

Thursday 6th June 2019

Dear Parents,

We feel this news merits more than a paragraph in the orange newsletter.

This summer, three extraordinary members of the EP team are retiring: Linda Hill, Terry Little and Pauline Bradley. All have worked here as teaching assistants for over 25 years (Linda 31, Terry 33 and Pauline 26) and, if you include their association as parents, their combined connection to the school tops 100 years! Many of our current staff - and I suspect you - were not even born when they started here!

All are - believe it or not - already of pensionable age and grandchildren, and more relaxation and new adventures are too enticing to ignore. We are hoping however, that they might fit a bit of volunteer reading help into their new schedules!

Their contribution to Eleanor Palmer cannot be under-estimated. Their love for the children, consistency, fairness and vast experience has supported hundreds of children and tens of teachers on their learning journey. As headteacher, their support, insight, wisdom, friendship and unfailing loyalty and commitment has been so precious to me. I cannot thank them enough and speak for all the staff in expressing our love and gratitude.

As a school we will make Thursday 18th July a day of celebration and thanks, and hope to make the whole community aware so that all the many ex pupils and parents will come in that day to say thank you and goodbye - spread the word! I know that Linda, Pauline and Terry will want their last few weeks here to be full of bursts of progress, targets being reached and doubts overcome; that is the best gift the children can give.

It feels important to be transparent that these three members of staff will not be replaced as we work to reduce our core expenditure and to manage our challenging budget. But change is all part of school life and we know that Eleanor Palmer, with its strong ethos and vision will continue to go from strength to strength.

With best wishes



Kate Froud
Headteacher



Jen Allan
Chair of Governors

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Dear Families,

TOMORROW

Stay and Play - but not for Year 3! Theirs will be on Friday 14 June
Eid Lunch - we invite our Muslim families to celebrate the end of Eid with us! 12.30 in Juniors. Eid Mubarak!
Year 6 host the Cake Sale.

Events in school next week, 10th - 14th June:

Monday 10th

School is closed for our fifth and final staff INSET day.

Tuesday 11th

8am Early morning football for Years 3 to 6. Please arrive on time!

8am Running Club with Coach Martin.

Year 6 are visiting the Royal Courts of Justice to take part in a mock trial.

Health Reviews for Reception.

3.30pm Year 6 Newspaper Club.

3.30pm Year 5 and 6 Athletics Squad training.

Wednesday 12th

Year 5 are visiting the Royal Institution to extract their own DNA!

Thursday 13th

8am Athletics drop in for Years 5 and 6.

Friday 14th

8am Junior girls only Multi-sports Club.

Cake Sale hosted by Year 2.

Look out for Ruby, a Camden Girls' sixth form pupil who will be at the gate in the next couple of weeks, doing a survey about this school and its catchment for her A Level project. Be nice to her!

Thank you!

To Alia Laidi in Reception for this week's border design

Keep it EP - Thank you! Thank



you!

We are off the ground! Thank you to the 9 families who have already set up a monthly direct debit, the 4 who have made one off donations and the 3 who have worked out how to do corporate match funding.

We are so appreciative and hope that many more of you will show support in this way too. Simply:

1. Go to our website homepage and click on the Keep It EP logo at the top;
2. There's then a quick link to the CAF donation page (choose the orange 'donate') which secures 12.5% gift aid top up on top of any donation (one off or monthly) you felt able to give;
3. If you missed the meeting back in May and would like to know more, there is an explanation on the page. Please spread the word!




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Equally easy, if you choose to use Amazon, is to set up Amazon Smile.

1. Google Amazon Smile. To set it up, you enter your email/phone and your Amazon password.
2. Choose Eleanor Palmer School Association as your charity. You then have an Amazon Smile account.
3. Delete the ordinary Amazon app (you cannot access Amazon Smile through this)
4. From your Amazon Smile homepage in safari, press the  button at the bottom of your screen and choose 'add to home screen'. The Amazon Smile icon then appears as an app on your phone.
5. Purchases bought through this donates 0.5% to EPI

Congratulations - a good week for EPI

To UKMT national maths competition winners. I cannot stress enough just how challenging this is and to score even 10 is to be celebrated; it is aimed at Years 7 and 8. Well done to all 50 participants! We had an exceptional 5 golds this year (Lily Grace, Lyla and Jack Year 6, Luz and Devansh Year 4), 3 silvers (Kobi, Molly-Rose and Assia Year 6) and 3 bronze (Ned, Eben and Sam Year 6). The whole school delighted in this news and we are very proud.

For the 3rd year we entered the Young Engineer Award.. We are over-whelmed by this year's successes! Arlo (Y3) is highly commended; Josephine (Y3), Lily Grace (Y6) and Mateen (Y4) - all with distinctions - were short-listed for the top prize, and all four children's designs will be at the public exhibition at Kingston University.

And then, Malachy (Y5), Eben (Y6) and Lila (Y2) are all **overall winners for their year group in the whole region!** This is amazing. They and their parents will attend a formal prize giving later this month. WELL DONE!

Here is a link to a lovely article about our prize winning Lab in the Architectural Review

<https://www.architecture.com/awards-and-competitions-landing-page/awards/riba-regional-awards/riba-london-award-winners/2019/eleanor-palmer-science-lab>

Summer Festival Saturday 6 July

PTA NEWS -With 4 weeks to go, raffle tickets will be on sale shortly! Prizes include £100 cash, £50 Sainsbury's voucher, and a mystery prize donated by Marsh & Parsons (previous prizes have included a tablet and digital Polaroid camera!)

Please contact Sam (Nursery) or Tania (office) if you can contribute to our silent auction. Your time and skills (gardening, decorating, personal training, consultancy) vouchers, event tickets, experiences, holiday homes are all great lots. The auction is the biggest fundraiser at the summer fair so all contributions large or small greatly appreciated.

Donation boxes out soon for the following:

- Plain white T-shirt's for upcycling at our T-shirt decorating stall
- New/as new toys, books and bric-a-brac
- New/as new and washed soft toys for the Teddy tombola
- Bottles for the bottle tombola

Please sign up to help on the boards in the entrance or contact class reps or Hannah or Lucy.

End of year Parent Survey

We have gone techy!! Access from a QR code below, through the link in the app or follow this hyperlink

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EPParentSurvey2019/>

There will also be governors at the gate with iPad at the end of next week Responses by Friday 14th please!

With best wishes
Kate Frood and staff

