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Dear Families,

Tomorrow

9am Nicholas John, head of Acland Burghley is leading a Shed Talk exclusively for EP parents!
Parents from all year groups welcome- not just Year 6
Year 4 are off to visit Billingsgate Roman Ruins
9am Cake Sale hosted by Year 2.
Barbados hurricane relief collection - see over.

Tonight

The Camden drop in event at the Camden Centre, on Thursday 19th 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 (search Camden Moving On.

NAG!!!

We really do need those PINK permission for trip slips and the BLUE permission for photographs slips back. Without them, and therefore not knowing who, if any, are not given permission:

We cannot do displays of photos;

We cannot upload EP life onto our website sharing with you what your children have done;

We cannot stick photos in a child's book if a child who has not given consent is also pictured;

Your child cannot go on trips!

To re-iterate what I said at Parents' Evening, capturing EP life on camera is how we can share with you (and the wider community) all that we do at EPI Please respond so we are not wasting time - we have lots to do!

Events in school next week, 23rd - 27th September (Clubs and 8am football start!)

Monday 23rd

8am early morning football for Years 1 and 2. This is a long-standing tradition at EP and is run by parent volunteers Please arrive at 8am!

8am Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball Club.

Year 2 have a Greek sculpture metal workshop in school.

Tuesday 24th

8am early morning football for Years 3-6. Please arrive at 8am!

8am Running Club for Juniors.

9am Acland Burghley Open Morning.

3.30pm STEAM Club Year 6.

3.30 Football Squad training.

Wednesday 25th

9am Acland Burghley Open Morning.

Thursday 26th

8am Year 1 and 2 Multisports Club.

9am Acland Burghley Open Morning.

6pm Parliament Hill Open Evening.

Friday 27th

Year 6 leave for their amazing 7 day residential to Wick Court, a working organic farm in Gloucestershire where they live in an Elizabethan manor house.

The Camden Schools Cross Country! It is on the Heath all morning. Traditionally all our junior classes give this a go! The race starts at 10am. We'd be grateful for parents to walk up with us.

Cake Sale hosted by everyone in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Staff absence

EP staff are never sick! The current average is less than a day a year (the national average is 8). However, we do allow staff to attend professional development training, which is key, and many of our staff work to support other schools as part of our Teaching School work. In addition, all staff want to join our amazing residential trips and I have to manage turn-taking!

If your teacher has a training and development commitment, we always, in the first instance, use a known teacher to cover but occasionally there will be a supply teacher. Our lovely support staff are always a consistent presence who know the children well and these occasional days always go smoothly. This year Rosie Thompson (Year 3) gets to accompany Year 6 to Wick Court. I know Janet and Dee will work closely with the supply teacher to ensure the week goes well.

And well done to our children (and parents) too. For the 4th year running EP tops the Camden league for attendance!!!!. These early habits - of good school attendance and managing minor aches and pains - are so vital for a lifelong positive attitude to work and self. Well done everyone!

Barbados Appeal - tomorrow

You will see posters up at our entrance. We have a contact through parent Lucy Whitaker, who is part of the relief appeal. If you are able to donate the following items, please bring them to school **tomorrow**; soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, insect repellent, new underwear/socks, nappies and wipes, baby formula and bottles. Year 2 will also be selling beeswax food wraps alongside tomorrow's Cake Sale in aid of the hurricane appeal. Two wraps for £9 (rrp £11) with all proceeds to the appeal.

We missed an important date amongst that great long list!

Our Christmas Fair will be on Friday 6th December!

WhatsApp

As our trip programme gets underway, a reminder that photos must not be shared via social media class WhatsApp groups if you accompany a trip.

Reading support

We are looking for more adult volunteers to read 1:1 with children this year to support them on their reading journey, particularly for daily reading support in Year 1 after drop off at 9am. If you can help or would like to find out more, please contact Rosie in Year 3 rosie@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk or ask Tania in the school office.

PTA AGM Tuesday 1st October 7.30pm

A special invitation to new parents. This is the meeting where the previous year is reviewed and plans are made for the coming year. We must also elect a new team as Hannah and Lucy come to the end of their fantastic two years as chairs. We will also take this opportunity to update you on the school's financial position and how you can help/get involved. We always start the evening with a drink and chat so it is (another) great way to meet other parents.

What3words App

This term in assembly we are looking at aspects of personal and social education. We started with **staying safe** - at home, in school and online. We LOVE this new (free) app which looks set to revolutionise location and mapping. Quite extraordinary maths behind it! Can you find out what your front door's 3 words are?!

Thank you!

To Maryam Hussain in Year 4 for this week's newsletter border. Please keep them coming!

Please, return those important handouts!

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff