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ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 28th September - 2nd October:

Monday 28th

Year 4 have another Latin lesson with Ms Turner. It was a great start last week!

Tuesday 29th

Day 3 of Year 6's project with Hermes - the woodwork begins!

Wednesday 30th

9am Year 5 cross country practice on the Heath.

1.30pm Another Spanish lesson for Years 5 and 6 with Mr Morley.

Covid update

A much calmer week, as we get over our start of year colds. 15 EP tests and all negative. Clearly, we cannot be complacent as the national picture is very much on the rise. A special well done to Year 5 and Mr G who experienced half a day of a virtual teacher via zoom as we awaited his daughter's result! They - and Taynee in charge on the ground - were fantastic!

Given the stronger likelihood of adult-to-adult infection, do please ensure you sustain social distancing as you wait for your child and please do not stand directly in front of the gate. And some reminders:

- If your child (OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY) displays any of the main Covid symptoms (temperature, sudden onset dry persistent cough, loss of taste/smell) **they must stay off school until they (OR SYMPTOMATIC PERSON IN FAMILY) have had a test** - and it is negative - even if the temperature (cough) disappears. If you are unable or unwilling to get a test, they will have to miss the full 10 days.
- The test must be **taken** within 5 days or the results are not valid and the full 10 days absence must be taken;
- If the test is negative and your child is well - hurray - and back to school!
- If it is positive, we must know immediately and your child must quarantine for 10 days. The family must quarantine for 14 days;
- **Members of the family must stay at home too** but do not need a test if they are not symptomatic;
- If during that time, another family member has a positive test, the 10 day rule starts for them from that day;
- **Our office intel on managing the test system is growing on a daily basis so do call to ask for advice and to share your tips/experience if you've had to go through this.**

A reminder to please complete our very short survey about our remote learning provision as we prepare for a possible year group closure. Hold your camera phone over this QR code to access it.



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EP Cross Country Event

Well done Year 4 on being the second class to leave the site this term, for their cross-country practice. Each junior class will have a practice session (Wednesday mornings) - Year 5 next Wednesday 23rd at 9 - and then each class will run a final event as follows:

- Monday 19th October at 2pm Year 3
- Tuesday 20th at 2pm Year 5
- Thursday 22nd at 2pm Year 4
- Friday 23rd at 2pm Year 6.

We'd love parental support as marshals for these events - do let Coach Martin or Coach Kane know!

Assembly Update

This week, in response to seeing an 'empty' Africa whilst looking at maps of Ancient Rome, Egypt and Mesopotamia, we looked at the Mali Empire and the Ancient Kingdom of Ghana, both highly successful civilisations utilising Africa's amazing natural resources. We then discovered that the first independent African State (1957) was named Ghana after this Ancient Kingdom - in a different part of Africa. What's more, its first president, Kwame Nkrumah, spent two years in London as a student and lived in Burghley Rd! Well done to Cashel, George and Billy in Year 1 who have already found the house, its number (60) and the blue plaque.

Safeguarding and Child Protection at Eleanor Palmer

Periodically we let parents know more about the key safeguarding practices and policies we have here at Eleanor Palmer. Creating a safe learning environment so that children can develop socially and emotionally is central to our school life and work. The following factors are very important to safeguarding and child protection at Eleanor Palmer:

- We have excellent recruitment procedures; every member of staff has full checks and up to date references, as do visiting artists, regular volunteers, supply teachers and governors;
- All staff receive appropriate training as part of induction and then routinely every 2 years;
- We have policies and practices that focus on ensuring the health and well-being of the children, for example: risk assessments before every class trip, an annual safety check of our playground, a medicines in school policy and staff presence at the school entrance every day;
- We have well-established ways of monitoring and responding to incidents of concern, for example: unexplained absences, difficult behaviour and significant changes in physical or emotional appearance;
- The ethos of the school is open so that staff, parents and children feel able to share concerns.

Local Authority guidance suggests that every parent who accompanies class trips should also undergo full criminal record (DBS) checks. Our Governing Body has taken the decision not to do this in line with guidance from the National College of Teaching and Learning who run safer recruitment training. This is because of the particular ethos and values of our small community school. Close relationships are central to our school ethos and parental participation in our many trips, that are central to our curriculum, is a much-valued part of school life for children, parents and staff. We strongly encourage all parents to take part in trips and school life and would not wish to threaten this.

Parents who volunteer on a regular (at least once a week) basis however, will be asked to undertake full DBS checks. Our full Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is on our website under the Policies link within the School Info tab.

Given the current restrictions and protocols, our policy has a Covid annex, as keeping the children safe is such a critical part of the current regime.

Newsletter border designs

Thank you to Gabriella Wiffen in Year 2 for this week's border design. More border designs needed please!

Three important dates

- Flu immunisations- Friday 16th October for all children in Reception to Year 6.
- The Spring term ends on Thursday 1 April - not Wednesday 31st March.
- Sports Day is on Tuesday 6th July and not 29th June.

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff



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