. Please consult before booking anything!!!

With best wishes Kate Froud and staff.

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Eleanor Palmer Primary School



Autumn Term 2016

Term starts for children:	Monday 5 September 2016 (Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September staff INSET days)
Half Term:	Monday 24 October 2016 – Friday 28 October 2016
Term ends:	Friday 16 December 2016
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 19 December 2016 to Monday 2 January 2017

Spring Term 2017

Term starts for children:	Wednesday 4 January (Staff INSET day Tuesday 3 January) to Friday 10 February 2017
Half Term:	Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2017
Term ends:	Friday 31 March 2017
Easter/Spring Holidays	Monday 3 April to Monday 17 April 2017 (Easter Monday 17th April)

Summer Term 2017

Term starts for staff and children:	Tuesday 18 April 2017 to Friday 26 May 2017
Half Term:	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June (plus Monday 5 June - staff INSET day)
Summer 2nd half term starts for children:	Tuesday 6 June 2017
Term ends:	Friday 21 July 2017
Additional Bank Holiday closure	May Day Monday 1 May 2017

A fifth INSET day to be confirmed

WINTER FAIR 2015

On behalf of everyone on the PTA, we just want to say a massive

THANK YOU!

to everyone who helped at the Winter Fair.

So many of you made beautiful and delicious goodies and donated things to sell, as well as helping at the event itself.

Thank you too for all your contributions to the Christmas Hampers. They were truly amazing! We hope the winning bidders enjoy the contents, which were all donated by EP families.

This was the first big event organised by the new PTA group. We were very nervous because the last PTA did such an amazing job and were a very hard act to follow. But with your time and generosity, we managed to make it a fun event and raise £3,800. As you know, this will be spent on the outings, activities and facilities which we get no extra funding for, and help make EP such a great school.

We promised ourselves that we would thank all you wonderful helpers individually. But of course our lists got muddled in the hectic run up to the event, so apologies for the impersonal mail-out, but our gratitude is totally heartfelt. The Winter Fair, like all PTA events, relies entirely on voluntary help from all of you.

There really would be no disco, bingo, summer or winter fairs without your help, enthusiasm and trays of brownies and samosas. Seriously, your contributions to the cafe were absolutely INCREDIBLE!

Wishing you all a fabulous holiday, and look forward to seeing you in 2016.

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

