

# New Year!

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Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school year. We have been blown into the New Year with the aptly named Storm Eleanor! I hope you all had a restful family time over the break.

## TOMORROW

Stay and Play at 9am! Start the term full of resolve to play more fab EP maths games at home. Year 5 won't be taking part as they have their DRM workshop - see below.

We welcome the charity Diversity Role Models into school. They will be doing separate workshops about homophobia and transphobia with each of our Junior classes. Diversity Role Models works to educate young people about difference, challenging stereotypes and addressing the misuse of language.

Events in school next week 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> January:

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

8am Early morning football resumes for Years 1 and 2.

A quiet week as term gets going! All other clubs will start in the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

8am Early morning football resumes for Years 3-6. A start of year thank you to the loyal and hardy group of parents who make this possible on Mondays and Tuesdays!

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Swimming starts for Years 3 and 5.

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Cake Sale hosted by Year 3. See all other dates overleaf.

### Thank you!

To Elsie Woodhouse in Year 3 for this week's border design.

Key term dates for the rest of this year - so there are no excuses for mistakes with holiday bookings!

- Half term this term is 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February.
- The last day of term is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March (an early Easter).
- The Summer term starts for children on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. No INSET day.
- There is a Bank Holiday closure on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May and then our two remaining INSET days are on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June.
- Half term is the week of 28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June
- The school year ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm.

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## Other dates for this term

15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> January. Earlier than usual we have our annual 'health check' in the form of a review by national organisation, Challenge Partners.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January - mid-term Parents' Evening. Appointments on this evening and alternative daytime slots during this week.

Annual Family BINGO - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. A great family night out with big cash prizes!

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - a team from Year 6 will represent us in the inter-school Camden Primary Maths Challenge

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm - Years 3 and 5 Strings Concert.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March - an International Evening with the chance to learn some afro-beat and bangra dance led by Damian of Be-Better Camden, a fantastic street dance company.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Show

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March - the 16<sup>th</sup> Great EP Egg Race (and the last day of this term)

## PE for Juniors

Junior children need their kit in school for Coach Martin PE on the following days this term:

Mondays - Year 2

Tuesdays - Year 4 (wear kit to school as they head straight to Talacre) and Year 5

Thursdays - Year 3

Fridays - Year 6

## Cake Sales this term

Here are the dates; please make a note of your class dates:

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 3	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 2	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Year 6
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 1	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Reception
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Year 5	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery

## Spring Slam

This term sees the repeat of last year's Spring Slam, a borough wide challenge to support and encourage children to learn their times tables, invented by us! This means that Years 3 -6 will have 4 extra quizzes this term, covering all tables 2-12. The focus is on improvement over the 4 rounds. We know know know that regular practice is the key and that the sooner they're committed to memory the better, so PLEASE support at home. There are lots of chances to learn and play great times table games that help at our Homework Club, every Tuesday after school.

## Well done!

To everyone. We raised £966 at our Carol Concert and first ever Eleanor Palmer's Got Talent. This has been split between SLOW and Age UK Camden. Congratulations to our winner Max Drayton aka Pesky Fly, who had the whole audience in stitches with his physical comedy routine.

We heard that top scorers Beth, Abigail and Lily-Grace have made it to the national final of the Primary Maths Challenge. Papers will be taken here in February.

Here's to a great term and a finished science lab!

With best wishes,  
Kate Frood and staff

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