

Dear Parents,

September 2018

Class trips

A rich programme of educational visits and visitors is central to the curriculum at Eleanor Palmer. We believe that children learn by doing and experiencing and by learning being brought to life. As you know, we ask for a voluntary contribution from parents for each outing. The school also supports this commitment by putting over ten thousand pounds in a 'trips and artists' budget thus reducing the cost for every child for every trip.

With the intention of making life easier for both you (I know as a parent the frustration of the request for £2 at 8.55am and/or the lost permission slip letter!) and for school support staff (there is endless banking, list making, phone reminders etc before each trip taking time away from classroom support) we are repeating our very popular system once again. **We are asking for a one off payment - and permission slip - now, in September, towards the cost of ALL trips and visitors for the year.**

The system: We are asking for **£30 per Key Stage 2 child (Years 3, 4 and 6), £25 per Reception and Key Stage 1 child (Reception, Years 1 and 2) and £10 for Nursery children** (with the exception of children who under the new Government scheme are paying for Nursery; this cost is included in your fee). This payment will cover your contributions to all travel, workshops, museum entries, speakers, artists etc. that enrich our curriculum. It will not cover parental contributions to any of our usual residential trips (The Mill in Year 2, Epping Forest in Y4, Sayers Croft in Year 5, Wick Court in Year 6). **As always, donating 'more than' is most welcome!**

In addition, when you return the donation, please sign the attached permission slip giving your permission for **all class trips this year**. For each trip there will be several reminders and requests for parental support (as part of our bright yellow weekly class newsletter/homework on a Friday) and, on a trip by trip basis, parents will still be able to refuse to give permission simply by letting us know (this has never happened!).

The school's subsidy will remain: this one off parental contribution simply matches what we used to gather from the sum of all the parental contributions to trips over a year.

You can pay on-line in the same way you pay for dinner money - simply log in to www.eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk and follow the link (contact Tania in the office if you are a first time user and need a pupil link code). For those of you with 2 or more children we're happy to spread the donation and, in cases of hardship, to discuss a reduced contribution. We **MUST** have slips/contributions back before your child's first trip.

With best wishes

Kate Froud

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PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON. CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO 'ELEANOR PALMER SCHOOL'. PLEASE RETURN BY YOUR CHILD'S FIRST TRIP OR FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER, WHICHEVER IS SOONER. THANK YOU

Child's name Class

I give permission for my child to take part in all class trips during this academic year 2018-19

I enclose a contribution of £30 per child (Years 3-6), £50 per child (Year 5) £25 per child (Reception - Year 2), £10 per child in Nursery (excepting fee paying families - please however still complete this slip as trip consent).

I have paid online

Signed