

NEW YEAR!

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 11th January 2018

Dear Families,

TOMORROW

Our first Cake Sale of the term hosted by Year 3

Events in school next week 15th - 19th January:

Monday 15th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.

We welcome a team from Challenge Partners who will be undertaking our annual school review. They will be in school for 3 days.

Tuesday 16th

8am Early morning football for Years 3-6.

8am Running Club for Juniors.

3.30pm Homework Club.

Wednesday 17th

8am Governors PPC Committee

6.30-8.30pm Start a new hobby for 2018! Camden Harmony Singers, who meet here at EP, resume on 17th. New members welcome. No need to read music or prior experience necessary! ALL welcome. More detail at www.singingourselveshome.com

Thursday 18th

8am Governors Staffing Committee.

8am Year 3 and 4 have Coach Martin multisports this term.

3.45 Chess Club starts for Years 3 and 4.

Swimming for Years 3 and 5.

Friday 19th

8am Junior girls' multi-sports club with Coach Martin.

Cake Sale hosted by Year 2.

Thank you!

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

Parents' Evening sign up!

Teachers have now put sign up sheets outside classrooms up for our mid-year Parents' Evening. Appointments are available during the week of 22nd January with the evening appointments on 24th. Please sign up!

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Date change - Strings Concert

This is a busy and relatively short term! Due to various clashes, we are moving the Year 3 and 5 Strings Concert to from Wednesday 7th March to Wednesday 14th March.

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

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

Cake Sales this term

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

Friday 19 th Jan	Year 2	Friday 9 th Feb	Year 4
Friday 26 th Jan	Year 1	Friday 23 rd Feb	Year 6
Friday 2 nd Feb	Year 5	Friday 2 nd March	Reception
		Friday 9 th March	Nursery

Lab update

Just when it was coming together - the windows are arriving - the Highways Agency have blocked our gas installation, coming in from Fortress Rd, insisting that they can only disrupt highways in school holidays. Therefore we have to wait for February half term. This delay then has a knock on effect on the playground re-build.

Shed Talks

We have a great term of Shed Talks planned- see attached flier. We are pleased that we have secured advice for both parents and our oldest pupils on social media and its impact on self-image: see our speaker coming on 6th March. There's the chance too, to hear more about teaching for mastery in maths, grammar, our oracy work, how to help with times tables and one on dyslexia from an Educational Psychologist who we work with. All very worthwhile!

With best wishes,
Kate Froid and staff

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SHED TALKS

Ideas worth spreading

Eleanor Palmer Shed Talks Spring Term 2017

We have another great series of talks and sessions for parents in the Shed this term.

All sessions begin at 9am on Tuesday mornings and finish at 10am.

Spring Term 2017		Focus year group
<p>Tuesday 23rd January 2018</p> <p>9am - 10am</p>	<p>Reception Maths Pack Games Come and play some maths games with your child in the Shed. We will play games that you know as well as new ones using the resources from your pack. <i>Don't forget to bring your child's maths pack along to the session!</i></p> <p>Session led by Sally Hill</p>	<p>Reception</p>
<p>Tuesday 30th January 2018</p> <p>9am - 10am</p>	<p>De-mystifying Grammar Grammar forms a large part of the KS2 literacy curriculum - but can seem unfamiliar and daunting. Do you want to find out why and how we teach grammar? Would you like some easy suggestions for ways to support your child's learning at home? Come to this session to better your understanding of what your children are learning and expected to do in grammar.</p> <p>Session led by Rosie Thomson</p>	<p>KS1 and KS2</p>
<p>Tuesday 6th February 2018</p> <p>9am - 10am</p>	<p>Learn those times tables! Make it fun! We have always promoted learning times tables and now it is the national expectation that all children know them all by the end of Year 4! To have those facts at your fingertips is the greatest gift for future mathematical success. We know that practice makes permanent and we really value and encourage parental help at home. This session will give you ideas to make that practice fun as well as giving you insights into the patterns and rules of times tables.</p> <p>Session led by Kate Frood</p>	<p>Aimed at Years 2- 5.</p>

<p>Tuesday 20th February 2018</p> <p>9am-10am</p>	<p>Dyslexia and your child Do you want to learn more about specific literacy difficulties /dyslexia?</p> <p>Come and find out about the skill children need to become literate and why literacy acquisition can be a challenge for some children.</p> <p>We will look at ways in which home and school can work together to minimise the impact of such difficulties. Learn about the evidenced based interventions on offer at Eleanor Palmer School which support children to improve upon their literacy proficiency so that they can achieve and enjoy success.</p> <p>We've invited <i>Claire Collins</i>, Child and Educational Psychologist, to share her experience with us on this subject.</p> <p>Session led by Claire Collins</p>	<p>All ages</p>
<p>Tuesday 27th February 2018</p> <p>9am-10am</p>	<p>Teaching and Learning Maths at Eleanor Palmer What does maths at Eleanor Palmer look like? How are we developing our approach to teaching maths based on educational research and policy, which looks to the Far East and 'teaching for mastery' as an example of best practice? Come and find out about the 5 big ideas within the teaching for mastery approach to learning maths.</p> <p>Session led by Natalie Stevenson</p>	<p>KS1 and KS2</p>
<p>Tuesday 6th March 2018</p> <p>9am-10am</p>	<p>Body image and positive mental health A positive body image is an important part of healthy self-esteem. There is currently so much in the press about these issues and yet navigating our way through this can often feel like a minefield! We've invited an outside speaker to talk about how we can support our children to have a positive body image especially within a world where social media can impact so negatively on body image and our children's mental health. Come and learn tips from an experienced practitioner about how best to support your child's positive self-image as they navigate their way into adolescence.</p> <p>Session led by Johnathan Creedy, CAMHS Community Nurse, Camden Adolescent Intensive Support Service (CAISS)</p>	<p>KS2</p>
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