

ELEANOR PALMER

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Summer term! I hope you all had a lovely break.
Events in school next week, 18th - 22nd April:

**** Clubs and early morning football start next week. ****

Monday 18th

8am Early morning football for Years 1-2.

Years 1 and 5 have some special visitors....and it isn't necessarily what you think!

Tuesday 19th

8am Early morning football for Years 3 -6.

Year 4 Art Club starts - letters coming home today.

3.45 Football trials for Years 3 and 4! We enter a Camden tournament on May 10th!

Thursday 21st

8am Year 2's turn for early morning football with Coach Martin.

Years 1 and 2 swim again.

Reception are visiting Kew Gardens.

Year 5 visit the CLC.

Made from Scratch are here for two days doing treehouse design workshops with classes! They will then take these away and design our tree house

Friday 22nd

Our first Cake Sale of the term, hosted by Year 3. See dates overleaf.

Thank you!

To Dash Perrett in Reception for this week's border. More border designs please- collect templates from the office!

Attendance

Congratulations to the:

- 68 children with 100% attendance last term;
- 48 children with 100% attendance AND punctuality last term and the
- 23 children who have not missed a minute of school since September! Can they make it a full year?!

Defending London schools' budgets

Thank you for the overwhelming support for defending London schools' budgets! We posted well over 150 letters in several envelopes. This is the first consultation about the principle of re-distribution. There will be another later this year with fine detail.

New Science Lab!

Ironic to be talking about £100,000 cuts at one table and showing plans for our fantastic lab costing almost £400,000 at another! Sadly the pot of money for the latter is firmly ring-fenced and comes from 'S106' money that property developments pay to local councils. Councils can't spend this money on schools, housing etc. directly but it can fund community developments. We successfully bid for the funding last year. Please take time to look at the model and the drawings and leave comments. It goes to planning tomorrow!

Solar News



We are so nearly there! We're at £12,000 now, so £2,000 to go!

Foreign currency collection.

We will be collecting foreign currency, both coins and notes, for the next two weeks. We have found a company who will exchange for cash for charities. Please dig around for your holiday leftovers and drop into the box in the school office! In addition to foreign currency they accept out of circulation UK money and pre-Euro currencies such as Spanish pesetas and German deutschmarks. Please donate by Thursday 28 April.

Thursday 28th April - Solar Film Night!

Would you like some child-free time?! All children from Years 1-6 are welcome to our fund-raising Film Night in aid of our Solar Fund. We will be showing Big Hero 6 (certificate PG). If anyone has a copy of the DVD to lend the school for the evening, please drop it into the office - it will save us buying a copy from the fund! Tickets will be £4 each for one child; £6 for two (same family) and £8 for three children.

You need to book your 'seats' in advance and pay before the day - cash only. Just bring it to the office or send in a sealed named envelope. Places will be limited so book early!

Drop off is at 6.30pm, milk and cookies provided. PJs, onesies and cushions positively encouraged.

Thank you!!

To the small but perfectly formed group of parents who came to the PTA meeting last night. We voted on spending the £22,000 raised in the academic year 2014-15. It was agreed to support:

- The new tree house opposite the bog garden. We have appointed a fantastic design group and a bit of extra money will make our design that much more exciting;
- To create a science garden next to the new Lab with extraordinary installations. We have found two exceptional young engineers, one who creates bicycle powered energy and another who works to make science playful. Electric Pedals will install a music centre powered by children pedalling and Unit Lab will install various 'anamorphic mirror' play structures. The whole garden project will cost more and so we will put up a display to inspire you all to raise more this year to make a totally unique play area!!

Thank you all very much! It has always been a principle that PTA funds support school projects that reach all children, enhance core learning and make EP special. These projects, aligned with our new Lab do just that! If anyone knows of any grants or organisations that might support equipping our Lab please let me know!

And please note the date of this year's Summer Festival - Saturday 2nd July. It is our key fundraiser and everyone gives either time or donations. Watch this space for how you can help!

Diary date - Friday 29th April 9-10am.

Fiona Crean will re-run the session on developing "growth mindsets" (resilience, enjoying a challenge, learning from mistakes) in our children and thoughts about how you can help with this as parents.

This year's Day for Change

This is a now traditional day at EP when we focus on one of the UNCRRC Rights of the Child and have a very different day to raise money and awareness.

The date is set for Friday 20th May and teachers are plotting! Our focus this year will be Article 6 - every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to make sure children survive and develop to their full potential. We will focus on the rights of children in the refugee camps across the globe.

WELCOME PALMER

Clubs this term - letters coming home to relevant classes this week!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	KS1 football - Open to all	KS2 football Open to all		Y2 Football Club	KS2 Girls Ball Skills
After school	French Club	Football	Y4 Art Club	Ukulele Club	

- Football on Tuesdays - Years 3 and 4 trials until the tournament on 10th May, then, after half term, an open session for all juniors.

Cake Sales this term

You're all old hands now! Please make a note of your dates for this term. All Fridays, please arrive at 3.15 to set up:

22 April	Year 3	20 May	Year 2
29 April	Year 4	27 May	Year 1
6 May	Year 5	10 June	Reception
13 May	Year 6	17 June	Nursery

With best wishes

Kate Froud and staff.



Important dates for this term

This is a term when LOTS happens! Please make a note of all these important dates and/or pin this up at home.

Tuesday 26th April - a celebration of Shakespeare as we reach the 400th anniversary of his death. Xanthe Gresham will re-tell 3 of his plays for the children. Parents welcome to sit in!

Thursday 28th April - this year's national UKMT Maths Challenge. A real challenge for keen mathematicians. Open to all in Years 5 and 6 and by teacher invitation only in Years 3 and 4.

Thursday 28th April - Solar Film Night.

Friday 29th April - Fiona Crean will repeat the popular presentation on growth mindsets. In the Shed at 9am.

Monday 9th May - Friday 13th May - Year 6 have a week of important national assessments.

Friday 20th May - UNICEF Day for Change...watch this space!

Wednesday 8th June - School Photographer. Individual, family and class photos all in a day.

Thursday 9th June - Strings Concert by Years 4 and 6 - 2pm All welcome.

Wednesday June 15th at 7pm - Our Summer Concert. This is a chance for anyone who would like to perform something musical to star on stage! We welcome ALL SORTS of music and musicians but we do insist on a high standard and so will be holding auditions on Wednesday 18th May. Please set this as your target date!

Tuesday 21st June - Camden Athletics - Team selection nearer the time.

Thursday June 23rd - Friday 24th Year 2 have an overnight sleepover adventure at a Mill in Surrey.

Tuesday June 28th - Sports Day for all - on the Parliament Hill track.

Wednesday 29th June - Thursday 30th - Camping adventure for Year 4 in Epping Forest!

Saturday 2nd July - Our Summer Fair. How will YOU help?

Thursday 7th July - Final Parents' Evening and written reports. Alternative appointments during that week too.

Friday 15th July - Y6 Leavers' Family Barbecue. All siblings welcome too

Tuesday 19th July - Y6 Leavers' Show - 2pm and 7pm

Wednesday 20th July - Last day of term. On this very last day, we end at 1.30pm.