

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 3rd May 2018

Dear Families,

TOMORROW

Cake Sale, hosted by Year 4

It's that time again! Stay and Play a favourite EP game in class, from 9-9.30.

Events in school next week 7th - 11th May:

Monday 7th

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY BANK HOLIDAY.

Tuesday 8th

8am Early morning football for Years 3 to 6. Please arrive on time!

8am Running Club with Coach Martin.

3.30pm Homework Club- Miss Mac joins Angela this week to look at addition strategies.

3.45pm Years 3 and 4 Football Tournament! It's after school behind the Lido on the Heath. Supporters welcome.

Wednesday 9th

8am Governors PPC Committee.

Year 1 are visiting the amazing Eagle Heights in Kent!

Year 3 are visiting the Skip Garden in Kings Cross.

Thursday 10th

8am Governors Staffing Committee.

8am Year 5 and 6 Athletics Club.

Nursery are going to the Heath pergola.

Fire Brigade in to visit Years 2 and 5.

Years 1 and 2 swim again.

Friday 11th

8am Girls only Multi-sports Club.

Cake Sale hosted by Year 5.

Thank you!

To Mateen McDonald in Year 3 for this week's border design.

The playground

Thanks to you all for the generous PTA donation of £30,000 last October towards improving the playground once the Lab had been built. As you can see, it has helped us create our unique science playground. It is also funding our hand-woven wire dinosaur fence (due to arrive in June from India) - which will protect the Lab from balls, but also create a walkway to join the playgrounds - and next week, Coach Martin and I are meeting with a company who do amazing playground landscapes and re-surfacing.

Summer Concert Auditions - 23rd May

Laura and I will be auditioning items for the 2018 Summer Concert on 23rd May working around the exciting events planned for our Science Week. We do not expect a perfect performance on that day - the concert itself is on Wednesday 20th June - but we would expect to see something planned and prepared. Anything goes - all styles of music, instrumental solos, singing, family pieces etc. - and children from all year groups are encouraged to audition.

It is always a lovely event in the EP calendar. The PTA always run a bar and there is a long interval and a chance to meet other parents.

SAT tests at Eleanor Palmer

Given that these end of primary tests are imminent and press interest grows as it does annually, I thought it useful to summarise our approach at Eleanor Palmer for parents not yet in Year 6.

I think we get it right! Year 6 is like any other year at this school with a full topic-led curriculum, trips, PE, art, music etc. The children are not limited to just maths and English and are not doing practice papers from September as reported by many schools. We have never had tears during a test.

After the Easter break there is a 3 week block of revision and test preparation which is a useful experience. We look at past questions and papers. We share helpful revision resources with parents. Any practice papers are shared with the children to focus on errors and misconceptions. The emphasis is on effort and improvement. We do not run extended days for revision or exclude those who need extra practice from the rest of the curriculum. We think the children feel confident that we know them well and know what they need to work on. We also think they quite enjoy it!

Enjoy what promises to be a warm and sunny Bank Holiday weekend!

With best wishes
Kate Frood and staff