

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 9th January 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a restful family time over the break. We have had a great start to term!

Events in school next week 13th - 17th January:

TOMORROW

Stay and Play at 9am! Start the term full of resolve to play more fab maths games at home.

Monday 13th

8am Early morning football resumes for Years 1 and 2.

We welcome a team from Challenge Partners in school for 3 days. Given that we attained OFSTED 'outstanding' in 2011, the current law means we will never be re-inspected. However we do not want to be complacent and therefore belong to this national organisation whereby we have an annual school review led by an OFSTED trained lead.

Tuesday 14th

8am Early morning football resumes for Years 3-6. A start of year thank you to all the loyal and hardy group of parents who make this possible on Mondays and Tuesdays! Remember to check texts before setting off as we will let you know this way if it has to be cancelled.

Wednesday 15th

Year 4 are visiting the Royal Academy of Music with Laura as part of their special composition project.

Thursday 16th

8am Governors Staffing Committee.

Year 3 visit The Museum of London.

Years 3 and 5 start their weekly swimming lessons at Kentish Town Pool. Year 3 head to the pool straight from their trip.

3.30pm Thursday Squad train and then play a match at 4.45pm. Pick up from Talacre at 5pm.

Friday 17th

Cake Sale hosted by Year 3. See all other dates overleaf.

Year 6 are spending the day at University College School enjoying an immersive day of languages including Mandarin!

Playcentre

We have taken the decision, as part of our work to reduce costs and seek extra income, to take over the running of Playcentre ourselves from the Summer term. We currently pay an external company to run it - but it is on our site and run by our own staff so it makes sense to reduce overheads!! Tania has invented a booking and payment system to synch with our other online payments so hopefully this will help parents too.

Knowing that your child is safe and happy in school after school, with familiar friendly faces, is a core service for many of our families. As we move to take over the service, we would like some feedback from all parents - both users and those who don't (yet!) You will receive a link to a survey through our App. Thank you!

Well done!

To everyone. We raised £900 for Child Poverty Action Group at Christmas through your generous donations at the Carol Concert and voting at Eleanor Palmer's Got Talent. Congratulations to our EPGT winner Kitty Demaertelaere!

Both our football teams start the term mid-table. Everything to play for!

Key term dates for the rest of this year

- Half term this term is 17th-21st February
- The last day of term is Friday 3rd April
- The Summer term starts for staff and children on Monday 20th April. **No INSET day.**
- There is a Bank Holiday closure on Friday 8th May (changed this year from the traditional Monday so it coincides with the 75th anniversary of VE day)
- Half term is the week of 25th May - 29th May
- Our two remaining INSET days are on Monday 1st June and Monday 8th June.
- The school year ends on Friday 17th July at 1.30pm.

Other dates for this term

- Wednesday 22nd January - mid-term Parents' Evening. Appointments on this evening and alternative daytime slots during this week. Teachers will put up appointment sheets from Monday.
- Thursday 30th January - EP's Annual Family BINGO! A great family night out with big cash prizes!
- Wednesday 12th February - a team from Year 6 will represent us in the inter-school Camden Primary Maths Challenge
- Wed 26th February - Year 3 and Year 4 begin their partnership with The Place Dance Theatre and will have weekly dance workshops in school!
- Thursday 19th March at 11.15 - Year 5 Strings Concert.
- Wednesday 25th March - Year 4 Show at 2pm
- Friday 3rd April - the 18th Great EP Egg Race (and the last day of this term)

Cake Sales this term

Here are the dates; please make a note of your class dates:

Friday 17 th Jan	Year 3	Friday 14 th Feb	Year 4
Friday 24 th Jan	Year 2	Friday 28 th Feb	Year 6
Friday 31 st Jan	Year 1	Friday 6 th March	Reception
Friday 7 th Feb	Year 5	Friday 13 th March	Nursery

Spring Slam

This term sees the 4th Spring Slam, a borough wide challenge to support and encourage children to learn their times tables, invented by us! This year only Year 4s will compete inter-school but it's Year 5 vs. Year 6 in school and for Year 3, learning tables will be a massive focus this term and we will hope to see progress over the 4 rounds. We know know know that regular practice is the key and that the sooner they're committed to memory, the better - so **PLEASE** support at home.

This term in assemblies we will be re-visiting the United Nation's Rights of the Child and the principles of being a Rights Respecting School. In addition, we will look at different music styles through the centuries and around the world.

Here's to a happy and productive term!

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff