



ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 15th November 2018

Dear Families,

Tomorrow

Cake Sale hosted by Nursery.

9am Shed Talk on IT Safety with Mary Rebello from Camden's CLC.

EP Water bottles will be named and sent home!

Events in school next week 19th - 23rd November:

Monday 19th

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

Year 5 are visiting the Globe Theatre.

Year 6 have a workshop on War Horse in the hall.

We welcome a speaker from UNICEF for assembly on World Children's Day.

Tuesday 20th

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

We take our first ever basketball team to a Y5 and Y6 tournament!

Year 2 are going to the British Museum.

At 3.30pm Colin Hegarty is visiting Year 6 to see how work is going on his maths website!

Parents welcome too!

3.45 Science Club for Year 3 in the Lab.

Wednesday 21st

Year 6 are going to a special performance of War Horse, back on stage as part of the centenary celebrations of the end of World War 1. We managed to get tickets because of our links with Michael Morpurgo, who set up Wick Court.

Thursday 22nd

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

Year 4 have a Strings Concert on Thursday 28th at 11.15. Today is a whole class practice.

Please remember instruments!

Friday 23rd

8am Girls Sports Club with Coach Martin.

Thank you and well done!

- To the unknown artist for this week's newsletter design. More border designs please!
- To all the helpers at the disco. Not only was it a great night but we made another £1000!
- Well done to the brave 50 children who tried the Primary Maths Challenge. Results are back!





EP Christmas tree scheme

Every year the PTA runs a Christmas tree scheme where orders can be placed via the office for a fabulous real Christmas Tree from a sustainable source. Orders must be placed by 28 November 2018 with advance payment and you can collect your tree at the School Christmas Fair on 7 December 2018! All profit from every tree goes to the school. Previous years' experience is that the trees are fantastic quality. Order early to avoid disappointment! Spare order forms in office.

Starting school (Reception) in Camden 2019

The deadline to apply for a Reception class places is **Tuesday 15 January**. Even if you are in our Nursery - or a sibling - you **MUST** apply. Read the new guide to 'Starting school in Camden 2019' now available on the Camden website. Printed copies of the guide will be available, and are to be sent to primary schools for distribution to parents in our Nursery, from next Monday 19 November.

We strongly recommend that parents apply online. If you are unable to do so, or you have particular questions, talk to Tania, email admissions@camden.gov.uk or phone 020 7974 1625. For more details and how to apply, visit www.camden.gov.uk/admissions

Hampers - we need your help!

An amazing feature of our Christmas Fair (Friday 7 December) is the hampers. You will see a wrapping paper box outside each class. Please put lovely donations in there - bottles, products, fancy food. Parent volunteers then turn them into Harrods-esque hampers and we have a silent auction for them live at the Fair. It's an incredibly simple way of raising money. A special shout out to any parents who can access luxury food, drink and beauty products. Tickets or vouchers for theatre and shops most welcome too! Unused items only please.

It's official - times tables matter!

There was news on Tuesday that an online 'MTC' (Multiplication Tables Check) will become statutory for Year 4 in the Summer of 2020 (our current Year 3). Bring it on!! We intend to take the optional test in Summer 2019 for the current Year 4. Knowing your tables securely means so much maths comes easier; for example fractions, long multiplication and division, ratio, area. It's never too soon to learn them all, so if your child shows an interest, get going! In our youngest classes it's learning all those core number facts too - addition and subtraction facts within and up to 10 e.g. $6+2 = 8$, $7-3 = 4$ etc. that build firm foundations in maths.

Term dates

Attached are term dates for 2019-20. We must be the first school to issue these, so please note them carefully so all holidays are planned for within the 14 weeks holiday.

Sleep!

As a Leadership team we have spent lots of time in classrooms this week watching some fantastic teaching and learning. But we have also observed very many children who are too tired to learn and therefore miss out on the great teaching!

Children who are too tired in school are missing out. They can't listen and they certainly can't remember. They're on a short fuse in the playground too. There is a growing body of evidence that screens in bedrooms and access to mobile devices is one of the issues (from literally not going to sleep to the effect of the blue light emitted) so please help by making sure bedtime is early enough and is a calm and screen free time. As a school we have opted into a Camden Hub researching sleep/lack of sleep and its impact so will share our findings.

