

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2021

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Thursday 11th March 2021

I don't know who was happier on Monday - the children or the teachers! It was just wonderful to have the school full of chat, laughter and learning (with no devices in use all week) and it all just felt NORMAL and RIGHT! The media narrative about 'a lost generation' is incredibly unhelpful and totally underestimates the resilience of children, the power of parents and the skills of teachers. We are going to be fine!

We are still being cautious with our routines - and ask you to behave the same - but we hope this is now the start of a step by step return to an EP Summer Term (see over) with few restrictions.

We have had a flurry of tests this week - all negative - as we adjust to life together again and remember that other illnesses are around! Thank you to parents for this - and a reminder to all NOT TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL if they, or any other member of your household has Covid 19 symptoms. Results are back within 24 hours now, so we think better safe than sorry is a good maxim.

I so hope you are enjoying getting your lives back.. As we move forward, it would be good to have feedback on your lockdown experience. There is a short - 4 box - survey here.



<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EPLockdown2/>

It is less about remote learning and more about the positives and negatives of lockdown for you as a family. We always gain so much from your feedback - our improved remote offer this time for example - so we value your thoughts as we plan forward. Thank you.

Events in school next week: 15th - 19th March:

Tuesday 16th

Year 2 are going to the Heath

Year 1 have a virtual visit from Sir John Soane's museum.

Wednesday 17th

It is lovely to have Mr Morley back, our MFL teacher from South Hampstead. This week he picks up French with Years 3 and 4.

Year 5 are off to the Thames foreshore in Chiswick for the day for an outdoor workshop on rivers and water.

We have influence!

Year 6 had a private zoom audience with the Government's catch-up Tsar Sir Kevan Collins today in response to letters they wrote. They had things to say about plans for longer school days and school over the summer. We were really proud of how balanced their comments were and how well they listened.

Thank you

To Libby Spickernell in Year 2 for this week's border design.

Spring is coming!!!

Summer Term dates

A reminder that the last day of this term is Thursday 1st April. We hope to have our Egg Race - our 19th on this day, sadly we think without a parental audience unless the weather is right and we can do outside. Look out for rules and regulations coming home next week.

And then all these dates are fixed, predicated on the England roadmap proceeding to plan. Isn't this tantalizing!

Thursday 29th April - UKMT Maths Challenge

Monday 17th - Friday 21st May - Year 5 residential at Sayers Croft!

Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st May - Year 6 residential at East Soar Campsite in Devon

HALF TERM Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Monday 7th June - INSET DAY (school closed)

Wednesday 9th June - school photographer (missed last year!)

Monday 14th June - INSET DAY (school closed)

Wednesday June 23rd - Summer Concert

Thursday 24th - Friday 25th June - Year 2 adventure to the Mill in Surrey

We are trying to fix Year 4 camping too for late June

Saturday 3rd July - Summer Fair

Tuesday 6th July - Sports Day

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July - end of year Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers Show

Friday 16th July - Year 6 BBQ

Last day of Summer Term - Wednesday 21st July @ 1.30pm

Census 2021

We have been having a fantastic time in assembly looking at the Census, its past data and what it tells us about life in the UK. We are all a bit obsessed with statistics and societal changes from telephone ownership, to cars per household to who leads a household! The fact that my grandma had an outside toilet caused great hilarity - and previous attitudes to gender and race engendered justified shock.

I hope you have been being nagged to do your civic duty and complete the census (March 21st) Please do include your child in the form filling process if you can.

Easter Sports Camp

Coach Martin and Coach Steve are running a holiday camp at EP this Easter!

Dates:

- Week 1 - Tues 6th - Fri 9th April / Week 2 - Mon 12th - Fri 16th April
- Time: 9:00-3:00pm
- Age: 5-11 yrs (Reception to Yr 6)
- Cost: Week 1 = £90 (concession = £65) / Week 2 = £110 (concession = £75) Sibling discount = £10

To book your child's place, please email: prorrevolution.development@gmail.com

Congratulations

The governors have appointed the wonderful Rosie Thomson as the permanent deputy head at Eleanor Palmer! This completes such a brilliant leadership team for the future. Rosie has been at EP since she qualified and has been such a leading light in our curriculum development, our high standards and our inclusion. If you see Rosie, do congratulate her!

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff