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Dear Families,

LOTS TO READ THIS WEEK!

HARVEST Collection tomorrow!

We are supporting the CNJ campaign supporting local food banks. We always collect at this time of year with a focus on those less fortunate - more pertinent now than ever. Our contribution will be collected at 3.45 tomorrow.

Please send your child into school tomorrow with something from the following list:

Cereal, tinned soup, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, lentils, beans, pulses, tinned vegetables and fruit, tinned meat and fish, tea, coffee, UHT milk, biscuits, toiletries, toilet paper, washing up liquid, laundry powder, baby supplies.
Thank you!

Events in school in the week after half term; 2nd - 6th November:

Monday 2nd

Year 6 are visiting the Jewish Museum in Camden.

Year 4 have another Latin lesson with Ms Turner.

Tuesday 3rd

Day 6 of Year 6's project with Hermes.

Wednesday 4th

Storyteller Xanthe is in school working with Years 2 and 4.

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

Newsletter border designs

Thank you to Molly Carey in Year 2 for this week's border design.

TUUP

We all loved our storyteller Tuup! As part of Camden's Black History month he is the star of a live streamed storytelling event on the evening of Wednesday 28th October! You have to register (it's FREE) to get the link. Easier to find this newsletter on our App and click the link.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camden-black-history-season-library-lates-tickets-122382317807>

Thank you

To all our Wednesday night parents who came to see teachers last night. Thank you for respecting our Covid protective measures with such good humour! Staff were really appreciative of the chance to meet and talk face to face (mask). We look forward to seeing remaining parents tonight.

Congratulations

Coach Kane's cross country initiative has been a great success - and miraculously, dodged the rain all week. At the time of going to press, Years 3 and 5 have raced. Well done to the top 4:

In Year 3 - Auby, Thomas, Oscar, Arty.

In Year 5 - Mateo, Emmanuel, Zephaniah, Aurelie.



trick or treat?

Christmas Cards

Your child's Christmas card design is coming home today! The large artwork they bring home is then reduced and professionally printed (they then look amazing) onto a Christmas card or even gift labels, mugs or wrapping paper! There is a small profit for the school on every pack you purchase. Your child's name is proudly displayed on the back of each card and you can select the seasonal message you want inside, or simply leave blank. The price for a pack of 12 cards is £5.50, mugs £6.50, wrapping paper £5, gift labels - £2.50.

All orders are placed online directly to Cauliflower Cards, once the online order is completed the artwork must be returned to school ready for printing.

To place your order:

- 1) Login to <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/>
- 2) Click Parents Shop (top right on screen) and then Parents Order Here tab.
- 3) Enter the School Code and Unique Code found on the top left of the order form sent home.
- 4) Start shopping! Don't forget to add your child's name and select greeting on the orders page.
- 5) Check out and make payment.

**** Orders must be placed by **Wednesday 4 November**. The order portal closes after this date.

- 6) On your paper order form complete **Box 2** for pupil name and class, and tick box to indicate payment.
- 7) Return completed form and artwork to the school office by 9am on **Wednesday 4th November**. The artwork will be collected by courier on that day, so please get it back in time.
- 8) Orders will be delivered to school at the start of December!

PTA news

Following the huge success of the virtual Summer Fair, class reps met with Kate at the PTA AGM last week to plan for the winter term. We were looking for ideas to bring the EP community together. We also want to raise funds to meet additional costs being incurred to keep school safe for everyone and our children's experiences of it special! As ever, there were lots of fantastic and creative ideas, matched by enthusiasm to make sure the current challenges and restrictions don't preclude us coming together to support the school.

So, for Christmas 2020, on Friday 4 December after school, Santa's Treasure Hunt will be taking us around the neighbourhood, with an opportunity to stop off at Christmas market stalls along the way!

Each year group is organising an initiative - some of these will be exclusively online, others in family groups or class bubbles. Plans are being made with Covid restrictions firmly in mind. Please get in touch with your class reps to let them know how you can help!

Christmas Raffle (Nursery) - Tickets will be coming home in book bags and on sale in the Home Zone at 3.15pm each day from Mon 23 November. Prizes for the winning tickets include cash, vouchers and a Christmas hamper!

Shoebbox presents (Reception) - More details to follow after half term.

Christmas photos (Year 1) - Following the huge success of the lockdown doorstep photos, there'll be another opportunity for family photos in the EP Festive Grotto! Look out for booking via the Patchwork website after half term.

Luxury Hampers (Year 3) - This year, a collection point will be set up at the gates for donations from all year groups in w/c 2 November. Details of the hampers will be circulated with newsletters and on the app, with bidding via email. We won't be able to approach some of our usual supporters this year - if you're able to help out by sourcing or sponsoring a donation such as an experience or event tickets (some are still happening!), please get in touch with Tiffanie (Year 3) or via Tania in the office.

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Cookie swap recipe book (Year 4) - Seizing on a North American tradition, Year 4 will be compiling a cookie swap recipe book - donations of favourite cookie recipes welcome from all year groups! Please submit directly to Selma (Year 4) or via your class rep.

Treasure Hunt (Year 6) and stalls selling homemade gifts, cakes, savouries, jam/chutney, face masks and toys (Year 2 & Year 5) - Years 2 and 5 will be organising the stalls, but donations are invited from all year groups! As ever, success relies on the amazing generosity across our EP community - this year, to keep it safe for everyone, there will be specific dates and guidelines for donations to allow for 72hr quarantine of donated items.

A collection of new and good as new toys will be made w/c 16 November. We're after creative parents to volunteer to make homemade crafts, face masks and festive food gifts e.g. chutney, Christmas puddings etc. Cakes and savouries to be pre-packaged please (we have a supply of various different bags and containers available).

Please get in touch with Jo (Year 2), Helen (Year 2), Marina (Year 5) or via your class rep to let them know how you can help, so they can make sure all bases are covered!

Boards - Our estate agent sponsors, Marsh & Parsons, have again agreed to sponsor boards - please get in touch with Tania if you're happy to host one. EP receives £25 per board for up to 60 boards - it's a significant fundraiser, so please help get us to 60 if you can.

As usual, you'll be able to order Christmas trees and wreaths from school.

A big thank you to everyone already cracking on behind the scenes to pull it all together!

Seminar from The Black Curriculum

During half term The Black Curriculum host a seminar on African and Caribbean Migration 1910-1960. Aimed at children in Years 4-6 at 6-7 pm on Thursday 29th October, the seminar can be accessed via the zoom link shared on the EP App News page.

This week in Assembly

This week in assembly, we learnt about the Bristol Bus Boycott of 1963 (ask your child what a boycott is) and Mary Prince, a 19th century campaigner for the abolition of slavery. The significant events in Bristol have always been over-shadowed as their victory was announced the same day as Martin Luther King's famous speech in Washington.

Covid update

Another week of great attendance at EP. However, cases continue to rise in Camden. This half term, 15 Camden primaries and 7 secondaries have closed year groups, several on more than one occasion. Please:

- Reiterate to your child about the importance of hand hygiene. We have to nag a lot to ensure hands are washed properly, amongst the older children. 'Public support' is waning!
- Be vigilant about any symptomatic adults or children in your household and act swiftly;
- Observe all the expectations about social distancing and mask wearing when out and about;
- Respect our requests for parents - as all visitors - on site to hand wash, distance and wear masks.

Have a good break next week. Keep well - boost that immune system with fresh air, sleep and exercise over half term!

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff

Boo!

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