

Thursday 31st October 2019

Dear Families,

Tomorrow

Please drop Harvest donations - see below for what to bring - into the Reception area at 9am then hurry to our November Stay and Play!

Cake Sale hosted by Year 6.

And no late marks post Hallowe'en - be here on time please! Have fun tonight.

Events in school in the week after half term, 4th - 8th November 2019:

Monday 4th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2. Please arrive at 8am.

8am Dodgeball Club for Years 3 and 4.

Tuesday 5th

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

Running Club has finished for this term.

Year 5 visit Tower of London.

Our annual Book Fair starts - see over.

Coach Martin is taking an EP team to a Camden multisport event. Those concerned have had letters!

3.30pm STEAM Club.

The 2019 football season begins tonight! Our matches are played at Castlehaven as we are in the central league. Pick up at 5.30pm please. We enter a boys' and a girls' team. All supporters welcome!

Wednesday 6th

8am Governors Curriculum Committee.

Deadline to return Christmas card artwork to school office.

Thursday 7th

8am Governors Resources Committee.

8am Multi sports Club for Years 1 and 2.

Year 2 visit The British Museum.

Y6 are going orienteering on the Heath. This means Year 4 get double swimming!

Our Thursday Squad have a football match after school. Timings tbc.

6.30pm - the annual fantastic EP Disco! See over for full details.

Friday 8th

Years 3 and 4 start their amazing partnership with The Place Dance Theatre! Today the children visit and see different dancers in action. Then, next term, dancers will be in school for several sessions creating unique pieces with each class. Please put **the evening of Wednesday 6th May** in your diary where we will join other Camden Schools in a final performance at the Place!! We are so lucky to have secured this partnership!

Cake Sale hosted by Reception.

Harvest Festival 2019

The Camden Food Bank have sent us a list. Please donate:

- tinned meat, fish, vegetables and beans;
- tinned soup;
- jams and spreads;
- rice;
- UHT milk;
- snacks and biscuits;
- sugar, coffee and hot chocolate.
- Toiletries - toilet roll and kitchen roll, soap bars, deodorant, shower gel and shampoo, toothpaste (adult and child), washing powder, paper cups.

NO CEREAL OR PASTA NEEDED!

The DISCO!

It's next Thursday 7th November! This is a highlight of the year and a great occasion for parents to socialise as well as children. It all starts at 6.30pm (and ends at 8.30pm) with our own DJ and laser lights. Entrance will be £1 for children and £2 for adults.

Hot dogs (inc veggie), ice cream and treats on sale, plus there's an adult bar.

Please remember: children will not be allowed into the disco without a responsible adult, nor will large groups of children with one adult be allowed. School staff will be on the door to ensure that these important rules are adhered to for everyone's safety and enjoyment. Ex-pupils are more than welcome but again, must be linked to a responsible adult. Eleanor Palmer pupils and ex-pupils only please. We love that ex-pupils want to show off their primary school but we have to have some limits!!

If you can help with 30 mins of food service, clean up or face paint, please sign up at school gates or email sophie@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk by 4 November). Thanks very much for supporting this event - it's a great fundraiser and everyone loves it!

Then it's the Christmas Fair (Friday 6 December): All are very welcome to a PTA planning meeting on Friday 15th November at 9am in teaching shed, even if you haven't previously been involved. Please also contact Tania in the office ASAP if you can have an estate agent board advertising the fair: this is such a simple (£40 a board) way of earning well over £1000 for the school. We need new families to come forward **PLEASE**.

Christmas Cards

Deadline to order Christmas cards online is this Sunday 3rd; the order portal closes after this date. Order at <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/> and use the school code and unique code from your order form. Once the order is complete return the artwork form to the school office by Wednesday 6th November.

2019 Book Fair!

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in our school next week from Tuesday 5th-Friday 8th November. The Book Fair will be in the Resource Area before school at 8:45 am and after school from 3:30-4 pm.

There will be hundreds of fantastic books for you and your child to browse through. The prices start at just £2 and there's such a great range that there's bound to be something that your child will enjoy. Plus, up to 60p in every £1 you spend is given back to our school in vouchers towards new books for every class to enjoy.

I hope that you will be able to join us and make this celebration of reading a huge success! As teachers, we know from our training but more importantly from our day to day work, that developing a lifelong reading habit is key to academic success. This starts with sharing books with parents.

Big ideas in assembly

We focussed this week, instead of black people in history, on influential black people in Britain today. We talked about Ismail Ahmed and his innovative app designed to help families send money home directly avoiding corruption and big business 'cuts'.

We also talked about the history of Harvest Festival - and why it looks so different today. Please support our collection for the Camden Food Bank tomorrow.

If you want a weekend challenge - just how many words can you extract from HARVEST? Rather neatly, we found SHARE, STARVE, EAT and HAVE for starters!

Happy Hallowe'en!
With best wishes,

Kate Frood and staff