

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016

Dear Families,

**TOMORROW**

9am It is our December Stay and Play! Please stay in class and enjoy a favourite EP maths game. Year 2 and 6; please stay longer and enjoy the children's topic work and extended homework.

Year 4 to CLC.

The Christmas Fair! It starts at 3pm for child-free shopping. Amazing crafts, the grotto, the limited edition EP tea-towels, the fantastic hampers to bid for and the legendary chocolate tombola!

Pick up your pre-ordered Christmas tree before you head home.

Events in school next week, 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> December:

Lost Property will be on display all week at the school entrance - please look!

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

8am Early morning football for Years 1-2.

6.30pm Exciting launch of our Hegarty maths project for Year 6. The children meet him at 3pm. Please return with your parents at 6.30pm. We will be in Year 6.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.

9am A meeting for parents about home learning maths packs for Reception. Please come!

3.30 - Art Club for Year 5.

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

3.30-4.30 Football Squad practice.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

At 2pm and 7pm Year 5 are performing Romeo and Juliet. Everyone invited!

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

8am Year 4 Football with Coach Martin.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Early morning Girls' Sports Club with Coach Martin.

Reception are visiting the CLC in the morning.

Year 3 are visiting the Victoria and Albert Museum.

As you know, we say a final goodbye to Dilek Mustafa, our long serving Nursery Nurse, at the end of this term. She is not returning after her maternity leave. Parents are welcome to join us in saying goodbye in our Friday assembly at 10.20!

**Thank you**

We have nobody to thank this week's border design as there are no completed borders! Pop into my office to pick up a template.

### Staff changes in the new year

Many parents missed the news in Year 1 and 2 class newsletters that the teacher covering Sara Stokes' maternity leave for the rest of the year, will be our very own Year 2 teacher Susie Yaffe! I am so grateful to both Susie and Craig Cairns who, although both part-time, have agreed to do two terms as full-time to ensure the children continue to have great teaching from a known EP teacher. Craig will stay in Year 2 full-time.

### Hegarty Maths Launch

We are so excited to be part of this national pilot, developing a unique homework website for maths. What makes it stand out is that every aspect of the Year 6 curriculum has clear explanatory videos reminding children and parents of the maths and the method. At any point you can re-watch the short tutorial and/or work on alternative 'building block' units. Equally you can explore the curriculum that lies ahead...I have watched a lot of the secondary videos and so wish I'd had it as a parent!!

Year 6 get to meet the amazing Mr Hegarty next Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> and at 6.30pm on the same day, will come back to school with their parents for a demonstration. It is essential that we have a full house! We will put all attendees' names in a draw for a £25 Amazon voucher!

### Christmas Lunch 2016

Our school Christmas lunch this year will be on **Tuesday 13th December**. We make this a really Christmassy occasion and would like all the children to eat a traditional lunch together with the staff, who serve the food. All children who usually have a packed lunch and would like to join in Christmas dinner should notify the office by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If your child is in Years 3-6 the cost for this is £2.34 (free to children in receipt of free school meals).

### The last two weeks of term

Learning continues as normal right to the end of term.

We have two whole school events. We gather to sing carols as a school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. All parents welcome - it is always a squash and a squeeze!

We end the term on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December with our annual X Factor Charity Concert. We re-create the prime time show (judges and all) with each class championing two acts and children vote for their favourite act. It starts at 9am and finalists perform at 2pm.

Term then finishes at 3.30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This is earlier than some other schools as we opted to do our staff training days at the end of the summer thus enabling children's term to start on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Do make sure all school books are searched out and returned, debts settled, coat pegs cleared and lost property searched.

*And do watch the real X Factor on Saturday. You might recognise a few faces in the choir supporting Emily Middlemass!*

With best wishes

Kate Frood and staff