

EARLHAM NEWS



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Newsletter

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Dear Earlham Community



This week I met with Pupils from Year 5 and 6 to hear how they are feeling about school. I conducted a random selection and saw 12 pupils this week. I will be meeting with more. They gave me valuable insight and highlighted some premises matters that we were able to



address immediately such as the door of the girls' toilets. They highlighted the kindness of pupils and the diversity at Earlham which helps us to learn from each other. They expressed their wish for more educational staff to help explain learning when they find it hard and this really resonated as current school finances make it so hard to have the level of staffing that we would wish for. Obviously every class has their teacher and we have a dedicated team of learning support staff who help in different classes but our team of volunteers is so greatly appreciated especially our long-term volunteers such as Ms Joan Badcock who has been helping with reading for a number of years. We would really value a dedicated volunteer librarian and if anybody wants to volunteer for this or knows somebody, please contact the office to speak with me. Thank you to the PTA who also volunteer and have recently funded 'Literacy Planet' which the children are really enjoying.



Attendance is constantly being tackled and I was happy to meet with families this week who had been highlighted last year for low attendance and to see the progress that they and we are making.

Please remember Every Day Matters.

You might have noticed in various news stories that recruitment of teachers is a serious problem as it is a demanding and very highly accountable profession. One of our goals at Earlham has been to stabilise teacher positions whilst recruiting good teachers. This is a challenge and has not always been easy because of the current market. We have always tried our best but some classes have sadly been affected by teacher turn-over. One of the ways we have tackled that is to link with an organisation called Teachfirst (<https://www.teachfirst.org.uk/>). They recruit the top, brightest graduates and aim to get them into education. We are fortunate to have two Teachfirst teachers at our school. They bring passion, dedication and long-term gain for our school as hopefully they will stay in the teaching profession for many years. The challenge is that they are training on the job and so have to be away from the class at various times. In order to accommodate this and ensure continuity, myself and the Deputy Headteacher and a very experienced Higher Level Teaching Assistant are going into their classes to cover them while they do assignments and projects this term. They are still present and available but if you don't see them in class, please understand. They are still planning, assessing and keeping in contact with the class and spending lots of time with them.



The children told me that they love participating in the tournaments and also enjoy the workshops such as the recent owl workshop so we will do our best to keep those opportunities ever present.

Thank you to our dedicated and committed staff and to the wonderful children of Earlham and to the Parents and Carers for getting the children to school on time every day. Remember: Every Day Matters when we are building the future!

Mr Kerbel





Open Door for Parents

Parents are invited to come into your child's class and see their books. Please line up with your child in the playground and the teacher will escort you in. The timetable below shows dates and times of your child's class.

Open Door for Parents Timetable

Class	24/01	31/01	07/02	28/02
Emerald	8.40-9.00am			
Jade	8.40-9.00am			
Opal		8.40-9.00am		
Pearl		8.40-9.00am		
Amethyst			8.40-9.00am	
Sapphire			8.40-9.00am	
Amber				8.40-9.00am
Coral				8.40-9.00am

Class Assembly

Parents/Carers are invited to their child's class assembly.
All the assemblies start at 2.50pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Friday 2 nd February	Amethyst
Friday 9 th February	Sapphire
Friday 23 rd February	Opal
Friday 2 nd March	Pearl
Friday 9 th March	Emerald
Friday 16 th March	Jade
Friday 23 rd March	Rose Quartz

Earlham Primary Term Dates

Spring 1	Wednesday 3 January 2018	Friday 9 February 2018
Holiday	<i>Monday 12 February 2018 - Friday 16 February 2018</i>	
Spring 2	Monday 19 February 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018
Holiday	<i>Monday 2 April 2018 - Friday 13 April 2018 inclusive</i>	
Summer 1	Monday 16 April 2018	Friday 25 May 2018
Holiday	<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 19th February 2018		
Thursday 19th and Friday 20th July 2018		
Bank Holiday		
Monday 7th May - School Closed		



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**HALS Family Learning
Parents Toolkit:
How to deal with your child's behaviour**

**Thursday, 1st February 2018
14:00 – 15:30**



Venue: Earlham Primary School, Earlham Grove, Wood Green, London N22 5HJ

To book a place: Please speak to Miss Evrim Cengiz

You will need to complete a HALS enrolment form & show a valid ID (Passport, Driving Licence or ID card).

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