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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Families,

It was great to see so many of you last night! Teachers cannot repeat their talk on a 1:1 basis for all those who couldn't make it, but do ask if they have arranged a 3.30 repeat. Please keep those trip slips and donations coming in, especially Year 3 who launch our trips programme on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. TRIP SLIPS MUST BE BACK BEFORE YOUR CHILD CAN GO!

Events in school next week, 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September

Tomorrow

9am Camden School for Girls Open Morning. Please let the office know if you're going.  
Year 3 Cake Sale.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

8am Football for Years 1-2. With thanks to our parent volunteers.  
6pm Camden School for Girls Open Evening.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

8am Football for Years 3-6. With thanks to our parent volunteers.  
8am Cross Country training! Join Coach Martin (and parent volunteers please!) on an early morning jog to the Heath; training for the Camden Cross Country on the 28<sup>th</sup>.  
9am Nicholas John, the Headteacher of Acland Burghley, will be giving a Shed Talk.

3.30-4.30 Second team football team trials for all children in Years 4, 5 and 6. From this, Coach Martin will pick the girls' and boys' teams for the Camden League which starts on October 31<sup>st</sup>. However, all keen children will get a chance to represent EP in friendlies against other schools. We are lucky that Coach Martin is now so well networked with other schools and with Talacre.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

8am Governors PPC Committee.  
Open Evening at UCL Academy 4.30-7.30pm.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

8am Multisport Club for Years 1 and 2 with Coach Martin.  
8am Governors Staffing Committee.  
The Camden event at Haverstock School from 4 to 6.30pm where all our secondary schools will be present to talk in detail about what they offer. This is open to all interested parents. Register at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) (search Camden Moving On 2018).

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

8am Junior Girls Sports Club with Coach Martin.  
Year 3 are off to the Ragged School!  
Cake Sale Y2.

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### The curriculum at Eleanor Palmer

OfSTED have recently announced that they are going to look at the broad curriculum during inspections (rather than just maths and English) and primary schools across the country are panicking because they have narrowed the curriculum to just maths and English. However we are confident and proud that our children have always experienced and enjoyed a rich knowledge-based curriculum here at EP.

Each term, our teachers craft a 'topic' that connects different subjects and they arrange visits and visitors to maximise first hand experiences. Year 3 for example, are deep into the Victorians and Year 5 studying the Tudors. Each term, the core subject area shifts so that over the full year, one term the main theme is historical, the next scientific and the third term geographical. To capture the main knowledge, concepts and vocabulary we are studying each term, look out for the 'EP Collectable' sheets coming home soon. If children move into secondary with a clear grasp of key concepts, for example, 'empire', 'invasion', 'climate' and 'reaction' it will give a firm foundation for secondary school. We love to meet experts, so if any parents have a particular expertise - especially in STEM - we'd love to have you in!

### Our amazing allotment!

Bernadette, our wonderful gardener, has been working away with children behind Year 3. This season's harvest is, to date, as follows:

- Our target was 125 meals; we have grown the equivalent of 131 meals so far!
- We have produced 10.45 kg of vegetables, fruit and herbs. Thus we have saved £119.89.
- There is plenty more still to come - raspberries, alpine strawberries, garlic, pumpkins and Jerusalem artichokes!

### Thank you

To Rafi Quayeem in Year 2 for this week's border design. More designs please!

### School Journey payments - Years 5 and 6 only

Final instalments are due before the residential trip departs. Not long now! Year 6 leave on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September for Wick Court Farm in Gloucestershire and Year 5 to Sayers Croft in Surrey on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Please see Tania in the office if you'd like to make more payments or find out what you still owe.

### Our PTA (Parent, Teacher Association)

We have our AGM on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. This is both a formal occasion - summary of the year, financial summary, election of new officers - and a chance to meet with other parents and find out how you get involved. A particular invitation to our many new parents in Nursery and Reception. Whilst having a lovely time getting us together for many occasions (fairs, the disco, BINGO...) our PTA raises over £14,000 along the way! This money always goes to 'extras' that help to make our school special.

With best wishes,

Kate Frood and staff.

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