

Eleanor Palmer

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
AUTUMN TERM 2017 NUMBER 10
www.eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk

Thursday 16th November 2017

Dear Families,

Events in school next week 20 - 24 November:

By the end of today!

The deadline for returning completed Christmas card order forms and payment is today!! We cannot take any orders later than this as they have a strict timetable in order to return the cards in time. There are some fantastic designs! Don't miss out on this special opportunity!

Tomorrow

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

Year 6 are visiting the new 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.

Cake Sale hosted by Nursery.

Monday 20th

8am football for Years 1 and 2.

Year 2 are visiting the British Museum.

Year 1 are going to the CLC.

Tuesday 21st

8am football for Years 3-6.

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

Shed Talk at 9am for Reception families. We have maths packs for all Reception children. Come and find out how to use them and learn some fantastic maths games to play with your child.

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

3.30 Football Squad train in school.

Homework Club after school.

Wednesday 22nd

7pm A meeting for parents with our Governing Body. This is a chance to 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. There is 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; there will be a crèche available.

Thursday 23rd

8am Year 1 and 2 Ball Skills Club with Coach Martin.

Friday 24th

8am Girls Sports Club with Coach Martin.



Year 1

+

Year 2

+

Year 3

+

Year 4

+

Year 5

+

Year 6

+

Nursery

+

Reception

=

EP



Edward Palmer

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.

Thank you!

To those of you already bringing donations in for the hampers. Keep donations coming please!

To Hannah, Lucia, Lucy and all the many helpers at the disco! It was a fantastic evening and such a celebration of our community and so lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves so much. And, along the way, we made £800 for the school! There are some great photos on the school website.

To Alice Rocchetti in Year 6 for this week's border design.

Well done!

Our girls' football team won 2 and lost 1 on Tuesday whilst the boys won 1, drew 1 and lost 1. We are getting in our stride and the girls head the table!

EP Christmas Tree Scheme

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.

Times Tables

We have been randomly selected to trial the new statutory national Year 4 tables test (we have done one for years....) which starts in Summer 2019. During next week I will be doing two on-line versions with every child in Years 3 and 4 trialling a 5 second or 7 second response time.

Look out for an important letter coming home tomorrow from me to parents in Years 3-6, reiterating **JUST HOW VITAL** learning those times tables is. Please read and take note. It is *transformational* for your child's maths. We really do know this to be true!

We are getting ready for Christmas! Please see attached from the PTA detailing the many ways you can get involved.

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff



Year 1

+

Year 2

+

Year 3

+

Year 4

+

Year 5

+

Year 6

+

Nursery

+

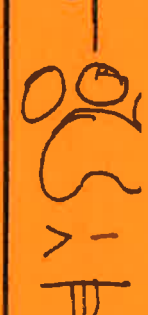
Reception

=

EP



Disco!!! ☺





Countdown to the Christmas Fair - 1 December 2017

The PTA are so excited about this year's Christmas Fair. We really hope we can help ensure this wonderful EP annual event is as fun and festive as ever!

Donations (as new' toys and books, chocolate and new hamper treats)

Thank you so much for your wonderful and generous hamper donations so far. Further items would be gratefully received - please ensure these are left in boxes next week (last day for hamper donation is **Friday 24 November**).

We have also had many parents donating high quality wine and prosecco, craft items for festive stalls and offering design and other services. This 'behind the scenes' support is essential - please email us for any other contributions.

Volunteers on the day

Boards should be up by school entrance today - please sign up for a 30 mins selling or craft stall if you can, or help with set up or clear up.

Alternatively, perhaps you can make some food for the Festive Café? (there will be takeaway options so that's dinner sorted!) We will try not to sell out in 30 minutes as per "hot-dog gate" at the school disco! If you cannot access the sign-up board - please contact your class reps and they can "rota" you on for a suitable job/slot.

Raffle

Look out for advance tickets on sale next week. Prizes include £50 cash and £50 Sainsburys vouchers, as well as Down to Earth Yoga Studio class pass (worth £65), £25 Franco Manca and £20 MEAT voucher (plus more!). We are so lucky to have this support from our local businesses.

(Real) Christmas Trees

Please support our wonderful tree scheme by ordering via the school office (and collect at the fair!). Last orders **Wednesday 22 November 2017**.

Wreath-making

This slightly advanced (but simple!) craft activity will use real wreaths which can be decorated (aimed at older kids or with adult support). To ensure we have enough wreaths for those that want to participate, please email Hannah or contact the office by **Wednesday 22 November** and we will 'reserve' a wreath for you (subject to availability). It's £10 per wreath including decorating materials. Hannah.ogilve@gmail.com

This is our premium activity - but don't worry there will be other crafts available from 50p, as well as toys, books and handmade Christmas items available at bargain prices!

Sustainability

The PTA is looking at ways to reduce unnecessary waste. We will no longer sell bottled water at events - tap water will be available and there are drinking fountains in the playground. If you have been meaning to get a reusable coffee cup (stops disposable cups going to landfill and saves money on each drink you buy in almost all places!) - you can purchase a 'Keepcup' at the Fair (with the school keeping half the money). This is also a fantastic gift for the eco-conscious person in your life.

We have a few different size/colour options available in the Keepcup Tasting Notes Original series (Ash, Blossom, Blueberry, Rose, Watermelon and Nitro - details on Keepcup website). £10 for a 12oz (medium) cup or £12 for a 16oz (large). Again, these are subject to availability, so please email Hannah by 19 November if you want to reserve one and guarantee your preferred colour/size option. Hannah.ogilve@gmail.com

Finally...

A reminder the Christmas Fair is 3.30 to 5pm on Friday 1 December 2017 (child-free browsing from 3pm!). Free entry, everyone welcome, be ready for crowds and festive noise and best to avoid buggies after 3.30pm, if possible.

Please look out for our professional posters and banners up next week - prepared by EP parents with student input, kindly printed by our sponsors Marsh & Parsons. If you can take an advertising board, please get in touch with the office by midday tomorrow (**Friday 17 November**) - the easiest way to earn money for the school and encourage friends and neighbours to visit the fair.

Hannah and Lucia

Hannah.ogilve@gmail.com Lucia.yandoli@gmail.com