

EARLHAM NEWS



Friday 6th October 2017
Newsletter No 5

Additions to our App this week are
Newsletter

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Urgent Message for Year 6

Applications are now open for applying for a secondary school place for your child. All applications must be made online by visiting www.eadmissions.org

The deadline for applications is 31st October.

You must apply by this date to ensure you have a secondary school place for your child. If you need help applying please see the Year 6 teachers.

Dear Earlham Community



Here are the answers to last week's questions:

Another name for Diwali: Festival of light
Celebrates: The Hindu New Year

Symbolically celebrates the victory of light over dark and good over evil

Diwali is held on the darkest night in the month of Kartika (October or November) when it is New Moon

The moon looks like that because it is a New Moon

The date follows the lunar cycle (when the new moon is) so it differs from our solar calendar which follows the sun

Families prepare by cleaning and decorating their homes and exchanging cards and gifts

Eat special foods and sweets

Lights are put up to decorate buildings and streets

Greet by saying Happy Diwali

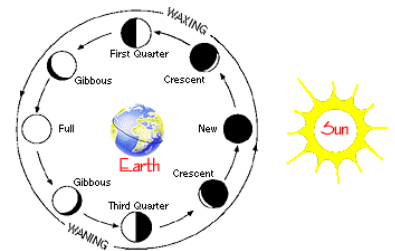


Lord Rama was a prince who married a beautiful princess, Sita. His father wanted Rama to become king, but his mother didn't agree. She wanted Rama's brother, Bharat, to have that honour.

Rama and Sita were told that they must leave the kingdom for 14 years. Another brother, Lakshman, went with them to live in the forest

Eventually, the old king died. Knowing and honouring his father's wishes, Bharat went to a far-off forest where he found Rama and Lakshman and invited them to return as king and queen. But they had promised to stay away for 14 years and Rama insisted they must be true to their word. So they stayed

The Moon as seen from Earth

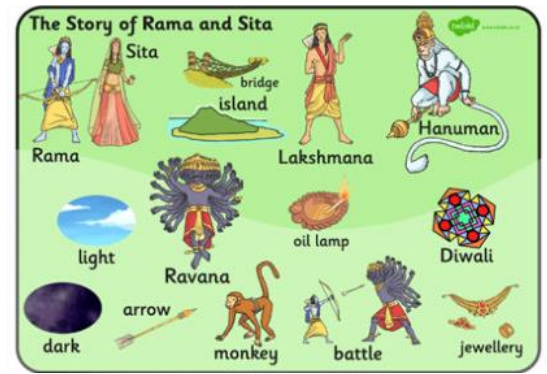


in the forest where, one day, an evil demon named Ravana captured Sita and carried her off to an island. Here he imprisoned her in his palace.

Rama and Lakshman searched for her. A bird told them where she was being held. With the help of Hanuman, the monkey general, Rama went to the castle where there was a huge battle.

Eventually, Rama killed the demon king with a golden arrow and rescued Sita. After 14 years, it was time for Rama to return home.

Towards the end of their journey, the night was very dark, with no moon to light the path ahead. So to help King Rama and Queen Sita find their way, all their people placed small lamps outside their houses. This is the story behind the festival of Diwali



We can learn so much from the messages of the story about truth, friendship and helpfulness



Homework on the app is going well. Parents have fed back that they appreciate being able to access the homework anytime and anyplace (as long as they have wifi). Parents also appreciated being able to see other year group's homework so that they could see difference in levels and expectations

Parents asked for us to include at least one example in Maths Homework and we will be improving that Android Parents (as opposed to Apple Parents) reported that the Homework app is improving and they can definitely view on-screen now - although some were still struggling to download and forward or print. We are working with the developer to improve this.

Some parents asked for clarification as to what to do with the Homework:

To clarify: Homework should not be returned to school unless you wish to discuss an aspect of the homework with a teacher. Homework is for home and to help Parents

Parents asked for more resources to help children with at home:

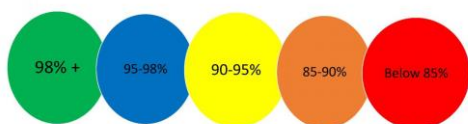
We have secured Mathletics again and this wonderful resource is available for all children in the school and the school is paying for this. Passwords for children to log in will follow.

We are looking into more resources that we can provide and/or subsidise and will announce as we secure these resources.

As always, I welcome all feedback via the admin email.

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Attendance Matters
On Time: First Time, Every Time



What Zone Are You In?

Attendance

We have been working hard to raise our levels of attendance and will be holding meetings for all parents with attendance of their children below 90% this week

Together, we are building the future of all our children at Earlham Primary

Best wishes

Daniel Kerbel
Headteacher



Very Important Message Holidays/Special Leave

Please remember we are unable to authorise any requests for these absences during term time. If you take your child out of school during term time there is a possibility that you will be fined and that you may lose your child’s school place at Earlham.



Owl Photographs

The deadline to hand in Owl proof pictures is Friday 13th October. If you wish to order the photograph please hand in to the school office by this date.

Tournament

Last Friday we took a squad of 20 children to the Haringey Football tournament. We played as a boys team and a girls team and we learnt lessons about teamwork and determination. We learnt to be sporting and positive and we did our best. Highlights included the boys winning one match 2-0 and the girls winning a match and drawing 2 matches. The best part was participating.



We are actively seeking as many opportunities as possible for children to participate and our next tournament will be a netball tournament

Not all children can be chosen but we are aiming to give as many children as possible, a chance and we give all children who would like to commit to participating in a tournament, the chance to train with our coach before the tournament even if they are not selected

Best wishes

Mr Kerbel



Dear Parents/Carers

You are invited to attend your child’s class assembly as listed in the rota below. Please arrive at 2.45pm for 2.50pm start.

Friday 13 th October	Amber
Friday 20 th October	Coral
Friday 3 rd November	Opal
Friday 10 th November	Pearl
Friday 17 th November	Emerald
Friday 24 th November	Jade

Emergency Contact Forms

If you have not already done so please return the pink emergency contact form to the school office. It is very important that we have the correct details should we need to contact you in an emergency.



Attendance

It is an established fact that children who attend school regularly, have better opportunities to make academic progress, good friendships and feel safe at school. Attendance is crucial for your



child's well-being. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time every day. Please note that if your child is absent from school due to sickness, medical evidence must be provided. Every effort should be made to make appointments out of school time unless that is really not possible.



Dinner Money

Dinner money for the week is £12.00. The correct amount should be paid on a Monday in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. **Please note we do not have access to change.**



Earlham Primary Term Dates		
Autumn 1	Monday 4 September 2017	Friday 20 October 2017
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 23 October 2017- Friday 27 October 2017</i>	
Autumn 2	Monday 30 October 2017	Thursday 21 December 2017
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Friday 22 December 2017 - Tuesday 2 January 2018</i>	
Spring 1	Wednesday 3 January 2018	Friday 9 February 2018
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 12 February 2018 -Friday 16 February 2018</i>	
Spring 2	Monday 19 February 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 2 April 2018 - Friday 13 April 2018 inclusive</i>	
Summer 1	Monday 16 April 2018	Friday 25 May 2018
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 28 May 2018</i>	<i>Friday 1 June 2018</i>
Summer 2	Monday 4 June 2018	Friday 20 July 2018
Training and Development Days (when children are not in school) Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th September 2017 Monday 19 th February 2018 Thursday 19 th and Friday 20 th July 2018		
Bank Holiday Monday 7 th May - School Closed		
New Term Starts Monday 3rd September 2018		
Training and Development Days (when children are not in school) Monday 3 rd and Tuesday 4 th September 2018 Children return to school Wednesday 5 th September 2018		