

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 15th July 2021

Tonight

7.30pm Leavers' Show Performance for parents of Year 6 only. You will understand that because of restrictions we will limit this to Year 6 families and 2 per household.

Tomorrow!

Sports Day for Reception at 11am! Parents are welcome to come and watch in the playground.

Sports Day for Year 2 at 1.45pm! Parents are welcome to come and watch in the playground.

7pm Year 6 Leavers' BBQ outside in the playground, again, only for Year 6 and 2 per household.

Events in school next week: 19th - 21st July:

Monday 19th

9am Stay and Play a favourite maths games in class after the bell! We haven't done this since February 2020!! Masks are optional and we assume people will make personal choices relative to their vaccine status and own vulnerabilities.

At 6.30 in the playground, The Summer Concert, Kenwood style! Please bring a blanket. We want to avoid chairs in the heat as it damages our new tarmac. Please don't upset Coach Martin!!!! Bring a blanket/cushion/pillow - or of course stand! The bar opens at 6.15 and it will help if you arrive early to pick up a drink on the way in!

As those of you who have been before know, it is a long event but very special! Do please stay the course to hear all the amazing performers. These are all children's own choices, prepared at home and are fantastic.

Tuesday 20th

From 3pm until 6pm The Summer Fair! All children will leave via the front gates - from 3-4pm the entrance to the Fair will be the Raveley St gates. If you are already in the playground at the Fair - it opens at 3pm - then collect your child from their classroom. From 4pm onwards the entrance to the Fair will move to the front gates. Apologies for the complicated arrangements, but we need to ensure we can hand over children safely at the end of day.

*** No Club EP ***

Wednesday 21st

Leavers' Assembly at 9.15.

The school year ends at 1.30pm.

Congratulations

Stelena's painting is now up at the Royal Academy - if you're reading this via the app you will see a photo of her and her parents at the private view. A very special achievement!

Thank you

To Lilah Morris in Year 1 for this week's border design.

Book Amnesty

We are very confident that there are far more EP books than usual in your homes, borrowed during lockdown. Our stocks are low! From Monday we will have an amnesty. Please put them in the clearly labelled crate at the entrance and we will return them to their class book corners. Please do not muddle them with fair donations. Thanks!

Support Staff

Completing our dream teams for September, support staff will be working as follows:

- Year 6 Dee
- Year 5 Taynee and Deanna
- Year 4 Hayley
- Year 3 Zoe
- Year 2 Bethan
- Year 1 Jackie
- Reception Natalie and Sam
- Nursery Angie

We do need to cover one more role, which will be in place for September! We also welcome Coach Rae who joins Coach Martin's growing apprentice team

Summer Challenge

Your summer challenge is to take a photo of yourself doing something that you haven't been able to do for the past 18 months! It might be visiting (and hugging!) someone you've not been able to see, going somewhere you haven't been able to go, or doing an activity you haven't been able to do! Send your joyous emails to head@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk

So my last newsletter! People ask me how I am feeling. Lucky to have done a job I love so much for so long and in a community that is so special. Proud of what I have built up at this school and the culture that we have created. Desperately sad to leave the children and staff all of whom I love very much. Worried that teaching is so in my DNA that I won't cope without my weekly maths lessons and assemblies! But also very sure that the time is right to hand the baton to my brilliant successors Natalie, Sally and Rosie who have been such a part of EP's history already. The wonder of EP is that we never stand still or are complacent and are always restless and seeking to improve; I know they will lead the school into the next important changes and do wonderful things.

Thank you all for your incredible generosity over the years and for your support for our ethos and values. Your support for us - and for each other, through some really difficult times - is inspirational and very precious.

It matters hugely to us that all children access what for many of you is 'normal life'; holidays out of London, a rich reading diet, accessing London's cultural capital. This is possible because of your support for our values of equity and inclusion from supporting trips; to generous donations to working tirelessly at event after event. I'm also very proud that alongside this, we have built such high aspiration and delight in excellence, from sport, maths, music and writing to dance, science and budding engineers.

Please know that I will continue to be hugely interested in your children and want to know what they are up to. It makes leaving easier knowing I will see you all in the neighbourhood; I very much want to be interrupted!

My work next year will be focussed on developing young teachers across Camden and supporting headteachers as well as being part of the OfSTED team. I hope too, to have longer weekends, to be able to support my mum more and to pay my lovely partner Murray a bit more attention!

I look forward to seeing you all next week at our many events and celebrations! The sun is going to shine and it will be great! Thank you xxxxx

- End of term jobs
- Pay your debts!! It is particularly bad this term!
- Clear coat pegs
- Return those library books

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff