

EARLHAM NEWS



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We break up today for half term

**Children return to school on
Tuesday 5th June**

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Newsletter

Dear Earlham Community



We have come to the end of the half-term and I hope you enjoy the PTA cake sale today and put the 27th June in your diary so that you do not miss the Earlham 2018 summer fair.



This week I enjoyed visiting the Nursery to see their 'potion station'. This is a wonderful creative area of learning designed by our Early Years team. It consists of old flowers and water and cups to mix them up and make potions or perfumes. The children have had so much fun mixing and creating and smelling and it is a wonderful way of introducing the magic of science in everyday life. In Year 3 we have a team of budding paleontologists who dig in the playground every day to discover 'precious' stones and possibly dinosaur fossils! Year 6 are buzzing with the excitement of our first Shakespeare production in many years. Auditions have been held and children are learning their lines ... 'A drum, a drum, Macbeth doth come...'



At Earlham we have the super-power of positive attitude and we are building the future today. One of my favourite moments of the day is when children come to collect 'Golden Marshmallow' stickers from the Headteacher at break-time. I created Golden Marshmallows at Earlham because I wanted a way to recognise when children have made great choices and chosen to put in effort and invest in their futures. The Earlham pupils are wonderful children and give us hope for the future of the planet. Many of our past pupils pop past at home time and come in to say hello to staff and have a quick chat. Earlham is a place of belonging and despite the many languages and cultures, it is a community of belonging and faith in the future.



We are looking forward to the results from the SATs and we are very proud of all the hard work the children put in. At the moment Year 6 children are working very hard on their Writing as their writing levels will be sent into the Local Education Authority to be recorded nationally in June.

I have worked hard and valued being Headteacher at Earlham Primary. I started in September 2015 at a time of great struggle for the school. Our children's results had been way below National and the School had had 3 consecutive Ofsted judgements below the required 'Good' grade. Our pupil numbers were also falling and less children were coming to the school, meaning that the school was running out of income. (The majority of a school's income is directly related to the pupil numbers so if pupil numbers fall, the school income decreases).

In the past 3 years, the Staff and the Governing body, in partnership with the Parents have worked so hard to lift up the school and in April 2017 Ofsted recognised our past 2 years of excellent results and strong improvement in teaching and learning and gave us an official grade of 'Good'. Earlham is officially a good school! We then had to go through a difficult period of workforce restructure as we had to cut jobs to

match the decreased numbers of pupils and the fall in income. This was a sad time when we needed to say goodbye to a number of valued staff. All this was worth it as we finished the financial year of 2017-18 in a surplus position. We still need to be careful but we are in the 'black' and our pupil numbers are rising. In addition the School rebuild which was promised years ago, now seems very close (projected start date is January 2019) and in this next academic year, we shall hopefully see continued improvement in teaching and learning; continued progress in our pupil outcomes and more stability for the school with the very real prospect of the new building looming on the horizon.

It has been a wonderful period of learning and achievement and I am very happy and proud to have been Headteacher of Earlham Primary. I feel that it is a good time for me to hand-over to a new fresh Headteacher who will come in and take our school to new heights. I am therefore moving on in September 2018 after a wonderful, stimulating, challenging time of development and I look forward to Earlham going from strength to strength. I am proud and happy to be part of the Earlham story and as I say to the



children; if you have been at Earlham, then there is a part of Earlham in you forever: 'Earlham forever!' I am very pleased to be handing over to our new Headteacher coming in September and I am looking forward to enjoying the Summer 2 half-term. We have First Aid training for the children, many exciting trips and a World Cup dance-themed day to look forward to.



Ms Rezai will be starting in September and I am sure that you will give her your support and work with her to take our school to new heights. She is an experienced educator with a passion for education and a calm organised approach. She cares about children and is looking forward to working with the staff to take our Teaching and Learning to new heights.

Thank you to the Earlham community for your partnership and for building the future today through the power of education. Wishing you blessing and success.

Mr Kerbel

Dear Earlham Community

Further to Mr Kerbel's announcement I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mr Kerbel for his tireless commitment to our school and his infectious passion for the positive opportunities that excellent education brings for all.

It has been a genuine pleasure working with Mr Kerbel over the past three years and I hope that everyone can appreciate the huge impact he has had during his time with Earlham. As you know the school has faced many challenges in recent years, but under the leadership of Mr Kerbel, and through the support and devotion of all staff, pupils, parents and carers we can all be very proud of what we have collectively achieved in the face of considerable adversity. Our recent 'good' Ofsted grading is testament to this considerable hard work, dedication and capacity to improve. At Earlham we all work hard to address challenges and embrace the opportunities that come with transformation.

Whilst I am saddened to be saying goodbye to Mr Kerbel, I am delighted to confirm that Ms Rezai will become our new Headteacher in September. As Governors we have a responsibility to set the vision and expectations for the school and work closely with senior leaders to implement this strategy. Through a very intensive selection process Ms Rezai stood out as the outstanding candidate and we are very excited that she will be bringing her skills, knowledge and experience to support our continuing journey of improvement in September.

I would also like to say well done to all pupils who have recently completed their SATs, and to all staff who have supported them throughout this important process.

I look forward to writing with further exciting announcements before the end of the year, but in the meantime hope that you will join me in thanking Mr Kerbel for all he has done for our school, wishing him all the very best for the future, and look forward to warmly welcoming Ms Rezai in September.

I wish you all a wonderful half term break.

Euan Macdonald

Chair of the Interim Executive Board
Earlham Primary School

Dear Earlham Community

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Earlham Primary School.

It is a privilege to be joining the school at such an exciting phase of its history and development and I am looking forward to leading such a richly diverse and child centred school community.

My priority as Headteacher will be to ensure that Earlham Primary School continues on its journey towards becoming an outstanding school which serves the local community, where every child can feel safe, happy and achieve their full potential.

I look forward to getting to know you all in September.

Natasha Rezai



Summer Fair Early Finish

School will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 27th June for our summer fair. We look forward to seeing you all there.



The school photographer will be in school on Friday 15th June to take class photos



Earlham Sports Day
KS1 Monday 9th July AM
KS2 Tuesday 10th July AM

Class Attendance for week ending 18/05/18



Lapis Lazuli	Rose Quartz	Ruby	Moonstone	Jade	Emerald	Pearl	Opal	Amethyst	Sapphire	Amber	Coral
95%	94.3%	 97.7%	96.4%	97.3%	95.5%	96%	98%	94.7%	98.3%	 100%	 100%

Earlham Primary Term Dates

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)
 Please note new date for TAD Day **Monday 4th June 2018**
Friday 20th July 2018

Important Message

Please note the change of Training and Development Days.
Monday 4th June 2018 is now a TAD day
(children are not in school on this day)

Thursday 19th July is no longer a TAD day
and children should be in school.
School will finish at 2.00pm on
Thursday 19th July.