

ELEANOR PALMER

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
SUMMER TERM 2017 NUMBER 3
www.eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk

Thursday 4th May 2017

Dear Families,

Events next week, 8th - 12th May:

TOMORROW

Stay and Play! Please stay at 9am and enjoy an EP classic game with your child/the class
Year 3 are visiting Hampstead Heath.
Cake Sale hosted by Year 4.
Last chance to claim lost property.

Year 6 have a week of end of national primary assessment tests all next week. See over.
School is open for breakfast, chat and relaxation time every day from 8.30am. Being on time makes for a calm and confident start. The traditional EP Dairy Milk will be available throughout each test - and do bring your own water bottle! This weekend, what matters most, is to relax and get lots of sleep.

Monday 8th

Early morning football for Years 1-2.

Our very own Angela has her foundation degree graduation ceremony at Kingston University. We are very proud that, alongside working here and parenting, Angela has completed a degree!

Year 1 are visiting the wonderful Eagle Heights in Kent.

Tuesday 9th

Early morning football for Years 3-6.

It's the Year 3 and 4 Football tournament on the Heath (by the Lido) after school.
Please come and support!

Wednesday 10th

At both 3pm or 6.30pm, Craig Cairns and I will be talking to Year 2 parents about both the exciting overnight Mill adventure (June 22/23rd) and the Year 2 'special quizzes' that have to happen later this month. Please come to one of the meetings and collect important paperwork.

Thursday 11th

Early morning football for Year 1-2.

As part of their topic on 'Survival', Year 4 are having an Archery session in the hall!
3:30pm Choir.

Friday 12th

8am Ball Skills Club for Junior girls.

Year 1 are going on a local bird-spotting walk.

Year 6 and Reception buddies go on a Heath walk.

Cake Sale hosted by Year 5.

3

1

H

S

S

A

2

5

+

+

+

W
+
W
+
W



20

3

11

17

9



10 + 10 = 20
1 + 1 = 2
2 + 9 = 11

ELEANOR PALMER

Thank you

To Sasha Hayling in Reception for this week's border design.

Summer Concert Auditions - 18th May

A reminder that Laura and I will be auditioning items for the 2017 Summer Concert on the afternoon of 18th May. We do not expect a perfect performance on that day - the concert itself is on 21st June - but we would expect to see something planned and prepared. Anything goes: all styles of music, flute solos, singing, family pieces etc. It is always a lovely event in the EP calendar. The PTA always run a bar and there is a long interval and a chance to meet other parents.

International Summer Festival - Saturday 1st July

Please find attached the first (and very organised) shout out for help for the Summer Festival. Please help! If you're new to EP, it is a great way to feel more involved and to meet other parents.

This year we want to celebrate our multi-cultural community by having a huge food section. Look out next week for the request to group together with other parents with the same ethnic roots and run a stall for your country. Italy, Somalia, France, Sweden, Kenya, the Caribbean, Israel...the list is endless; it's going to be a feast! We hope you will dress up too.

SAT tests at Eleanor Palmer

Given the recent Select Committee report into Year 6 SATs tests, I thought it useful to summarise our approach at Eleanor Palmer. I think we get it right! Year 6 is like any other year at this school with a full topic-led curriculum, trips, PE, art, music etc. The children are not limited to just maths and English and are not doing practice papers from September as reported by many schools. We have never had tears during a test.

As May approaches, we start to look at test questions and to shift mindsets. After the Easter break there is a 3 week block of revision and test preparation which is a useful experience. We share helpful revision resources with parents. Any practice papers are shared with the children to focus on errors and misconceptions. The emphasis is on effort and improvement. We do not run extended days for revision or exclude those who need extra practice from the rest of the curriculum. We think the children feel confident that we know them well and know what they need to work on. We also think they quite enjoy it!

Whilst we agree that the accountability framework is now too high stakes, we do want our children to do their very best and to be ready for secondary school. Approached in this positive and supportive way we think SATS help us do this.

Good luck for next week Year 6!

With best wishes
Kate Froud and staff .

p.s Can you spot the spelling error this week?





EP INTERNATIONAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 1st JULY

We are proud to announce that this year the EP Summer Festival will celebrate the international diversity at EP! It is a great opportunity to get involved and make the festival fun and an amazing day for the kids!

We need help in the following:

Preparation

- Help your class rep with any set up, or volunteer on the day.
- Make a dish and represent your country at the International Food Stall (expect another letter soon!)
- Any donations of props (national costume etc.) for the international photo booth please speak to Susie Agathou (susie.agathou@me.com)
- If you are creative, please help with the decorations or support Nursery parents, who are going to lead on the craft stalls.
- Support Chas who is putting together the world music soundtrack chasney.maturine@gmail.com
- Support Nora and Lily who are working on the decorations (our own international bunting produced in school with the children) (nmeyer@dircon.co.uk and Lilyrsmith@yahoo.co.uk)

YEAR	STALL	Class Reps	Emails
Nursery	Crafts	Catherine Milne Alex Moen Lisa Tomas	catherine_milne@hotmail.com alexandramoen@gmail.com lisatomas@outlook.com
Reception	Silent Auction	Sam Sidaway Rachel Loban Dave	sidawaysam@gmail.com rachellobban@hotmail.co.uk
Y1	Bottle Tombola	Janie Lawson Rika Murphy Emma Corrigan	info@glamhatters.com rikalovesferret@yahoo.co.uk emmacorrigan@virginmedia.com
Y2 (and everyone!)	International Food Stall	Wanda Wyporska Helen Robertson	wandawyporska@googlemail.com helenisobel2@gmail.com
Y3	Bric a Brac	Tamsin Salinger Catherine Kanter	tamsinsalinger@blueyonder.co.uk cgkanter@hotmail.com
Y4	Toys	Lily Smith Emma Corrigan	Lilyrsmith@yahoo.co.uk emmacorrigan@virginmedia.com
Y5	Clothes	Helen Sky-Walker Jackie Commerford	helenskywalker@gmail.com jackiecomerford@hotmail.com
Y6	Books	Alison Huntington Lou Chamberlain	alisonhuntington@mac.com louwals29@hotmail.com



On the Day

There will be:

- Amazing food- thanks to you all!
- A petting farm (why not?!)
- Face painting.
- A parade to encourage everyone to wear their national dress.
- Raffle.
- Cuddly toys.
- Bar.
- Fantastic international music and performers.
- The legendary photo booth.
- Fun international games.
- And many more stalls

If you have any ideas or want to get involved in any way, please contact Bandini
(Mob: 07855675588 or email bandinishah@gmail.com)

