

TWO IMPORTANT ATTACHMENTS  
PINK - OUR TRIP SYSTEM  
BLUE - UPDATED PERMISSIONS FOR USE OF PUPIL IMAGES

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Autumn term and a new school year! I hope everyone has had a happy and restful summer holiday! Term has started well with children settling into their new classes. There are meetings **next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** with each classteacher to hear more about the year ahead, expectations and routines. On the same evening, to try and 'catch' as many parents as possible, Mary Rebelo, our link IT expert will be running her excellent session on internet safety at 6pm and at 6.45pm in the hall.

Welcome to Coach Kane who joins us as Coach Martin's apprentice. He will be a big part of our PE provision and our lunchtime activity. Welcome too, to Lauren, covering Angie in the Nursery this term.

We are loving the National Trust '50 things' challenge - my inbox has never been so delightful. Keep them coming! Scrolling through them all on the website, it really communicates the power of fresh air and the great outdoors, something very dear to us at EP. A special well done to Stevie in Year 1 and Catherine-Rose in Year 2 who ticked off nearly all of them!

**Tomorrow**

**Stay and Play** at 9am. Let's get right back into the groove of EP maths fun. Stay and Play a maths game (a warm up one at the start of the year!) from 9-9.30

Events in school next week, 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September (Clubs and 8am football start in the week of 16<sup>th</sup>)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

3.30-4.30 First team football team trials for all children in Years 4, 5 and 6. There will be a second trial the week after on the 17<sup>th</sup>. From this, Coach Martin will pick the girls' and boys' teams for the Camden League which starts this term. 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 11<sup>th</sup>**

8am Governors Curriculum Committee

9am Camden School for Girls Open Morning.

6pm and 7.15 Internet Safety talk from Mary Rebelo. This is a great - and vital - presentation.

**6.30pm and 7.15pm 'Meet the Teacher' Evening.** NB Year 6 is 6pm and 6.45pm as so much to cover as we include Wick Court and secondary transfer! Ahead of our one to one meetings with individual parents, each teacher will do a short introductory talk about the year and explain what lies ahead, routines and expectations for the class and ways in which parents can support. There will of course be time for questions too. Because many of you have two or more children each teacher will talk at 6.30pm and then again at 7.15pm. I will ring a bell at changeover time! This is a good opportunity to meet up with other parents in your class too. Please note: these are adult only meetings.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3 are visiting Kensington Palace.

Years 4 and 6 start swimming at Kentish Town Baths.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

9am Camden School for Girls Open Morning.

Our first Cake Sale of the year hosted by Year 3.

### Our trip system - very important

You should all have received a pink letter attached to this newsletter detailing our system for dealing with our many trips this year. Regular trips that enrich the curriculum are essential to our style of teaching and learning. To make life simpler for you and the office, as explained in the letter, we ask for one slip and one contribution this month, **to cover your contribution for all trips, workshops, artists, storytellers and visitors for the entire year. We will not ask for any more unless you have a residential.** We will continue to remind/notify you of every trip and on each occasion, you have the right to withdraw permission (although no one ever has!). Please return slips to the office and make your contribution on line. If the all-important pink letter isn't attached - please ask! We will be nagging so this is all sorted by the end of the month: it must be sorted before your child's first trip - that's Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> for Year 3!

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> September for Wick Court Farm in Gloucestershire and Year 5 to Sayers Croft in Surrey on Monday 14<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.

### Website

Everything is now 'rolled over' and up to date. We have set it up so that you can still access last year's photos...there are links from your new home class page. Scroll down to the bottom of your new year group page and click on 'my previous years' to be reminded of all the things you have ever done at EP; we are into our 8<sup>th</sup> year now and have a wonderful archive.

### Secondary transfer

It is the season for making decisions about secondary schools for Year 6. This all happens very quickly and can become overwhelming! A poster is up at the entrance, Years 6 and 5 will get a list of all Camden school events, and I will put all dates for our local schools' open mornings and evenings in the newsletter. We positively encourage day-time visits and are happy for children in both Years 5 and 6 to miss sessions of school to be part of visits. Please let us know in advance. Such absence is coded as present and will not count in your child's overall attendance record!

Note the Camden drop in event at the Camden Centre, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> from 3.30 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).

The latest Camden secondary schools admissions guide is now available on the Camden website too: printed copies will be sent to us soon. Having done the process well over 20 times both as a head and as a parent, I am always happy to talk through options with parents. Do simply catch me/email to fix a meeting.

### Can you help?

For many years now we have offered 8am football - for Years 1-2 on Mondays. It is a really popular institution. This has been possible through the generous volunteering of parents. As another core group of parents move into the Juniors, we are in need of more volunteers for Mondays and Years 1-2! Are there any parents who might join the rota? Please let the school office know.

### Newsletter border designs

NO ONE to thank for the border as we have run out of designs! I need to build up stocks for this year please. Please come to my office and help yourself to a blank border if you would like to see yours in print!

### Cake Sale dates

A long standing and much enjoyed tradition here, is that almost every Friday, classes take turns to buy or makes cakes and biscuits which are then sold after school with all the takings going into School Fund. You can drop cakes off in the morning, or bring them at 3.30pm. Three or four parents need to volunteer to set up and man the stall from 3.15pm as it's hectic! Here are the dates; please make a note of your dates:

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 3	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 2	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Year 6
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All - Macmillan*	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Reception
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 1	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Nursery
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 5		

\* As it is Macmillan Cancer Support's 'Big Coffee Morning' on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we thought we would raise money for this brilliant charity on that day. Cakes welcome from anyone

A few start of term reminders and nags:

- The gates open at 8.45am. Please do not arrive or drop off before then unless you are paying for Breakfast Club in which case we can take care of your children from 8am in the hall. Again, please don't come before 8am! Classrooms are open from 8.55am to allow for a 'soft start' and then straight to work at 9am. If your child prefers to play in the playground until the bell rings at 9am that is fine too;
- At the end of the day, a senior member of staff will 'sweep' you out of the playground at 3.45. Teachers have hours of work to do after school and we need to get on!
- We have many ways to pay bills and a friendly and 'open all hours' office - please settle up on time;
- We don't allow any jewellery, other than simple stud earrings;
- Please ensure that long hair (boys too) is tied up - it helps focus in class and helps prevent the spread of nits;
- We are a water only school: both in school (lunchtime) and out of school (on trips). We allow smoothies but a firm no to sugary flavoured waters;
- Scooters and bikes must be parked tidily behind Years 5 and 6. Whenever we have a fire drill, there are always bikes and scooters scattered across the space. If the event of a real fire this could cause an accident and a delay. If any bikes and scooters are left overnight (and often for days) we cannot take responsibility for their disappearance;
- We don't allow toys in school.
- On that note, we are brilliant at giving notice, telling you what is happening and opening up opportunities...but it does rely on pupil post! **PLEASE check** book-bags; in particular make sure you get the Thursday (orange, whole school) newsletter and Friday (yellow, class) newsletter.
- Alternatively check our always-up-to-date website and calendar: the orange newsletter is uploaded every Thursday without fail.
- Don't forget to use the Piota App too (ask in the office if you need a hand registering).

This is a mammoth first mail-out! PTO for a fridge list of all our fixed dates for the year. As well as that all-important trip slip, also attached, once again, are this year's term dates. With such good notice of dates, in paper and on the website, there shouldn't be any 'accidental' holiday bookings. And **ALSO** attached, a letter we are compelled to send asking your permission for use of images. It really helps us if you tick everything otherwise we are limited in the photos we can post on our website, on twitter and in the press sharing all our exciting work!

Our other key communication method is texting. If your contact numbers have changed you **MUST** notify the office, not just so we can update our texting system but so that we can contact you in an emergency. It is now expected that we have a minimum of 4 contact numbers.

Phew that's it! With best wishes and high hopes for another great year ahead,

Kate Frood and staff.

### Key dates for Autumn Term (full details of each nearer the time)

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Meet the Teacher Evening at 6pm and 7.15pm.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - - Wick Court School Journey for Year 6
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - the Camden Schools' Cross Country for Years 3-6. Sadly Y6 will miss it as they will be at Wick Court. Fear not - we are organising an exclusive!
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - One to One Parents' Evening from 4.30-7.30pm. Teachers will offer alternative daytime appointments too during the same week. **Note Year 5's will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October as Susie and Tom are away at Sayers Croft.**
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - PTA Meeting at 7.30.
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Sayers Croft School Journey for Year 5.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 6.30-8pm - Welcome party for all Nursery and Reception families.
- **Half term - the week of 21<sup>st</sup> October**
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - the unmissable EP DISCO!!
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Primary Maths Challenge for Key Stage 2.
- 19<sup>th</sup> November - we hope to enter a team in the Camden Year 5 and 6 basketball.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 Shakespeare production at 2pm and 7pm
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm - Whole school Carol Service - this year at St Benet's Church to address our overcrowding problem!
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - EP's Got Talent and last day of term.

### Dates already fixed for later in the school year

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Staff INSET. School starts for children Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January - EP Family BINGO
- Our annual Challenge Partners review - 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - mid-year One to One Parents' Evening
- **Half term- the week of 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February**
- 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Year 4 Show
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - the 17<sup>th</sup> Great Egg Race and last day of Spring term**
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - start of Spring term for all
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Camden Schools' Swimming Gala for Years 3-6
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April - UKMT Maths Challenge
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> /Weds 6<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - SATs Week for Year 6
- Half term - the week of 25<sup>th</sup> May - 29<sup>th</sup> May
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Staff INSET. School closed to children
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Camden Athletics (Y3 and 4)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June -Staff INSET. School closed to children
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Concert
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Camden Athletics (Y5 and 6)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 adventure at The Mill
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>-Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 4 Camping survival trip
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July - The Summer Festival
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - End of year Parents' Evening
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Family Barbecue
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Show
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - last day of term

All trip details will be in your weekly yellow newsletter (first one tomorrow) from your class.