

WELCOME BACK

Thursday 9th September 2021

AUTUMN 2021 - WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1

Ask your child about...

... our values at Eleanor Palmer. Tomorrow's assembly we will begin by looking at how you can 'Engage With Your World'.

... their new class topic; more about this in their class newsletters tomorrow and curriculum letters, which you will receive next week.

NEXT WEEK - 13TH - 17TH SEPTEMBER

Monday 13th

Year 3 and 6 start Spanish lessons with Senor Morley.
Year 5 and 6 have a debating session with Mr Hepburn from South Hampstead School.

Tuesday 14th

Year 4 start Latin lessons.
3.30-4.30 Football Squad trials for Years 4-6 after school. Another opportunity to trial next Tuesday 21st.

Wednesday 15th

9.00 Camden School for Girls open day.

Meet the Teacher - 5:15 - 6pm repeated at 6 - 6:45pm

Ahead of our one to one meetings with individual parents, each teacher will do a short introductory talk about the year and explain what lies ahead, routines and expectations for the class and ways in which parents can support. There will of course be time for questions too. Because many of you have two or more children, each teacher will talk at 5:15pm and then again at 6pm. We will ring a bell at changeover time! This is a good opportunity to meet up with other parents in your class too! Please note: these are adult only meetings.

Please note Year 6 times are 5-6pm and 6-7pm with 1-hour sessions because there is so much to cover: we include Wick Court and secondary transfer!

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NEWS IN BRIEF AND REMINDERS!

New faces

We welcome the wonderful Gemma Stansfield as Year 2 classteacher. Many of you will already know her because she worked alongside Craig Cairns in Year 3 last year. Gemma is an extremely passionate, dedicated and creative teacher and we are lucky to have her on our team; we know you will feel the same!

We are fortunate to have another apprentice, Coach Rae, working alongside Coach Martin and Coach Kane. She is already working wonders, organising infant football, and she will be a huge part of our PE provision, lunchtime activity and after-school clubs this year.

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New routines

Thank you for your support in the changes to start and end of day. We know that this week has felt very different as everyone gets used to the new systems. Just a reminder that at the end of the day parents of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 should enter and exit school through the new side gate. We are mindful of congestion in the school entrance presents challenges in locating your child. Year 5 and 6 children will exit classrooms at the far end of Juniors closest to the playground, and we ask parents to wait near this exit rather than outside the school office window.

A reminder too that if you are giving permission for your child to walk home unaccompanied; we need to know in advance. If it is a regular arrangement, please complete the consent form in the Forms section of the EP App.

Clubs

We are finalising details of clubs. Letters will come home with children next week, with all clubs starting in the week commencing 20th September.

Secondary transfer

It is the season for making decisions about secondary schools for Year 6. Years 6 and 5 have been given a list of all Camden school events, and we will put all dates for our local schools' open mornings and evenings in the newsletter. We positively encourage day-time visits and are happy for children in both Years 5 and 6 to miss sessions of school to be part of visits. Please let us know in advance. Such absence is coded as present and will not count in your child's overall attendance record! We are working with Acland Burghley to secure an alternative visit date due to the Wick Court trip clash.

Photography Consent

When children join EP we ask parents and carers to provide consent to take and use photos or video of pupils other than for educational purposes, or for purposes relating to pupil safety and wellbeing. We often take photos to celebrate school events, workshops and trips and share these via our website. We take care with photos and videos of pupils, as set out in our Privacy Notice and Safeguarding Policy, available on the school website. **Please note that children's names are never used alongside any published images.**

Parents and carers have the option to grant or withdraw consent for each of the following areas:

- permission for your child's photograph to be used within school for display purposes
- permission for your child's photograph to be used in the school newsletter
- permission for your child's photograph to be used in other publications from the school and Camden Learning (e.g. prospectus, annual reviews)
- permission for your child's image to be used on the school's social media websites (e.g. Twitter)
- permission for your child's image to be used in the media (e.g. Camden New Journal). We will contact you directly if the by local press request photos to give you context and seek specific consent.

Rather than ask you to complete a consent form every year, we have decided to remind you annually that consent has been previously given, as you may wish to review and amend previously granted consents. Consent is easily amended at any time through the Photography Consent form in the Forms section of the EP App. Once submitted we will update your child's record. You can also email lindsay@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk or speak to the school office. To note that consent can be updated at any time throughout the year.

Our award winning Lab!

This Sunday we open the doors of the Lab to the public as part of Open House London, an annual festival to celebrate London architecture. Places are fully booked, but we are delighted to have been invited to take part! The Lab has also been entered into the Civic Trust Awards for outstanding architecture and we await results.

Thank you

To Libby Spickernell in Year 3 for this week's border design.

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Important dates for this term

Highlighting some key dates this term, these are also on the website and there will be reminders nearer the time.

- Monday 20th – Friday 24th September – Year 6 at Wick Court
- Friday 1st October – Bike Fix here at EP
- Wednesday 6th October 5.30-7 – Foundation Stage Party (Nursery & Reception parents and children)
- Monday 11th – Friday 15th October – Year 5 to Sayers Croft
- Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October – Parents Evening
- Monday 11th -Friday 22nd October – Year 4 swimming in afternoons
- Monday 1st – Friday 12th November - Year 6 swimming in afternoons
- 25th – 29th October – Half Term
- Wednesday 10th November – Primary Maths Challenge
- Thursday 2nd December – Year 5 Strings Concert
- Friday 10th December – Winter Fair
- Wednesday 15th December –Winter Concert
- Friday 17th December – EP's Got Talent and the last day of term.

We are planning a CBC night – date tbc

New term reminders

- Please ensure your child is **reading** each day, as well as sharing stories and being read to! As your child gains confidence, it's still helpful to remind them about daily reading and to talk with them about what they read...it makes a huge difference!
- Please settle payments on time and come and talk about any payment concerns. Our preferred payment method is via Scopay online payments wherever possible.
- At EP, every second is precious and our teachers make sure every learning opportunity is used! Please make every effort to ensure your child is in their classroom by 9am. This is so important for your child to hear the teacher's plans for the day ahead, ensuring a settled start and readiness to learn.
- Terms dates are on the website and Ep App. With such good notice of dates, there shouldn't be any accidental holiday bookings... we want to continue our amazing **attendance** record - often top in Camden!
- We are a water only school: both in school (lunchtime) and out of school (on trips). Every child should have a named water-bottle to be taken home each day to be refreshed. A firm no to sugary flavoured waters.
- **Scooters** and **bikes** must be parked tidily behind Years 5 and 6. This area is a fire evacuation route so it is essential that it is kept clear and tidy - in the event of a real fire this could cause an accident and a delay. If any bikes and scooters are left overnight (and often for days) we cannot take responsibility for their disappearance.
- We don't allow **toys** in school.
- Please check **book-bags** for essential forms and newsletters - Thursday (orange, whole school newsletter) and Friday (yellow, class newsletter). Newsletters are also available through the App.
- We don't allow any jewellery, other than simple stud earrings.
- Please ensure that long hair is tied up - it helps focus in class and helps prevent the spread of nits.
- Make sure your **contact details** are up to date with our office. One of our key communication methods is texting, and we also need your contact details in case of emergencies. It is now expected that we have a minimum of 4 contact numbers.

With best wishes and high hopes for another great year ahead,

Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson.

Co-Headteachers, Eleanor Palmer.

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Term dates 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021

Term starts for children:	Monday 6 September 2021 (Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September staff INSET days)
Half Term:	Monday 25 October– Friday 29 October 2021
Term ends:	Friday 17 December 2021
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 20 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022

Spring Term 2022

Term starts for children:	Wednesday 5 January 2022 (Bank holiday Monday 3 January Staff INSET day Tuesday 4 January)
Half Term:	Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022
Term ends:	Friday 1 st April 2022
Easter/Spring Holidays	Monday 4 April to Friday 15 April 2022 (Bank Holiday Monday 18 April)

Summer Term 2022

Term starts for staff and children:	Tuesday 19 April 2022 May Bank Holiday - Monday 2 May
Half Term:	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June plus Monday 6 June and Monday 13 June staff INSET days.
Term ends:	Friday 22 July at 1.30pm