

Thursday 7th November 2019

Dear Families,

Tonight! The DISCO!

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 £2 for adults and £1 for children.

Hot dogs (inc veggie) and ice cream on sale, plus an adult bar. Face painting and tattoos too!

Please support green efforts by using the correct recycling bin at the disco!!

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!!

Tomorrow

Last chance at the Book Fair!

Cake Sale hosted by Reception.

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!

Events in school in the week 11th - 15th November 2019:

Monday 11th

8am Dodgeball Club for Year 3 and 4.

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

Year 4 are visiting Roman artefacts at the British Museum and having a workshop on Roman money.

Tuesday 12th

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

Odd Socks Day - see over!

Year 6 have a workshop about chocolate; where it's from, how it's made and how to make it!

3.30 STEAM Club.

3.30 Football Squad training.

Wednesday 13th

8am Governors PPC Committee.

Year 5 visit Wyllots Theatre for a Shakespeare workshop.

Thursday 14th

8am Governors Staffing Committee.

Year 2 to British Museum.

Our Thursday Squad matches continue after school on Thursdays.

Friday 15th

PTA Christmas Fair planning meeting in the shed on Friday 15th November at 9am. All welcome!

Year 3 are visiting Camden Archives to research Camden in the past.

Cake Sale hosted by Nursery.

Thank you

To all of you who kindly donated to our Harvest Collection for the Camden Food Bank. I took a full carload down along with some Year 6 pupils. Helpers and users of the service were so grateful!

Primary Maths Challenge

Next week is the annual Primary Maths Challenge! This is a national maths competition open to the Juniors that challenges children to think and apply their mathematical skills. Practice papers can be found by going to www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/downloads. Note - you want to download the **November** papers; the February ones are an advanced round for top scorers! Alternatively, collect a paper copy or two from me. We know that it is the children who practise that do the best!

Big ideas in assembly

We began a series of assemblies on bullying; what it is, and what to do about it. The definition we use at Eleanor Palmer is:

The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where there is an imbalance of power. This can happen face to face or online.

It is useful if parents share this definition as sometimes children use the word bullying for one off incidents or playground upsets with friends.

Children made incredibly insightful comments about who holds that power in a school or playground. We then focussed on two key words: CHOICE and RESPECT. We all have a choice how to behave and we should all respect others.

To raise awareness, we will take part in **Odd Socks Day** next Tuesday as part of the National Schools' Anti-Bullying Week. Wearing odd socks says we are all individual and unique and to be celebrated. Wear them - and make them visible!

We also talked about the significance of Siya Kolisi captaining South Africa to the Rugby World Cup win, given that country's apartheid history. What a fantastic inspiration he is!

EP Christmas tree scheme

Every year the PTA runs a Christmas tree scheme where orders can be placed via the office for a fabulous real Christmas tree from a sustainable source. You can also buy a wreath to decorate at home. Orders must be placed by 27 November 2019 with advance payment and you can collect your tree at the School Christmas Fair on 6 December 2019! All profit from every tree goes to the school. Previous years' experience is that the trees are fantastic quality. Order early to avoid disappointment! Order form attached and spare order forms in the office.

Congratulations

To our football teams. Results from week one are: the boys won two and lost one and the girls won two and drew one including a 7-0 win against Christchurch!!!

To Eben Salinger who left us for Acland Burghley last year. We've just heard his design that won the young Engineer Award is to be **MADE** by the Kingston University Prototype Team!! It's a clever cycle jacket with indicators.

With best wishes,

Kate Frood and staff