

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018

Dear Families,

**Tomorrow is one busy EP morning!!**

Harvest Collection day! Please see below for full details of what we would like donated.

9am Stay and Play! Please join us in class for an EP game.

9:30am (note later time to allow for both the above) Shed Talk led by Gill Morris on resilience and helping children to build resilience and positive mental health

Nasal flu vaccine day -for those who returned the form.

Cake Sale hosted by Year 6.

Events in school next week 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> November:

All next week is our annual Book Fair! It is set up in the Juniors after school and you can browse and buy books on the spot. The benefit for us is that we keep a share of the proceeds so please support us!

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

8am Football for Years 1-2. With thanks to our parent volunteers.

The fantastic Charlie Lupton is back! He's actually now retired but coming to us as a special visit. Today he will be making a Roman siege weapon with Year 4!!

Year 6 are visiting the CLC.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

8am Football for Years 3-6. With thanks to our parent volunteers.

**NOTE - in the rare event we have to cancel one of these early morning parent sessions you will get a text. Please always check before leaving the house/allowing your older child to leave.**

Charlie Lupton is here again...making a Tudor wooden framed house with Year 5.

3:45pm Science Club for Year 3 in the Lab.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

8am Governors' Curriculum Committee.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

8am Ball Skills Club for Years 1 and 2 with Coach Martin.

8am Governors' Resources Committee.

6.30pm The amazing EP Disco! See over for important details about who can attend.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

8am Girls Sports Club with Coach Martin

Year 3 are visiting Camden Archives.

9am The PTA are meeting in the Shed to discuss the Christmas Fair. Please join them!

Cake Sale hosted by Reception.

**Harvest Collection - donate tomorrow!**

Please take a moment to consider those less fortunate and make a donation to our Harvest charity, the New Horizons Youth Centre in Somers Town, which supports young homeless people. They would like donations both for their food cupboards, but also to support the young people in facing winter and in getting back on track. The list is as follows (and up on posters around school):

- Tinned vegetables - tomatoes, chick peas, pulses, beans. Tinned fruit.
- Jam, honey, nutella, breakfast cereals, dried fruits and nuts.
- Squash, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, biscuits (used in drop-ins).
- Salad cream, mayo, ketchup and sauces.
- Face wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, shower gel, combs and brushes.
- Men and women's underwear, socks, thermals (new).
- Kitchen equipment starter packs (pans, utensils, cups, plates, bowls, tea towels etc.).
- Sleeping bags, rucksacks, warm fleeces, scarves, gloves, hats.
- Men and women's suits and shirts (for interviews).

### Selling poppies

Thanks to our own Jackie who is selling poppies at the school entrance in advance of Remembrance Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. Look out next week for Mr G selling white poppies too - to show support but also in favour of pacifism - and for a limited edition of black poppy enamel badges, commemorating the oft-forgotten 15,000 black soldiers who fought in the British Army in World War 1.

### Primary Maths Challenge 2018

On 12<sup>th</sup> November, all keen beans from Years 5 and 6 have a chance to enter a challenging national maths competition. A few children, by invitation, can try from Years 3 and 4 too so as to get the feel for it.

Practice papers are available from [www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk](http://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk) Choose **downloads** from the menu bar at the top then choose the November past papers (the February ones are the further harder event).

Alternatively there is a 'live' on-line practice challenge: choose **on-line paper** from the same menu. Practice really does make a HUGE difference. I will run some lunchtime drop in practice sessions next week. Good luck!

### The DISCO!

It's next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November! This is a highlight of the year and a great occasion for parents to socialise as well as children. It all starts at 6.30pm (and ends at 8.30pm) with our own DJ and laser lights. Entrance will be £1 for everyone.

Hot dogs (inc veggie), waffles and treats on sale, plus adult bar. We are asking volunteers -please sign up in advance-to bring a pre-cooked pizza (simple margarita most popular) to be delivered to school by 6.15pm before the doors open at 6.30pm. Glow items on sale; small selection intended to last longer than one night, to move away from single-use plastic. Please support green efforts by using the correct recycling bin at the disco. Watch this space for more efforts to reduce EP plastic use...

*Please remember: children will **not be allowed** into the disco without a responsible adult, nor will large groups of children with one adult be allowed. School staff will be on the door to ensure that these important rules are adhered to for everyone's safety and enjoyment. Ex-pupils are more than welcome but again, must be linked to a responsible adult. Eleanor Palmer pupils and ex-pupils only please. We love that ex-pupils want to show off their primary school but we have to have some limits!!*

If you can help with 30 mins of food service, clean up, face paint or pizza donation (we are asking for ready cooked simple pizzas to be brought along), please sign up at school gates or email [hannahkogilvie@gmail.com](mailto:hannahkogilvie@gmail.com) by 4 November). Thanks very much for supporting this event - it's a great fundraiser and everyone loves it!

Then it's the Christmas Fair (Friday 7 December): All are very welcome to a PTA planning meeting on Friday 9 November at 9am in teaching shed, even if you haven't previously been involved.

Please also contact Tania in the office ASAP if you can have an estate agent board advertising the fair; this is such a simple (£40 a board) way of earning well over £1000 for the school. We need new families to come forward PLEASE.

### EP Collectables

OfSTED is now (rightly) concerned that too many primary schools have narrowed the curriculum focusing only on English and maths skills. That has of course been driven by the government's test agenda. We are feeling proud as we have always offered a broad, rich curriculum and been clear that 'knowing things' in depth matters. We want to create children who are interesting and interested! To summarise the knowledge and key vocabulary that underpins our topic work and trips, our teachers will create termly 'EP Collectables' which will come home after a few weeks into the topic. Look out for the first ones coming home tomorrow to Years 1-6!! Over the course of a year, our termly topic's core subject area shifts between history, geography and science. We will use them in class as a reference and will have fun quizzes as the term progresses. We know that retrieval practice really improves learning - the more you know the more you are able to make links with new learning.

### Big ideas in assembly

This week we talked about MONARCHY AND REPUBLICS. Ask your child about Oliver Cromwell, the French Revolution and how monarchs are chosen and named.

### Thank you and well done!

- To Lila Sibert in Year 2 for this week's newsletter design.
- The football season is underway! The boys won 2 and drew 1. The girls had a trickier start losing all 3 but showed great resilience. Plenty of matches still to go! Well done on representing the school - and on a new unknown pitch at Castlehaven.

With best wishes,  
Kate Frood and staff