



ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 3rd November 2016

Dear Families,

TOMORROW
It's November's Stay and Play! Please stay on at 9am and play a much loved EP maths game!
Cake Sale hosted by Year 6.
Year 2 are visiting the CLC.

Events in school next week, 7th - 11th November:

Our Annual Book Fair is on after school every day next week, and after drop off on Thursday and Friday.

Monday 7th

8am Early morning football for Years 1-2.

Tuesday 8th

8am Early morning football for Years 3-6.

3.30 - 4.30 Homework Club with Angela and a teacher. This week in the Year 3 classroom due to Book Fair. Parents must attend alongside children!

3.30-4.30 Football Squad training.

Wednesday 9th

8am Governors' PPC Committee.

Year 4 are visiting the Museum of London and amphitheatre.

Year 1 have an Egyptian drum and dance workshop in the hall. Parents welcomed at 3pm to see the show!

Thursday 10th

8am Governors Staffing Committee.

8am Year 4 Football with Coach Martin.

Staff are being trained in how to use the defibrillator, which we now own thanks to ex-EP parent Rosh Keegan.

During the day, the same team from Hand on Heart will be going first aid training with Year 5.

6.30pm The EP Disco. See over!

Friday 11th

Early morning Girls' Sports Club with Coach Martin.

Year 5 have a Shakespeare Workshop!

Year 3 are visiting the Camden Archive Centre to find out who lived in our local area in the past.

Cake Sale hosted by Reception.

Thank you

To Mia Gregory in Year 5 for this week's border design!

Well done!

The football season is off and we are proud of our squad who played their first 3 matches on Tuesday. The boys won 2 and drew 1 and the girls lost 3. There are many matches ahead - anything could happen - and we are proud of the girls in particular who were resilient in the face of a tough start! Well done all.

Exciting new maths project

We are really excited that EP is one of 6 schools that will be taking part in a pilot project to roll out Hegarty Maths (you can see a short demo on www.hegartymaths.com) to primary schools. It is already very well-established in secondary schools across the country. The site was created by the super teacher Colin Hegarty (he was the UK finalist in Best Global Teacher 2015!). Colin tracked me down and asked if we would set up a pilot group. It is a great home learning site where there are short video clips to support every step of the maths curriculum right up to GCSE and the learning can be personalised.





The site will be launched later this term when Colin will come to meet Year 6, teachers and, most importantly, Year 6 parents. We really want a strong parental turn-out so please put Monday 5th December at 6.30pm in your diary. He really is an inspiration and I know the site will support the children.

If all goes well, we will have free access to the site for 3 years so other classes will benefit when they reach Year 6.

The EP Disco

This is a highlight of the year and a great occasion for parents to socialise as well as children. It all starts at 6.30pm (and ends at 8.30pm) with our own DJ. Entrance will be £1 for adults and 50p for children. Hot dogs, popcorn, glitter tattoos and hair colours will be on sale and there will be a pay bar. The very popular photo booth will be back in the little room in Infants too.

Please remember: children will not be allowed into the disco without a responsible adult, nor will large groups of children with one adult be allowed. School staff will be on the door to ensure that these important rules are adhered to for everyone's safety and enjoyment. Ex-pupils are more than welcome but again, must be linked to a responsible adult. Eleanor Palmer pupils and ex-pupils only please.

Attendance and punctuality

Results for the week before half term:

Year	Attendance %	Punctuality %
6	96.67	98.0
5	97.67	100.00
4	98.67	92.00
3	98.00	96.67
2	95.67	94.67
1	97.33	97.33
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Scholastic Book Fair 7th - 11th November

The Scholastic Book Fair is back next week for its annual visit to EPI! There will be a great selection of books to choose from so please come armed with some cash and be ready to shop! On sale will be books from favourite authors including David Walliams, Julia Donaldson, Roald Dahl and Oliver Jeffers, as well as Lego and Star Wars readers, special editions and exclusive books only available through the Book Fair. It will take place in the Resource Area every day at 3.30pm. The fair will also be open for business for grown-ups to browse on Thursday and Friday straight after drop off at 9am. It is always a great event which the children enjoy and any money we make (Scholastic give us a small 'cut') we can use to buy books for school. Please come along and support us!

Hampers

You will have noticed the festive boxes starting to appear outside each class. Our class reps are busy collecting donations that will lead to the creation of eight beautifully styled Christmas hampers. The idea is (and they were amazing last year) that each family donates something - think posh, a treat, festive rather than back of store cupboard - and they are then styled into 8 fantastic hampers. Each will be silently auctioned at our Christmas Fair. Please donate!

Estate agent boards for Summer Festival

The PTA have arranged a fantastic sponsorship deal with London Residential Estate Agents. They will give us £2,000 if 40 families have their boards up at home to promote the Christmas Fair. Boards will go up two weeks prior to the Fair and taken down a few days later. This is an extraordinarily easy way to raise money for the school, so please come forward! Contact the office or email Tania tania@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk to sign up.

Buy Your Christmas Tree at School

Please support the PTA raise funds by buying your Christmas tree through school. The trees are Nordmann Fir (non-drop) and you can order in different sizes from 3ft up to 8ft. Order through the school office by Thursday 24th November and collect your tree at the Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December. The trees are harvested sustainably and the supplier is a member of The British Christmas Tree Growers Association.

Tree Sizes and Prices:

- 3ft-4ft £25
- 5ft-6ft £35
- 6ft-6ft6 £40
- 6ft6"-8ft £50

With best wishes Kate Frood and staff

