



Thursday 25th February 2021

Finally, some sunshine and good news! **We are ALL to be back on Monday 8th March!** EP staff are just so happy! Everyone is well and raring to go. We will pick up where we left off so:

- Google classroom and all remote provision will cease on Friday 5th March
- Full normal days for everyone (9-3.30pm)
- Attendance is mandatory
- Main gate: Years 1,3,4,5
- Raveley St Gate: Nursery, Reception, Year 2 and Year 6
- Gates open at 8.45. Children wash hands and go straight into class
- Please be there to collect on time and wait, socially distanced and ideally, in a regular spot. Please continue to wear a mask at both drop off and pick up
- We will maintain all our in-school routines from last term such as class bubbles, hand-washing and our zoned playground
- Staff now do home lateral flow tests twice a week. There is no plan to ask primary aged children to do these tests
- We will have to close class bubbles for 10 days again should a child test positive. **PLEASE do not send your child into school if anyone in your household is symptomatic.** Tests are now readily available locally and results are fast
- Please keep in close touch with school about any possible symptoms, testing and absence.
- Breakfast Club and Club EP will resume on March 8th too so please book on line as before. Don't delay as these places filled up quickly in the Autumn term!
- Please return all loaned chromebooks on Monday - ideally in original box, **with the charging cable** - to the office.

Catch up

There is a so much in the press (and my in-box!) about 'catch up', from extending the school day to summer school. We are not making any such plans. Our priority will be to rapidly settle back into class, assessing what has 'stuck' during home learning and adjusting our teaching accordingly so we focus on the key building blocks. If we feel there are children who need extra, then we will offer targeted support either in the school day or around the school day. We will use known members of staff for this.

What we must do is push learning **onwards** as well as going backwards; teachers have felt so frustrated not having class dialogue to probe, extend and deepen understanding as well as to clarify misconceptions.

We will offer our full arts and sports curriculum and ensure children get masses of time to chat and play and to be outside. We may however, lock away the laptops for a few weeks!

Open playground!

It has been just lovely to see the vast majority of Years 4,3, and 2 this week. A reminder of dates for this week:

- Tomorrow Friday 26th Year 1
- Monday 1st Year 6
- Tuesday 2nd Year 5
- Thursday 4th Reception
- Friday 5th spare if wet

Parents: you can leave them with us! Drop off at the main gate at 3.45 and collect promptly at 4.45 in the Home Zone. We will confirm day by day as it will be weather dependent.



Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show

Calling all budding EP artists! Dust off your aprons and start creating! We have registered EP with the RA Young Artists' Exhibition which we took part in last year and had some of the children's work shortlisted! The competition is for 5 - 19 and if you win you get your piece shown on the online gallery and a few lucky children get their work exhibited at The Royal Academy itself.

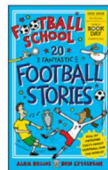
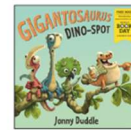
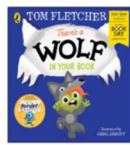


Above are some of the competition highlights from last year's exhibit. The artwork can be made using any medium. It can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing or a combination. Each child can submit up to three artworks which can be emailed to Sophie along with a short description including title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why they made it. All of the artwork is then judged by a panel of artists and art professionals. Do take care when photographing your work and follow the guidelines [here](https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/). For more information visit the website <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

To enter or if you have any questions, please email Sophie@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk by Friday 23rd April.

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March!

World Book Day is on Thursday next week. As we will still be learning from home, class teachers have planned lots of fun activities on the day to celebrate reading remotely. The traditional £1 vouchers will be given to the children once they return on March 8th and the deadline to spend them has been extended, to allow for lockdown. On the day itself, teachers will be running book swaps to give children the opportunity to choose new books from school, there are fun author masterclasses taking place through Google Classroom and a surprise adult will be reading the children each class their 3pm story! Keep an eye out in the Home Zone too, as the Rainbow Tree will be transforming into a Reading Tree for children to add decorations to. More information to follow in tomorrow's class newsletters. Some classes may decide to dress up from home, but this is completely optional and not an expectation, especially with no chance for costume shopping trips!



Stars of the week

Congratulations to you all on another week. Teachers will continue, in the absence of Golden Book assembly, to highlight children who have done particularly well. I have a large collection of chocolate button bags for this week and last week's stars. Do come and collect yours anytime 8-6 daily – we'd love to see you!

- **Nursery** – Susie says that **you are all stars!** It has been wonderful to welcome you all into school this week.
- **Reception- Ariella.** Sophie says that you have had fantastic engagement throughout home-school. She can see that you have put lots of effort into every piece of work and it has paid off. You have made wonderful progress especially with your handwriting and phonics.
- **Year 1 – Blake.** Mrs Stokes says you have been pushing yourself with your writing and the effort really shows. You are always ready to take your learning further, especially with your music recording of the 'Amazing Egyptian' song this week. Incredible!
- **Year 2 - Jesse.** Miss Cousins says you are a statistician in the making! Great work this week.
- **Year 3 – Lina.** Mr Cairns loves how you push yourself at every opportunity, always tackle the extra challenges and complete your learning to a very high standard. You are also so constantly so enthusiastic on Google Classroom and zoom!
- **Year 4 – Milo.** Mr Palejowski says you are a star for consistently working hard across the week and for making such great improvements to your handwriting and presentation.
- **Year 5 –Zeph.** Mr G loves how you have been SO engaged over the last couple of days, really on point. Going above and beyond in writing another song, this one about the Great Snake!
- **Year 6 – Tawana.** Miss Mac says that you have been improving your vocabulary so much and even reminding/teaching the class about the definitions of lots of great words.

Without your amazing support at home we would not feel so confident that we can pick up where we left off. We can see there are many children who have really benefitted from so much of your time and attention in supporting learning. You have done a brilliant job.

With love and best wishes to you and all your family.

Kate Ford