

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 20th - 24th June:

TOMORROW

Cake Sale hosted by Nursery.

Year 5 have a double museum trip, to the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum.

Monday 20th

8am football for Years 1 and 2.

Year 5 have a brilliant automaton design workshop!

Year 6 are visiting the Houses of Parliament.

Tuesday 21st

8am Early morning football for Years 3 to 6.

A group from Year 3 are visiting a fruit farm.

Reception visit the London Transport Museum.

It's Year 5 and 6's turn to compete in the Camden Athletics. The squad have had letters.

Good luck!

Homework Club - so useful with extended homework. Do you need web access? Ideas?

Resources?

Wednesday 22nd

8am Governors' PPC Committee.

Year 3 are performing in a Camden Cluster Festival.

6.30pm Harmony Singers.

Thursday 23rd

8am Governors' Staffing Committee.

3.30pm Ukulele Club.

Here at last! Year 2 head off to The Mill (a wonderful old building owned by William Ellis School) in Surrey for their overnight adventure! Please arrive at school ready to leave at 8.40am. There will be no Year 2 football before they go.

Friday 24th

No Ball Skills Club this week as Coach Martin is at The Mill with Year 2.

Year 2 parents: remember you collect at lunchtime once the adventurers are home. We will keep in touch by text about arrival time.

Summer Fair

Thank you!

To Mia Gregory in year 4 for this week's border.

To everyone (and I think it was everyone!) for donating a tin to our Calaid Collection. It was gathered together from the 6 local schools who also collected in support, and will be driven to Calais on Saturday. We will be sent photos of it all en-route and arriving so that the children understand what happens. A special thank you to parent Janie Lawson-Gluckstein who drove the project on behalf of this local grassroots charity and to parents Lou Chamberlain, Vicky Starmer and Tamara Bloch Bruno who helped collect from the other schools.

Congratulations!

To the 46 wonderful acts in last night's Summer Concert. It was the most wonderful evening full of extraordinary talent, charm and laughter.

Thank you to all the parents who manage the often gruelling practice regime which is such a vital part of music; and for being such a lovely audience appreciating every act so generously. Thank you to the PTA for running such a great bar.

And once again, a special thanks to Laura McWilliam our music teacher who holds it all together and supports all the children and their musical ambitions.

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 athletes who did so well at their Camden Athletics - in between thunderstorms! We had lots of 1st, 2nd and 3rd but the final medal ceremony had to be abandoned. We await final news....

Attached this week

Please find attached a really important summary of all the ways you can get involved in our Summer Festival and help the school. Also attached is our annual governors' questionnaire to parents. Please complete and return to the box at the entrance under the blackboard. Thank you!

Attendance for last week

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
6	95.83	99.17
5	98.33	96.67
4	95.83	97.50
3	98.39	97.58
2	96.77	97.58
1	98.75	97.50
R	99.17	98.33

Dates for the rest of this term

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

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

Saturday 2nd July - Our Summer Festival...with a Carnival theme. See attached. How will YOU help?

Thursday 7th July (and other times that week) - Parents' Evening

Friday 15th July - Y6 Leavers' Barbecue

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

Wednesday 20th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly and the last day of term. On the very last day, we end at 1.30pm.

With best wishes

Kate Frood and staff.

Summer Festival



SUMMER FESTIVAL! SOS!



Hi Everyone,

Just over 2 weeks till the next Summer Fair on **Saturday July 2nd!**

To celebrate the forthcoming Olympics in Brazil, we're going with a Rio Carnival theme, so it's going to be **TOTALLY TROPICAL!**

We're going to have a samba band, samba dancing and capoeira workshop. As well as the international food, ice cream stalls and bar, we'll have a pop up 'Rainforest Café', Brazilian barbecue, tropical cocktails and mocktails. There will be a bouncy castle, bucking bronco (ok, not very Rio but too popular last year to ignore!) and all the usual games and activities as well as some fantastic new ones. Kids can make wild carnival head-dresses and crazy tropical bird puppets at the craft stalls:

There will be the famous **Silent Auction** with **INCREDIBLE** prizes, cash to be won at the raffle, the usual toy, jumble and book stalls; amazing hairspray, nail painting and glitter tattoos, and lots of crazy new tropical accessories for the photo booth.

It's going to be **FANTÁSTICO!!!**

BUT WE REALLY REALLY REALLY need as much help and support from as many parents as possible both on the day, and beforehand, with preparations.

HELPING HANDS!

We'll be putting up the usual help boards next week. We absolutely hate hassling you, but the fair can only happen with your support, so if you think you will be able to help for an hour or two on the day (setting up or on a on a stall) we would be **SUPER GRATEFUL** if you could **PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** Because it is great to know in advance if we're going to have enough of you to help on the day.

SILENT AUCTION!

We are always on the look out for really special prizes for the silent auction. This is where we make most of our money for the PTA every year, so it's a **REALLY** important part of the fair! Some of the incredibly generous prizes parents have given in the past include country cottages for a weekend, sessions in a recording studio, tickets for theatre and TV shows, feasts cooked and delivered to your home, free massage and babysitting. If you have something wonderful to contribute to the auction please contact Sam 07771 532 434 or Clara 07768 890 404 **ASAP**

COLLECTIONS!

As you have probably seen already, we are putting out collection boxes for **CLOTHES, TOYS, BOOKS** and **BRIC-A-BRAC**. It's a great excuse for a clear out but **PLEASE** only bring things which are clean and in good condition!

ONE LITRE PLASTIC MILK BOTTLES

Our resident craft queen, Lily Smith, will be presiding over the craft stall. One of the activities will be amazing tropical bird puppets made out of plastic milk bottles (the kind with a handle). We need to collect and prepare these, so please clean them thoroughly, save them, and bring them to school ASAP!

RAFFLE TICKETS

We need volunteers to sell raffle tickets! There is a great incentive, as whoever sells winning tickets will also get a cash prize! One book will come home per newsletter. In addition, we'll have books of extra tickets when we're at the help boards, or if you drop off/collect early, please contact Year 2 Class rep Louise Dobson l.dobson@uclacademy.co.uk, and she will make sure you get them.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALL

We are always so proud of the range of unbelievably delicious dishes on the international food stall. If you like cooking, and have a favourite party dish, please bring it along! Remember, international doesn't have to mean exotic - English dishes go down a treat too! Last year the sausages disappeared in about 5 minutes!

OTHER RANDOM THINGS!

For one of the games, we need three of those kid's **RAISED PLASTIC SANDPITS**. Do you have one (or two or three!) we can borrow, just for the day? We can collect and drop back to you. Please contact Nora ASAP on 0780 155 3746.

Once again **THANK YOU!** Or, **OBRIGADO!!**



Nora and Bandini (PTA Chairs) X



Eleanor Palmer School

2016 Questionnaire for parents and carers

Questions 1-15 are consistent with the questionnaire for parents that OfSTED circulate prior to an inspection.

Please read the following statements and tick the answer which best fits what you think about the school. Please only tick one box per statement.

	(Please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	n/a
1	My child enjoys school					
2	The school keeps my child safe					
3	The school informs me about my child's progress					
4	My child is making enough progress at this school					
5	The teaching is good at this school					
6	The school helps me to support my child's learning					
7	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle					
8	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example, changing year group, changing school, experience of life beyond this school)					
9	The school meets my child's particular needs					
10	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour					
11	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns					
12	The school takes account of pupils' views					
13	The range of extra curricular activities is good					
14	The school is led and managed effectively					
15	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school					

PLEASE TURN OVER

One thing we really like about Eleanor Palmer School is:

One thing we'd like to see improved at Eleanor Palmer is:

Are there any other comments you would like to make?

Your child (ren)'s year group (s)

Thank you! Please return this to the box at the school entrance by **Friday 24th June**