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Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 9th - 13th November:

Clearly very little is happening as we enter a month of national lockdown; no trips, no off-site sports competitions. Two events to note:

Thursday 12th

All day, in separate bubbles of those who want to give it a go from Years 3-6, I will be invigilating the 2020 National Primary Maths Challenge! This is a big step up from the First Challenge that many children took last summer. We know that our medallists are always those who have **PRACTISED** so if you really want to do well, practise! Practice papers can be collected from me on Friday OR found here:

<https://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/downloads>

Friday 13th

Year 3 have a Diwali workshop in school.

New National Lockdown

Another healthy week at EP with just one (cautious) test and no cases. Despite this - to date - relatively good position, we feel it is important to reflect the higher level of national concern. As you will know and expect, we will do **absolutely everything** to keep our classes and our school open but it is a community effort. So, a few notes and clarifications from EP:

- Thanks to all those of you who responded so quickly and so supportively to our request for **facemasks at the gate**. This goes some way to reduce 'household mixing' and is respectful of different levels of parental vulnerability and anxiety. We've also got to protect the staff who to date, have gone well above and beyond expectation;
- One parent/carer dropping off/collecting helps to ease congestion;
- The new guidance is clear that wrap-around care (Breakfast Club and Club EP) can continue however after school sports cannot;
- Here's a thought....as you cannot have play dates in the next few weeks, why not use Club EP for after-school pupil get togethers?! There are a few spaces each day so book via the usual channels;
- In school very little will change. Our systems and routines are well-established;
- Please follow the guidance in all aspects of your life at home - restrictions on household mixing, travel etc.

Newsletter border designs

Thank you to Benji Mbenzu in Year 2 for this week's border design.

This week in Assembly

We returned to the story of the world, its ancient Empires and how power has shifted. We learnt about Constantinople/Istanbul and its significant position in the world and also about how the West responded when trade routes were restricted by land....

Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! At <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/eleanor-palmer/digital-book-club> -browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend, EP will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by Thursday 26th November.

PTA News

Following the introduction of a second lockdown, some of our plans for this term's fundraising are having to change. For now, class reps and volunteers will be asked to focus efforts on initiatives that can be supported via the 'virtual fair' Patchwork site as in the summer.

Estate Agent boards - Please get in touch with Tania by tomorrow (Friday 6 November) 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. Still 15 short!

Treasure Hunt - We are now back to thinking about how to make getting out and about as families for permitted exercise in our immediate neighbourhood fun again. With this in mind, Santa's Treasure Hunt will still be available, to do in your household group, with a map available to buy via the Patchwork website. Please get in touch with Selma (Smaudi@rocketmail.com) if you're happy to have an alphabet letter (A4 size) in one of your front windows for a couple of weeks and be added to the map. Santa's elves will be distributing prizes via book bags for completed Treasure Hunt entries!

Homemade gifts, Cakes, Savouries, Jam/chutney, Face masks and New/good as new toys - We're currently working on a few ideas for organising the sale and distribution of some festive treats as we have several offers to help bake, make and sell that we don't want to pass up! Please keep an eye out for news next week of how you can help.

'Cookie Swap recipe book - Seizing on a North American tradition, Year 4 are compiling a cookie swap recipe book - donations of favourite cookie recipes welcome from all year groups! Please submit directly to Selma via email (Smaudi@rocketmail.com) or hard copy.

Christmas Raffle - Tickets will be coming home in book bags soon (instructions and payment details to follow) and additional tickets will be available at drop off and pick up. Prizes for the winning tickets include cash, vouchers and a Christmas hamper!

Luxury Hampers - From tomorrow (Friday 6 November), a collection point will be set up at each gate for donations from all year groups. This can be food, cosmetics, vouchers, drinks and other luxury items. Despite new restrictions, several of our local businesses have been happy to continue to support us. It would be great to be able to make up some beautiful hampers with your donations of luxury treats to make these special. If you're able to help out by sourcing or sponsoring a donation, please get in touch with Ben (Nursery), Tiffanie (Year 3) or via Tania in the office. **Children hampers** - look out for a few special ones too!!!

Christmas trees

Buy a fabulous Christmas tree from a sustainable source, with all profits going to the school! These are usually wonderful quality trees and much cheaper than at local suppliers.

Please order your tree through the EP App-

1. On the App Home screen touch the 3 horizontal lines on the top left;
2. Select 'Forms';
3. Select 'Christmas Trees 2020' then complete and submit form (takes 2 mins!)
4. Make payment at usual [Scopay Internet Payment site](#) - the price will show as £0. You need to enter the price of your chosen tree, add to basket and pay.

Deadline to order is **Wednesday 25 November** and collection **Friday 4 December**.

- 3-4ft (100/125cm) for £25
- 5-6ft (150/175cm) for £35
- 6-7ft (175/200cm) for £45
- 7-8ft (200/250cm) for £55

Several other plans are in the pipeline, so there'll be plenty of ways to get involved and support the school. Thanks to everyone already getting stuck in to help bring this together!

With best wishes, Kate Frood and staff