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Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 13th- 17th November: **BIG EDITION. PLEASE READ ALL!**

Tonight - The 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. Pizza, hot dogs and popcorn will be on sale along with light up items, the EP photobooth and there will be a paying bar. We'd appreciate some old hands to help the new team with the bar/food - let the PTA chairs or the office know. It's not too late.

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.

Cake Sale hosted by Reception.

Last chance to visit the bookshop at 9am. School gets a cut of sales and this money goes to buying more books for school, so please support!

Monday 13th

8am football for Years 1 and 2

Tuesday 14th

8am football for Years 3-6

8am Running Club. Join Coach Martin for a healthy start to the day

9am Shed Talk lead by Sally Hill on 'How to help your child get the best start'. For Nursery and Reception families, the session will look at how can you support your child at home with number, reading and writing, how can you make the most of your time together and how you can support school in doing the best for your child.

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

3.30 Homework Club

Football Squad have Talacre matches after school. Pick up at 5.30, supporters welcomed!

Wednesday 15th

8am Governors' PPC Committee

9am Parent meeting in the staffroom. Come along to share your views and ideas for an International Evening and feedback on our Shed Talks sessions.

Thursday 16th

8am Governors' Staffing Committee

8am Year 1 and 2 Multisport Club with Coach Martin

9am PTA Christmas Fair planning meeting in the staffroom. All welcome.

The National Primary Maths Challenge: all keen beans from Years 5 and 6 have a chance to enter a challenging national maths competition. A few children, by invitation, can try from Years 3 and 4 too so as to get the feel for it.

Practice papers are available from www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk. Choose **downloads** from the menu bar at the top then choose the **November** past papers (the February ones are the further harder event). Alternatively there is a 'live' on-line practice challenge: choose **on-line paper** from the same menu. Practice really does make a difference.

Friday 17th

8am Girls Sports Club with Coach Martin

Cake Sale hosted by Nursery

Year 3 are visiting Camden Archives to investigate who lived in our streets in Victorian times.

Year 6 are visiting the X Factor studio for a backstage tour into the working of TV and then to watch the rehearsals. This is an annual treat courtesy of executive producer parent Mark Sidaway.

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Thank you

To Maddie Blackman in Year 4 for this week's border design

Down to Earth discount

Christmas is coming and local shop Down to Earth (run by parent Vanda) is kindly offering all EP parents a 20% discount on all our products in the shop bought between 15 Nov-15 Dec (code is EP). They sell lovely products and treats as well as vouchers for series of yoga lessons etc.

Hampers - we need your help!

An amazing feature of our Christmas Fair is the hampers. You will see a wrapping paper box outside each class. Please put lovely donations in there - bottles, products, fancy food. Parents Lily and Emma then turn them into Harrods-esque hampers and we have a silent auction for them live at the Fair. It's an incredibly simple way of raising money. A special shout out to any parents who can access luxury food, drink and beauty products. Tickets or vouchers for theatre and shops most welcome too! Unused items only please.

Big School Meeting

I hope your children reported on our latest initiative, the 'Big School Meeting'. We plan to have these every other Tuesday morning, just for 15 minutes. The children have been mixed up and allocated to new classes. The intention is, instead of a School Council for a few, all children are able to discuss school life, advise on upcoming changes and offer opinions. We hope that through seeing the model of older children, our youngest children will learn how to debate, listen to others and speak up. It also strengthens even more, the sense of our school as a community. We heard some great ideas for the playground on Tuesday!

Christmas Cards

Your child's Christmas card design will be coming home tomorrow. The large artwork they bring home will be reduced and professionally printed (they look amazing) onto a Christmas card, and gift labels. There is a small profit for the school on every pack you purchase. Your child's name is proudly displayed on the back of each card and you can select the seasonal message you want inside, or simply leave blank. The price for a pack of 12 cards is £5.50, then £4.50 for every additional pack. Gift label packs can be ordered for £2.50, but only alongside a card order. Payment can be made through the office or online under the event listed as Christmas Cards 2017; simply calculate the total cost of your order and enter this in the Enter Payment Amount box. The paper order forms with artwork must come back to the school office. **The deadline for returning completed order forms and payment is next Thursday 16th November.** We cannot take any orders later than this as they have a strict timetable in order to return the cards in time.

Annual Parents' Meeting with Governors - Wednesday 22nd November

A reminder that we are holding a meeting for parents with our governors on Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm. This is a chance to meet all our governors, hear more about the school and its strategic direction, vision and values and a chance to ask questions and to clarify how and why certain decisions are made. We will structure the meeting to allow small table discussion. Next week we will have a question box in the office into which parents can post questions in advance if they wish. There are many ways in which, as parents, you can show support and interest in our school so if this feels like your sort of event please join us! Everyone is most welcome.

EP Christmas Tree Scheme

Every year we run a Christmas tree scheme where orders can be placed via the office for a fabulous real Christmas tree from a sustainable source. Orders must be placed by Wednesday 22 November 2017 and you can collect your tree at the School Christmas Fair on 1 December 2017! The school makes money from each tree, and overall they will cost you less than equivalent trees bought elsewhere. Previous years' experience is that the trees are fantastic quality. Order form attached.

I wish I could report that the Lab is nearly done. We now have 'windows lost in Latvia' and face further delays...it WILL be worth it. Thank you all for your patience.

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff

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Order your Eleanor Palmer Christmas Tree Today!



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Raise money for the school by buying a fabulous Christmas tree from a sustainable source at a fraction of the cost!

Order in the school office NOW with completed order form and payment

Last order: Wednesday 22 November – Order today to save disappointment!

Delivery: Friday 1 December – Pick up at the School Christmas Fair (*remember that all Christmas trees are cut early and retain needles when stored outside in a bucket of water. Just keep yours outside in wrapping if the 1st December is too early for you.*)

Tree Sizes and Prices:

- 3-4ft (100/125cm) £25
- 5ft-6ft (150/175cm) £35
- 6ft-6ft6" (175/200cm) £40
- 6ft6"-8ft (200/250cm) £55

As every tree is different, we cannot guarantee the exact size. Experience from previous years is the trees are amazing quality. *Please note that the trees do not come with a stand.*

If required, you can order a stand for trees up to 7ft, to be delivered with your tree (both hold water).

- Cinco 7 tree stand (images on google) £16
- Cast Iron Ornamental stand (pictures in the office) £20

EP CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM

Please bring this order form to the office with your advance payment (Cash, Cheque or Online)

Name/Parent of: _____

Mobile: _____

Tree Size/ stand _____
Payment Method Cash/Cheque/Online

