

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Families,

Clubs will start next week! A huge thank you to parents who are helping with the early morning football rota. There's plenty of room for more to come forward!

TOMORROW

Year 4 are visiting Lullingstone Roman Villa in Kent!

Open morning at Camden School for Girls 9-11am. Please let teachers/office know if you are attending this (or any open mornings).

Our first Cake Sale hosted by Year 3.

Monday 19th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2. Please arrive on time.

9am Open Morning at Regent High School.

6-8pm Open evening at Camden School for Girls.

Tuesday 20th

8am Early morning football for Years 3-6.

8am Cross Country training! Join Coach Martin (and parent volunteers please!) on an early morning jog to the Heath; training for the Camden Cross Country on the 30th.

9am Open Morning at Hampstead School.

3.30-4.30 Second football team trials for all children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

3.30-4.30 Art Club starts for Year 4.

3.30-4.30 Homework Club with Angela and a teacher. Parents must attend alongside children!

Wednesday 21st

6.30pm Science Scinema fund-raising Film Night! We will show the original Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in celebration of both Roald Dahl and the late Gene Wilder. 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. Just drop payment into the office please. Drop off is at 6.30pm and pick up at approx. 8.20pm (tbc). Milk and cookies provided. PJs, onesies and cushions positively encouraged.

6.30 PTA Meeting! Come along (and leave your children at Film Night) and find out more about how you can get involved in EP life!

Thursday 22nd

Early morning Football Club starts for Year 4 with Coach Martin (with a week off next week as Coach Martin is away).

Years 4 and 6 swim again.

9-10.30am Open Morning at Holloway School

4-7pm Open Evening at La Sainte Union School.

6pm Open Evening at Hampstead School.

Friday 23rd

No Junior Girls' Ball Club this week as Coach Martin is away - starts Friday 30th.

The deadline for returning the all-important pink trip slip and contribution towards a year of trips and visiting artists that will ensure an exciting and engaging curriculum for your child!

Year 6 leave for Wick Court, an Elizabethan farmhouse in Gloucestershire. They will spend 7 days and nights living and working on a farm. It is a highlight of Eleanor Palmer. A big thank you to staff members Rosie Thomson, Lucy Foster, Ruby Holmes and Coach Martin who are going too. I am visiting on Monday 26th so can take forgotten items!!

Cake Sale hosted by Year 2.

Thank you

To all the parents who came to last night's 'Meet the Teacher'. Staff cannot repeat the whole event for those who missed it, but there are very important letters and handouts to collect. Please please make contact with your child's teacher about this and ensure you have them.

Again we have no one to thank for this week's border design! Please come to my office and help yourself to a blank border if you would like to see yours in print!

Our trip system - very important

You should all have received a pink letter attached to last week's newsletter detailing our system for dealing with our many trips this year. Regular trips that enrich the curriculum are essential to our style of teaching and learning. To make life simpler for you and the office, as explained in the letter, we are asking for one slip and one contribution this month, *to cover your contribution for all trips, workshops, artists, storytellers and visitors this year. We will not ask for any more unless you have a residential.* We will continue to remind/notify you of every trip and on each occasion, you have the right to withdraw permission (although no one ever has!). Please return slips and contributions to the office, ideally in a named envelope. If you didn't get the all important pink letter please ask! We will be nagging so this is all sorted by next Friday: it must be sorted before your child's first trip.

School Journey payments - Years 5 and 6 only

Final instalments are due before the residential trip departs. Not long now! Year 6 leave next Friday 23rd September for Wick Court Farm in Gloucestershire and Year 5 to Sayers Croft in Surrey on Monday 17th October. Please see Tania in the office if you'd like to make more payments or find out what you still owe.

Do you need help with childcare?

Several of our support staff also support parents with regular after-school childcare. Ruby in Year 6 has some availability this year. Ask in the office if you're interested and we can introduce you. We also know good babysitters (including my 18yr old daughter!) so again, please just ask!

Workshop for parents - October 4th

Camden are hosting an event for parents at the London Irish Centre called 'Parents' Role in Raising Aspirations'. This event aims to help parents support their children's learning. It includes Professor Charles Deforges, a leading education expert (he's very good!), talking about how parents can help raise their child's aspirations as well as workshops exploring ideas on how provide support. On Tuesday October 4th - 9:30-1:30. To book a place contact Saleka Khatun on 020 79747307 /email Saleka.khatun@camden.gov.uk

CBC Night - Thursday 6th October 2016, 7-9pm

To kick off this term's social season, and to build on the success of our last CBC evening, parents have once again grouped together to organise a Celebration of Black Culture event to raise vital funds for our partner school in Sierra Leone.

The evening will include music, food, drink, henna, face paints, hair braiding and of course, dancing! As always, in order for the event to be a success, the parents need YOUR help! Please look out for the sign-up boards in the entrance area and add your name to help on the night.

CBC evening will form part of a week's focus on Black History (3rd to 7th October). Over the course of this week, we would love it if some parents could come into school and share stories, poems, music, food or history from their culture with the children. If you are interested in finding out more, or want to volunteer to help, please see staff members, Angela or Sally, or Parent Governor, Vicky Starmer.

A couple of extra start of term nags!

Could packed lunches please arrive with children at the start of the day, or at the very latest be delivered by 9.30? A non-arrival/late arrival means phone calls, a member of staff having to deliver it to the right place on arrival and another interruption in the very busy office. Thank you.

Our scooter and bike park is not 'throw them anywhere after the gate behind Year 6!' We ask that they are safely left neatly against the purpose installed racks or the wall close to the racks. Already this term we have had them strewn across the pathway looking a mess and nearly causing an accident to teachers on bikes. It is also rather inviting for children at Playcentre to see them as play things if they're close to the gate. We cannot take responsibility for any bikes/scooters left unlocked, overnight or unnamed. Thank you.

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff.