

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 21st September 2017

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 25th- 29th September:

N.B. No Coach Martin clubs as he is at Wick Court.

Tomorrow

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, Sophie Hartnell, Pauline Bradley and Coach Martin who are going too.

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 2 Cake Sale

Monday 25th

Year 6 at Wick Court all week!

Tuesday 26th

8am football for Years 3-6.

3.30-4.30 No football training as no Coach Martin. The squad will be announced on Monday 2nd October. Thanks to everyone who took part in the trials! Coach Martin finds so many other opportunities for friendlies and other matches for those who missed out this time.

Homework Club after school in the Resource Area.

3.30 Music Tech Club with Mr G for Years 5 and 6.

I leave for Wick Court early afternoon. If there are VITAL missing items or un-posted letters, please drop them onto my desk by 12 noon!

Wednesday 27th

Thursday 28th

Friday 29th

Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support. Everyone is invited to donate!

All day, for Years 3 4 and 5 - it's the Camden Cross Country!! We leave school ready for a 10am start up on the Heath roughly opposite the Playground. Parent supporters welcome and we'd be grateful for support walking up. We traditionally take every child to this - a great sense of achievement for having given it a go!!

Year 6 return from Wick Court at around lunchtime. As ever, we will keep in touch by text.

Thank you

To staff members Zoe Davis, Annie Fair and Maddie Heyes who joined me in taking Year 5 to sleep overnight on the Golden Hinde on the Southbank.

Parent WhatsApp groups

I'm aware that several classes operate groups and they have occasionally become a forum where parents raise concerns and thus spread anxiety and misunderstandings often without a full picture of events, school policy or without enabling school staff to explain, allay anxieties or answer simple queries.

I'm sure you'd advise your children about the problems with social media used in this way so I'd like to suggest that a parent or two comes to talk with me - or another relevant senior teacher, or a parent governor - to ask the questions, get the answers and raise the concerns so that other parents are not made unnecessarily anxious. As I discovered at Parents' Evening, several classes exist happily without them!

Our PTA (Parent, Teacher Association)

We have our AGM on Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm. This is both a formal occasion - summary of the year, financial summary, election of new officers - and a chance to meet with other parents and find out how you get involved. A particular invitation to our many new parents in Nursery and Reception! Whilst having a lovely time getting us together for many occasions (fairs, the disco, BINGO...) our PTA raises over £14,000 a year along the way! This money always goes to 'extras' that help to make our school special. As part of the meeting we will vote how money raised might enrich the school this year.

Please come along to find out how you can help the school. If we are not able to find a new PTA chair/team then events such as this term's Disco will not get off the ground!

Can you help?

We are looking for someone to help run our Breakfast Club, at least two days (Thursdays and Fridays) a week. If not you or a friend, perhaps you know a gap year student or a sixth former with a flexible timetable on these days? Please come and see Sarah in the office who will explain the role and pay rates etc!

Shed Talks

Please find attached our 5 planned 'Shed Talks' for this term, some back by very popular request. Do make a note of the ones that interest you - everyone very welcome!

With best wishes,
Kate Froot and staff.

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TALKS

Ideas worth spreading

Eleanor Palmer Shed Talks Autumn Term 2017

We are running a series of talks and sessions for parents in the Shed this term. All sessions begin at 9am on Tuesday mornings with one session falling on a Thursday morning; please see below for more details.

Autumn Term 2017		Focus year group
Tuesday 3rd October 9am	<p>Helping children to build resilience and positive mental health.</p> <p>Back by popular demand! A repeat of the workshop help in the Summer Term. Come and find out;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What mental health is and how to help your child have positive mental health;• What affects mental health;• How to help build resilience in your child;• What happens to the body and mind when we are stressed; <p>You'll also have time to think about how you might help your child in different situations.</p> <p>Session led by Gill Morris, Senior Health and Wellbeing Advisor</p>	All ages! Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2
Tuesday 17th October 9am	<p>Phonics and early reading</p> <p>What is phonics? Why do we teach it? How do we teach it? How does the teaching of phonics help with children's early reading and writing</p> <p>Session led by Sally Hill and Angela Ross</p>	Foundation Stage and KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

<p>Thursday 9th October 9am</p>	<p>Developing an independent reading habit</p> <p>How can you help your child develop a love of reading? What does life after reading levels look like? How can you support your child to make good book choices? Come and find out about some new book releases and inspire your child to read more!</p> <p>Session led by Rosie Thomson</p>	<p>KS2 (Years 3-6)</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th November 9am</p>	<p>How to help your child get the best start</p> <p>How can you support your child at home with number, reading and writing / mark making? How can you make the most of your time together? How can you share with us the great things that your child can do at home? How can you support the school in doing the best for your child?</p> <p>Session led by Sally Hill</p>	<p>Nursery and Reception</p>
<p>Tuesday 21st November 9am</p> <p>or</p>	<p>Maths packs in Reception. The big Launch!</p> <p>We invite all parents from Reception to come and get a maths pack for you to use at home with your child. Come and find out how to use them. How can playing these games make a real difference?</p>	<p>Reception</p>
<p>Tuesday 28th November 9am</p>	<p>Choose to come to one of these sessions to collect a Maths Pack for your child. We will give you more information about this closer to the time. Watch this space!</p> <p>Session led by Sally Hill</p>	

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