

Thursday 30th

8am Year 1 and 2 Ball Skills Club with Coach Martin.
We have been short-listed for a Camden Business Award for our solar panel project!

Friday 1st

8am Girls Sports Club with Coach Martin.

It's our Christmas Fair from 3pm. Open for child-free browsing from 3pm. If you haven't already donated, offered to help or bought a raffle ticket, please do. The success of these events is entirely down to you!

























Raise money for EP shopping online!

Many online companies make donations to charities, so when you shop online you can help them donate to our very own PTA if you shop through <code>easyfundraising.org.uk</code> 3,000 shops and sites are registered with easy-fundraising including Amazon, John Lewis, Boots, eBay, Argos, Sainsbury's, Not on the High St, Only M&S and Nike. In order for these shops to make the donation-

- 1. Head to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eleanorpalmerschool/ and join for free.
- 2. Every time you shop online, go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk site first and at the top enter the shop or site name into the 'Search for a retailer 'search box. Click directly from here into the retailer's site and start shopping.
- 3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to school for no extra cost to you.

It is very simple, there are no catches or hidden charges and it's an easy way to raise money for school! It is just a case of remembering to do it!

Thank you!

To the parents who attended last night's meeting with governors. It was a really good meeting and we are grateful for your support and interest. Governors meet next week and will draw together and discuss outcomes. I hope it clarified for you how the school is run, challenged and supported and how parents can help.

To Elizabeth Jones in Year 4 for this week's border design.

Feedback on the times table trial

I hope all junior parents have now had my letter about times tables -I know it was a little late to Year 3. Having put 60 of our children through the national trial of the online test this week (due to be in place 2019 for Year 4) I have an even greater sense of the need for that secure fast recall. Not only did the children have to recall the fact fast, they had to work the keyboard - in 5 seconds per question and then it timed out. The children and I drew up feedback listing what they felt was unfair and we have sent it off. Let's hope they listen!

Advance notice

In our annual Christmas Concert (Tuesday 19th December at 2pm) we will sing a selection of carols and this year, will re-tell the Christmas story and so all of Nursery and Reception will, please, be dressed as angels. No trees, no lobsters – just angels! We will investigate our school stock of costumes but giving advance notice of the need for white attire and tinsel crowns! Thank you.

Update on our partner school in Sierra Leone

Planting Promise charity has run for 8 years and has been the brainchild of Rocco Falconer. Several staff have visited their schools and our parents over the years have generously donated through events. It has been a real partnership. In recent years however, particularly post Ebola, the charity has struggled as it is so small. Rocco and the trustees (I am one) have now decided that the right move for the schools and their communities is now to merge with the larger and more well-established Street Child charity. This will secure the schools future and allow Rocco to settle back in the UK after his imminent wedding. It is a watershed for us as a school and, together with the children, we will decide what we do next ~ continue links, explore new links with Street Child or look somewhere totally different for a partner school. Thank you for your enduring support and interest over the years.

With best wishes, Kate Frood and staff

























CHRISTMAS FAIR FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 3-5.50PM

- Christmas Raffle Raffle tickets on sale by school gates Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week, as well as on the day of the fair. Amazing prizes up for grabs including £50 CASH, £50 Sainsburys voucher. Down to Earth Yoga 5 class pass (worth £65), £25 Franco Manca, £20 MEAT voucher plus NEW prizes of family ticket (admits 4) to see Tall Stories' The Gruffalo's Child Live at the Lyric Theatre in the West End (worth over £70) and an Elemental Studio Interior design room consultation (with the lucky winner receiving a free room design in the new year). Thank you to our local businesses for donating these (and parent volunteers who sourced these great prizes).
- Hampers and Tombola
 Please contribute to the hampers by tomorrow- they're building up nicely.
 We need your chocolate! Our chocolate tombola is legend, but it is only as good as its donations.
 It is so fun to have a mix so anything from large tubs of Roses to smaller bars most welcome!
- Keepcups sustainable/reusable coffee cups on sale with half the money going to the school. We have new clear cup options available (these are plastic but have the appearance of glass). Only just released in the UK, EP is one of the first sellers of these! Sizes/options can still be reserved by PTA volunteers at school gates, alongside raffle ticket sales (subject to availability). Collect at the fair.
- Volunteers we cannot run the fair without parent participation. Sign up boards with 30 minute slots
 by school gates for craft and selling stalls, manning the bar/café and set up/close down. Making food
 in advance is also essential to the success of this event, and is a highlight of the fair. Please review
 the board and sign up asap (you can do one or multiple options depending on time/interests!) If you
 can't get to the gates, please contact class reps who can sign you up. Please ensure you sign up by
 Monday 27 November 2017.
- Estate Agent Boards thank you to those that volunteered/ were able to have a board. We raised £1,060 for the school, in addition to Marsh & Parsons covering all our printing costs for event posters. Marsh & Parsons will be at the Christmas Fair with some goody bags to entertain kids, if you want to drop by and have an informal chat with them.

Most importantly, please make sure you can attend the fair - and bring friends and family (as well as cash - currently no card payment options, although this is being looked into for future events). We look forward to seeing you there.

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