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ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Families,

Tomorrow
Please donate for the hamper!

Events in school next week 3rd-7th December.

THE MAIN FOCUS IS SUPPORTING THE PTA IN PREPARATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR ON FRIDAY! PLEASE DONATE CHOCOLATE FOR THE POPULAR CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO OFFER TO HELP AT THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE.

PLEASE - BY TOMORROW - BRING IN DONATIONS FOR THE HAMPERS.

Monday 3rd

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

Tuesday 4th

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

3.45 Science Club for Year 3 in the Lab.

Wednesday 5th

Thursday 6th

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

We are hosting a big event for teachers all over London. Playcentre is ON but in the Juniors.

Friday 7th

8am Girls Sports Club with Coach Martin

From 3pm - child free browsing for 30 minutes! - our Christmas Fair

NO playcentre Friday due to the whole school being used for the Fair.

Thank you and well done!

- To Skye Parkhurst in Year 2 for this week's newsletter design.
- To our football teams. The girls rallied and won a match 5-1!! What resilience, what tenacity! The boys won both their matches. All played in cold torrential rain.

School Carol Concert Wednesday 19th December at 2pm

This is such a highlight of the year but always a real squeeze! Going forward we will look to have it over two afternoons, but we cannot timetable it this year. We are however going to say **NO BUGGIES** which means essentially, no under twos. If babies do come, they must be taken out immediately if there is any noise and thus parents must sit close to an exit. Thank you.



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Eleanor Palmer's Got Talent - Friday 21st December

This will be discussed in our last Big School Meeting on Tuesday. We will also talk about our chosen charity, War Child, based in Kentish Town. Auditions will take place next week in all classes. Each class (and the staff!) will enter two acts and the theme is variety and entertainment! Room for two parent entries as well?! Think dance, juggling, comedy, gymnastics, card tricks and of course music, but we will have a limit of one *singing* act per class: we don't want to simply replicate either the X Factor or the Summer Concert. We are going to be choosing children to judge (Strictly style with vote cards) which will be combined with the 'phone vote' aka the voting after the event.

Christmas Lunch

On Monday 17th December we have our Christmas lunch and would like all children to eat a traditional meal together with the staff. If your child has packed lunch but would like to join this festive meal, please contact the office by next Monday. Meal cost is £2.13, no cost for Reception-Year 2 or if you are in receipt of free school meals.

Christmas Fair Friday 7th December 3-5pm

Message from PTA: Solve your Christmas present dilemmas at our Christmas Fair! Stalls, craft activities, EP's legendary Chocolate Tombola and Santa's Grotto - come along to browse, shop and enjoy fantastic food and drink at our Winter Café. Last chance to add donations to the hampers tomorrow before they are wrapped for auction at the Fair. The raffle will be drawn on the day, but there is still time to buy tickets over the next week for a chance to win - prizes include cash, a Polaroid snap camera, and £50 Sainsburys voucher.

Remember to collect your Christmas tree as you leave! As always we need your help on the day, please sign up on the board in the entrance. Help still needed to run stalls and to set up and tidy at the end.

Acland Burghley Silent Auction

Acland Burghley have an open invitation to everyone to the launch of their Secret Art Auction next Thursday, December 6th. Launched by new artist in residence, Turner Prize winner Mark Wallinger there is artwork on sale from Noel Fielding, Anish Kapoor, Karl Pilkington, Dame Joan Bakewell, Jeff McMillan and Gavin Turk!

Money from the auction will be spent on renovating their assembly hall. Online bidding at www.jumblebee.co.uk/aclandburghleysecretartaucaution

Safeguarding and Child Protection at Eleanor Palmer

Periodically we let parents know more about the key safeguarding practices and policies we have here at Eleanor Palmer. Creating a safe learning environment so that children can develop socially and emotionally is central to our school life and work. The following factors are very important to safeguarding and child protection at Eleanor Palmer:

- We have excellent recruitment procedures; every member of staff has full checks and up to date references, as do visiting artists, regular volunteers, supply teachers and governors;
- All staff receive appropriate training as part of induction and then routinely every 2 years;
- We have policies and practices that focus on ensuring the health and well-being of the children, for example: risk assessments before every class trip, an annual safety check of our playground, a medicines in school policy and staff presence at the school entrance every day;
- We have well-established ways of monitoring and responding to incidents of concern, for example: unexplained absences, difficult behaviour and significant changes in physical or emotional appearance;
- The ethos of the school is open so that staff, parents and children feel able to share concerns.

Local Authority guidance suggests that *every* parent who accompanies class trips should also undergo full criminal record (DBS) checks. Our Governing Body has taken the decision **not to do this** in line with guidance from the National College of Teaching and Learning who run safer recruitment training. This is because of the particular ethos and values of our small community school. Close relationships are central to our school ethos and parental participation in our many trips, that are central to our curriculum, is a much valued part of school life for children, parents and staff. We strongly encourage all parents to take part in trips and school life and would not wish to threaten this.

Parents who volunteer on a regular (at least once a week) basis however, will be asked to undertake full DBS checks. Our full Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is on our website under the Policies link within the School Info tab.

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff

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