

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you all had restful and happy holidays.

Events next week, 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017. A quiet week as term gets going:

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

8am Early morning football re-starts for Years 1 and 2. Reminder that rain or ice stops play, so please check the session is running when dropping off.

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

8am Early morning football re-starts for Years 3-6.

9-10am Parent session on handwriting with occupational therapist Shana Boltin. See below.

3.30pm Football Squad training.

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

8am Governors PPC Committee.

Tasty Tuckshop starts after school!

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Early morning football with Coach Martin for Year 3.

8am Governors Staffing Committee.

Years 3 and 5 swim again.

3.30-4.30pm Choir starts for Year 4-6.

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

8am Girls Multi-sports Club

Sara Stokes begins her maternity leave. I know you all wish her the very best. We have had a great handover to Susie Yaffe and I know the class will have a brilliant rest of year!

## Handwriting session with occupational therapist Shana Boltin

Next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> OT Shana Boltin will host a session for parents on handwriting. The session will cover how you can help your child with handwriting and correct letter formation, as well as providing an insight into how we teach this in school. Shana will also talk about how to improve children's attention and focus. Relevant to all children from Nursery through to Juniors, everyone is welcome to join this session taking place in the Shed from 9-10am.

## Spring term Parents' Evening - please note change of date

The date was originally set as 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We would like to bring this forward to

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January** so we can meet sooner to share our mid-year assessments and discuss how best to support your child together as we move forward. All teachers will offer appointments on that date from 4.30-7.30pm, and additional times during the day around that date. Lists will go up next week outside classrooms.

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## Other dates for this term

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January - a team from Year 6 will represent us in the inter-school Camden Primary Maths Challenge

Annual Family BINGO - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. A great family night out with big cash prizes!

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm - Years 3 and 5 Strings Concert.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Show at 2pm.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - the 15<sup>th</sup> Great EP Egg Race (and the last day of this term)

## Cake Sales this term

Here are the dates; please make a note of your class dates:

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 3	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 2	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 1	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Reception
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Year 5	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery

## Wednesday Tuck Shop

A group of Year 6 pupils have been doing an Enterprise Project and have invested in some simple snacks; all natural sugars e.g. dried banana or raisins. Every Wednesday after school they will be selling them for 50p a pack. Please support this pupil led initiative!

## Camden Inter-Schools Times Tables Spring Slam!

We are leading on a borough wide competition to ensure all children learn those vital times tables! Over this term, there will be fortnightly quizzes for classes 3-6 (nothing scary; very like those our children are used to..) with **class average** scores being submitted from each school. There will be a winning Camden class for each year group by the end of the term.

Towards the end of March we will turn up the heat for those who want it, leading to a team of 4 (top in each class) entering an inter-school competition as Team EP. At this stage we will be testing not just recall but application of facts in a fast-moving challenging Camden wide finale (24<sup>th</sup> March).

We have designed the competition to include all children at whatever level as ALL children can help EP by working to improve their scores so that the class average score goes up! I know from my travels that we are in a very strong position, so let's all pull together and have a winner!

## Money raised at our X Factor

The X Factor competition on the last day of term was a triumph! Great fun was had by all and along the way (combined with your generosity at the Carol Concert) we raised an amazing **£1013.62** for the Centrepont charity for London's homeless young people. A huge thank you to our judges Nicole Scherzinger, Louis Walsh and Cheryl Cole (you know who you are!) and well done to all the bold children who sang live on stage and entertained us all.

Here's to another great term!

With best wishes  
Kate Frood and staff