



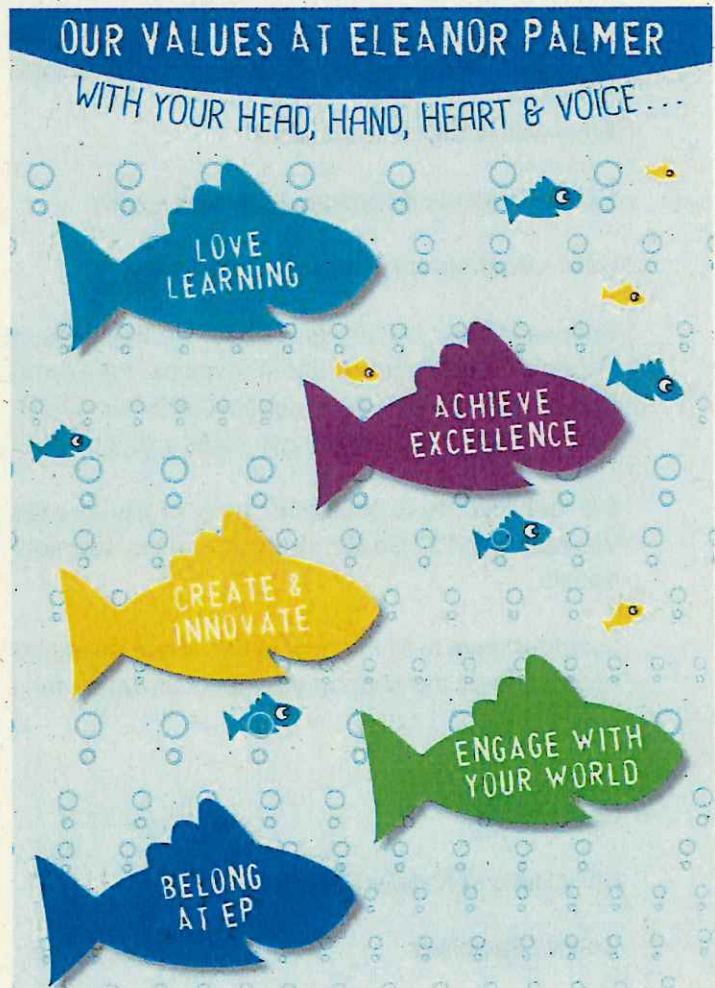
Thursday 9th September 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the autumn term - a new school year with new co-headteachers! We are hugely excited to be leading the school and we have started by sharing our new Eleanor Palmer values with the children. These are based on our own experiences at school and beyond, our beliefs about the principles of primary education, and the shared ethos guiding how we will lead the school in the years to come. Class teams have already started thinking about how they can ensure the decisions they make each day about teaching and learning have these at their heart. The children have also begun to consider how these values reflect their experience of school, and how they can develop them further. We hope our whole school community will engage with these values too!

Term has started extremely well with children settling into their new classes. In our first whole school assembly - the first for 18 months! - we shared the wonderful photographs from the Summer Challenge, and talked about all the things we were able to do now that had been restricted before: seeing cousins, swimming, hugging family; travelling; going to the theatre... it was really joyful.

We are delighted that we are able to restart things which have been restricted at school too: we have planned a full programme of trips, visits and events. Whilst we continue to be vigilant and guided by Public Health advice, we want to start by being optimistic about our children enjoying the wealth of opportunities provided by trips and visits, and about our community coming together.





Communication

As co-heads who have been colleagues for many years, we are starting from a very good position. Because we know each other, our team, and the children so well, we've been able to hit the ground running, working with our Governing Body to map out our priorities for this year. Our aim is to develop an equally excellent relationship with the wider school community, so that you feel able to talk with either of us about any issue, and to know that it doesn't matter which of us is working that day.

We share an email inbox at head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk but we retain our individual email addresses too: natalies@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk (note the s) and sally@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk. You can reach us at any of these, and we will keep each other informed, ensuring there is continuity of information.

Who will you see in school?

Natalie - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Sally - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Because of our job-share, we both work on Wednesday so this is a very important day for us! Your children might talk about changes, for example we have altered the shape of the week so that we can have a whole school Celebration Assembly on Wednesday, sharing what the children have been learning in class and their many varied achievements.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our **Meet the Teacher Event** next **Wednesday 15th September**. Check the newsletter for exact timings of this event and more details.

Just four days in to the new year, we are so excited to be leading our unique school. We appreciate all the support you have shown so far, and can't wait to get started.

Best wishes,

Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson.

Co-Headteachers.