

Friday 18th October 2019

**Message from the head:** What an incredibly busy half term—while it seems just a few weeks ago we were coming back from the summer break we have crammed a huge amount of learning and activities into this term. From the bike training every class has completed, trips to galleries, museums, the heath and more, the whole school KIT Theatre project, the first 'Welly Wednesday' in Nursery, Year 4 and 5 starting their brass lessons, the beginning of the class assemblies, and the Year 5 residential trip to Sayer's Croft, cross country and bench-ball competitions—it has been non-stop! Then there is the amazing topic work being done in classes, brilliant books being read, stories being written and problems being solved. It's also been wonderful welcoming our new Nursery and Reception families into school and getting to know the new children—Autumn is always a long term, especially for the youngest children who are building up their resilience to be in school for full days. Well done to them all on completing their first half term and thank you families for supporting them in their start to school life with good habits of being in everyday and on time. Half term is a chance to draw breath, rest and get ready for all the fun to start again after half term! Don't forget that for Years 2—6 it's also a chance to showcase some aspect of your topic that has been particularly interesting through the home learning projects. We will, as usual, hold a mini exhibition when they are due in (Monday 4th November). It's always brilliant to see the fantastically creative projects the children come up with—from paintings, baking, sculptures, models, power points and so much more. Whatever you get up to over half term we hope you are able to spend some quality time together with your children and loved ones and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 24th October (Tuesday 25th for our Nursery families). Have a great half term.

## New Parent Governors

Thank you to Jon Rohoman (dad to Rocco, Hunter and Emaline) and Sabiha Khan (mum to Suha) for volunteering to become Parent Governors. We still have one Parent Governor slot to fill. If you are interested in becoming involved in this important role in the school community please let Mr McGibbon know. If you have any legal or HR knowledge in particular please consider putting yourself forward.

## Teaching – the best job in the world!

Are you interested in training to teach – or know someone who is? Here in Camden, led by our partners at Eleanor Palmer, we run an outstanding primary teacher training programme (PGCE) in conjunction with UCL/IOE where you will get the chance to train in fantastic local schools. This programme brought us our own fantastic Ms. Kingham, Ms. Webb, Ms. Coulter and Ms. Costelloe! Recruitment has just launched for entry in September 2020. If you would like to hear about the programme and what it can offer please do book to attend the next Open Morning – on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-11.30am** at Eleanor Palmer Primary School. To book your place or for more information email [Vicky@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk](mailto:Vicky@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk), call Vicky on 020 7485 2155 or follow the link on EP's website:

## Open Classrooms—Year 1 to Year 6

On Wednesday 30th October from 9-10am

Come and see your children learning in class and come away with some ideas for supporting spelling, phonics and vocabulary

## Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. We have children with nut allergies and so request that whenever you bring in cakes/biscuits or treats, that you ensure that they are nut free—especially for birthdays or class teas. Many thanks for your support.



## Punctuality Award

This week, our Punctuality award goes to Year 1 and Year 5 with just 2 lates. Please ensure that your children arrive at school for 9am.



## Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Year 1 with 99%. Well done to them! Please ensure that you call the office if your child is unwell and is unable to attend school.



## Kentish Town City Farm Apple Day festival

Sunday, 27 October, 2019 from 12:00 – 4:00

Cressfield Close, NW 5 4BN

Entry: Adults £1, children 50p



Every year the farm celebrates the British apple with a great range of activities, games and of course, apples! There's lots to see & do including apple bobbing and the longest peel competition, as well as masses of arts & crafts. They will also have a "meet the animals" area in the arena. Other attractions will be the apple-themed café, barbecue, apple pressing, the opportunity to taste and buy a wide range of traditional apple varieties like Frogmore, Burr Knot and Hoary Morning and of course the farm animals to see – Shirley the cow, pigs Wilma & Betty, donkeys Dora & Nora and the goats.

## Terms Dates—2019/20

<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Half Term:</b>	<b>Fri 8th May</b>
Half Term:	Mon 17th—Fri 21st Feb	Half Term:
Mon 21st—Fri 25th Oct	Last Day of Term:	Mon 25th—Fri 29th May
Last Day of Term:	Fri 3rd April	INSET Day—school closed:
Thurs 19th Dec	<b>Summer Term</b>	Mon 1st June
<b>Spring Term</b>	First Day of Term:	Last Day of Term:
First Day of Term:	Tue 21st April	Tue 21st July
Tue 7th January	Bank Holiday:	

## Dates for your calendar for this term

21st-25th Oct	Half Term Week—no school
29th Oct	Year 5 to the British Museum
31st Oct	Year 5 to the Museum of London
31st Oct	Year 3 Class Tea
1st Nov	Year 3 Class Assembly
5th Nov	Year 3 to Science Museum
6th Nov	Flu Vaccination—Rec to Year 6
6th Nov	Year 6 to the CLC
7th Nov	Year 1 & Year 5 to the Cinema
7th Nov	Year 2 Class Tea
8th Nov	Reception to the Heath
11th Nov	Year 4 to the Cinema
12th Nov	Year 4 to the Tate Britain
12th Nov	Year 3 to the Cinema
13th Nov	Year 6 to the Cinema
14th Nov	Year 1 Class Tea
15th Nov	Year 1 Class Assembly

## Star of the Week Awards—this weeks winners...



Well done to our 'Stars of the Week' for their hard work and effort in class.





Last week, Year 5 kicked off our Autumn Term Class Assemblies in style with their Viking tale about Thor, Loki and the Frost Giants. Today they were ably followed by Year 4. These assemblies are a brilliant chance for the children to share their topic learning with their families and they are always so happy to see you in the audience. Dates for Class Teas and Class Assemblies went out in the Welcome Back letter at the start of term, but just in

case you forgot to make a note here is a reminder:

## Class Assemblies

Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Year 3 Class Tea	31 <sup>st</sup> October	Nursery Class Tea	30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Class Tea	21 <sup>st</sup> May
Year 3 Class Assembly	1 <sup>st</sup> November	Reception Class Tea	6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Class Tea	4 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 2 Class Tea	7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Class Tea	13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Class Assembly	5 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 Class Tea	14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Class Assembly	14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Class Tea	11 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 Class Assembly	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Class Tea	27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Class Assembly	12 <sup>th</sup> June
Reception Class Tea	21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 5 Class Assembly	28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Class Tea	18 <sup>th</sup> June
Nursery Class Tea	28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Class Tea	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Class Assembly	19 <sup>th</sup> June
Infant Christmas Show	6 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10am	Year 4 Class Assembly	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Class Tea	25 <sup>th</sup> June
Junior Christmas Show (un-ticketed)	12 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10am	Year 3 Class Tea	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Class Assembly	26 <sup>th</sup> June
Junior Christmas Show (ticketed)	12 <sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm	Year 3 Class Assembly	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Tea	2 <sup>nd</sup> July
		Year 2 Class Tea	19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly	3 <sup>rd</sup> July
		Year 2 Class Tea	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Tea	9 <sup>th</sup> July
		Year 1 Class Tea	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery Class Tea	16 <sup>th</sup> July
		Year 1 Class Assembly	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Leavers Assembly	17 <sup>th</sup> July
		Music Assembly	31 <sup>st</sup> March		



This week saw the last of the classes have their cycle training. IT was Reception and Nursery at the beginning of the week and Year 2 at the end. We have now ensured that every child from Nursery to Year 4 has had sessions, as well as the Year 5 and 6 children who took part in the week long 'Bikeability' course. So many children who couldn't cycle at the beginning of their cycle sessions could by the end. With half term coming up please, if you can, take the kids out to further practice their skills—if you don't use it, you lose it! If you don't have a bike check out the holiday courses Camden run where they can provide you with bikes.

## Year 2 Kaleidoscopes



This week as part of their science work, Year 2 made kaleidoscopes. Some of them brought them to show Mr McGibbon and he was bowled over by how cool they were—the patterns and light they produced were awesome. Well done Year 2—ask the children how they work!



## The Globe Theatre

Year 6 visited the Globe Theatre as part of their 'Lights, Camera, action' topic. They were shown round the theatre and had an actor's workshop. This will all stand them in good stead for when they wow us at the end of term with the Christmas Production! Can't wait to see what they do this year...

