



Thursday 2nd July 2020

Dear everyone,

What a delight to have almost everyone back – we are now at 96% attendance. School feels almost normal. We are planning, as steered by current government guidance, for a full-time return for all in September – hurray!



Our Virtual Summer Fair

What a great start! We have £1,700 already. We've sold masks and bags; had virtual goals aimed at Coach Martin and virtual beer drunk; several yard sale pitches are booked already; song requests for our own Isolation Station radio are logged and we have generous donations towards our troughs and new chromebooks. Thank you thank you! Don't miss out on some of these great ideas.

<https://patchworkit.com/32951/EPVirtualFair>

Estate Agent Boards

Marsh & Parsons will give us £1500 if we can host 60 boards for 4 weeks. The boards simply say 'Supporting Eleanor Palmer'. Timings are very tight, so please let Tania know by next Monday 6th if you can take one. Such an easy fundraiser!

Yard Sale

Book a table by this **Sunday 5th** to be part of the EP Yard Sale! There will be a base camp outside school should you get lost and we will send a map showing locations. Pay £10 to get on the map and then keep your sale profits! Old toys, books, clothes...sell cakes and drinks. Anything goes!

Palmer Pooch

We see your lovely dogs every day. Don't miss out on registering them for the Palmer Pooch contest and make your dog part of the EP legend.

Lockdown Doorstep Photo

Why not create a lasting memory of this unprecedented time in our lives and book a 'doorstep photo' of your family? Book via the web link below.



Masks

In addition, in keeping with PTA and school focus on sustainability, some of our crafty parents are making wonderful reusable facemasks which can go in the washing machine - remember face coverings are now mandatory on public transport.

And if just want to donate the £5, £10 you would have spent on food and drink – you can do that too via the Fair website buying virtual food and drink. Plenty has been ‘spent’ already!

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Silent Auction

The full list goes live on the EP App on Monday..but there’s a taster of things to come at the end of this newsletter.

Email your bids to sam@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk. To save lots of too-ing and fro-ing, in ebay style, you can let her know your top bid and she will automatically up bids for you, to your limit.

Raffle

We can’t have a fair without a raffle! If you’ve sold and returned yours and want more, parents are selling them in the Home Zone.

1st prize £75 cash, 2nd prize £50 vouchers (£30 Sainsbury’s plus £20 Fratelli), 3rd prize £25 cash plus vouchers for £15 Ruby Violet, £20 Jonathan Norris, £20 Fratelli, £20 ACE, £20 Bear & Wolf, £25 Authentique and £10 Inside Out

For any tickets your child is able to sell, **ON THE FRONT OF EACH TICKET STUB** please write the name and contact details of the person buying the ticket. **ON THE BACK OF EACH TICKET STUB**, please write your child's name so they get a £5 prize if the ticket is a winning one.

Please return any money for sold tickets with named stubs, and any unsold tickets to a member of staff in the Home Zone by **Wednesday 8th July 2020**.

Sponsor me for EP

A huge congratulations to Year 5 who got the ball rolling (and a bit wet) by doing a sponsored car-wash last weekend and raised £167!



We are inviting children (and even the whole family) to get involved in a “Sponsor me for EP” event. Choose a challenge that works for you as a family - running, cycling or walking, TV free days, learning to perform a new song or piece of music, a new “helping out at home” job, helping neighbours or the wider community - the more creative the better! You will be able to submit sponsorship money (and any pictures) **via the Fair website** until **Monday 13 July**. I have laid down the gauntlet of a sponsored ‘learn all your times tables from 2x-12x’ (72 facts) with a trad test in school on Friday 10th July.

Check out all these and other possible ideas here:

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New Nursery and Reception visits

Sophie and Susie are giving up this Saturday (4th July) to meet our new Nursery and New-to-EP Reception families. We will welcome families in very small groups to see the environment and meet the team. I’ll be on hand to answer any questions. You will have received an email if this affects you. Those children already in EP Nursery and moving up with Sophie, need not attend the Reception visit and neither do those children staying in Nursery next year.

Parents’ Evening – this Tuesday and Wednesday 3.45-7

We have 222 appointments made already! The system allows us to text only those who have yet to make an appointment so if you’re getting texts, please don’t ignore. Hopefully you were able to synch times for siblings.

Please arrive at the front gates 10 minutes before your allocated slot. Sally Hill and I will give out paper copies of your report and there will be physically distanced places to sit and read in the Home Zone. Teachers will be spread around the playground at tables.

I will ring a bell every 10 minutes for hand-over. We might actually keep to time! Here’s hoping for decent weather.



Support staff for next year

Adding to our brilliant teacher team, we have our fantastic support staff. Lots of moving around next year (good for children, good for staff) so here's how it looks:

Year 6 – Deanna Brunyee and Janet Collins

Year 5 – Celia Roberts and Taynee Woods

Year 4 - Dee Roberts

Year 3 – Hayley Rogers

Year 2 – Zoe Davis and Jackie Churchill

Year 1 – Adelaide Opare and TBC

Reception – Natalie Mungly

Nursery – Angela Dellar

And Sam Sidaway will share her time across early years classes.

Summer camps at EP! Just two places left!

We are delighted to announce that Coach Martin and his best friend Coach Steve (a coach at Holy Trinity and St Silas School) will once again be running their Summer Football and Multi Activity Camps at EP.

Martin has set up the camp with all the same health and safety guidance as we are operating under: two discreet bubble groups of 15, good hand hygiene and LOTS of fresh air!

Week 1: Mon 20th - Fri 24th July

Week 2: Mon 27th - Fri 31st July

Time: 9:00-3:00pm

Age: 5-11 yrs (Reception to Yr 6)

Cost: Full Week = £100. To keep their 'bubble' intact, they are not taking single day bookings this year.

Concession rate = £65

Sibling discount = 20% off for second child.

To book a place email: prorevolution.development@gmail.com or phone: 07540 613539.

This was SOOO popular last year! Don't delay in booking your place.



Managing our whole school health

We have now had four weeks with almost no illness. Children have been excellent at following our new regular hand-washing routines.

However everything tumbles in our new regime if a child comes into school ill, and possibly with covid so I will persist in reminding you not to send your child in if they are symptomatic.

YOU MUST keep your child off if they (or any of you) show any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature). Your child might seem fatigued.
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Testing is now available to anyone - including under 5s - who develops new coronavirus symptoms. To book a test, go to the [national coronavirus testing website](#) or phone 119. Testing is most effective within the **first three days** of a person experiencing symptoms. If you have any questions about coronavirus testing, please contact covid-19queries@camden.gov.uk.

Last day of term

So we end 'fairly' given our half day model, we will end **this school year at 3.30pm on Thursday 16th July** rather than at lunchtime on the 17th as planned.

Year 6 parents are invited to a Leavers' assembly at 2.30pm.

Kate Ford



Eleanor Palmer Summer Festival Saturday 11th July 2020

THE SILENT AUCTION IS BACK!

Here's a taste of what's on offer this year. You can bid today, or wait for the full catalogue out on Monday 6th July. This year it will be by email only. We will let you know if you've been outbid so you can bid again. For details of how and where to bid see below:

Lot 1. Holiday House - Wool Merchant's House in Somerset!

This amazing 17th century property in Somerset, donated by Alison and Darren, has 5 bedrooms (sleeps 10) and is just fabulous. Completely restored, it boasts many original features and beautiful furnishings. Set within large, fully enclosed grounds, there are 2 Wendy houses and a secret garden. The location is perfect, Beckington is only 25 minutes drive from Bath or just 10 minutes from Longleat. A weekend here costs in excess of £2000.00! The owners are offering a weekend (Friday to Sunday, term time only, dates TBC). Bids from £500.00, then in increments of £50 please.

Lot 2. Holiday House in Lyme Regis!

Lou and Dan are offering their beautiful Georgian 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, holiday home (sleeps 8) in gorgeous Lyme Regis, Dorset. It has a terrace overlooking the sea, it has a beach hut, what more could you want? The perfect family getaway! (Available for a weekend during term time, dates TBC). Bids from £150.00, then in increments of £20 please.

Lot 3. Whitstable Holiday Home! Helen and Caroline are offering their gorgeous three bedroom house, (sleeps 6) The Deckhouse in Whitstable, seconds from the beach, for a weekend away from it all next year. (Available Friday to Sunday during term time January – April 2021 dates TBC) This is a beautiful house in a fabulous location and is always popular. A weekend here usually costs £420! Bids from £150, then in increments of £20 please.

Lot 4. Kate Frod Maths Tuition

Our very own Miss Frod is offering four sessions of maths tuition for your child. This is a great opportunity for any child and a very popular lot, so get your bids in while you can!

Lot 5. Coach Martin 1 – 1 coaching

Our very own Coach Martin is offering a lucky child four 1 – 1 coaching sessions after school. To run over 4 consecutive weeks for 45 minutes each. We all know how popular this is going to be so get bidding!

We have much more to offer with full details coming on Monday 6th July. More teachers, Music workshops, Fashion and Food. Watch this space!

To place your bid, email sidawaysam@gmail.com with your name, your bid (in increments of £5.00 please unless otherwise stated) and your telephone number.

Bidding will close at 2.30pm on Saturday 11th July