



EARLHAM *echo*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of what has been a very busy term at Earlham. Ofsted finally visited, and we were pleased with the outcome—the link to the full report is on our website.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas Concerts, which are now so popular we have to hold two performances in order to fit all our families in. I am hoping that the new hall will be ready by next Christmas, with lights and a sound system and a high enough stage for you to see the children more clearly. The children practiced hard and performed really well, we were very proud of them.

The building works are progressing, as you will have seen, and we should be using the new upstairs classrooms by February half term. This will mean that the next stage of the work can begin.

I hope you have a lovely holiday with your children, and look forward to seeing you next term.

Yours sincerely,

L Hewer (Headteacher)

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As you may know, many of Earlham's teachers have been studying for a Masters Degree in Education qualification for the past few years. Some of us have finished now (hooray!) and attended our graduation ceremony recently. We have more teachers continuing to study. We know that the more skills and knowledge we have as a school, the better education we can deliver for your children. I was pleased that Ofsted noted how what we are learning has had an impact on our teaching.

Key Dates

Friday 20th December—last day of term

Monday 6th January—first day of Spring term

Monday 17th-Friday 21st February—half term holiday

School uniform reminder!

Please make sure your children wear their school uniforms every day. Research in a range of schools has shown that children benefit from wearing uniform - it helps them feel that they belong to the school community, and reduces negative comments about appearance.



Reminder

Please remember that you must keep your children with you after you have picked them up at the end of the day, they are your responsibility and should not be running around. This is particularly important now that we have lost some of the playground to the building works.



Text messages

As you know we have introduced a texting system to help us communicate with you, and we will be beginning to use this for a wider range of purposes, such as for contacting you if your child is absent from school. Please remember to tell us when your phone number changes, particularly if Santa is kind enough to bring you a nice new phone with a new number this Christmas.

Attendance

Our attendance continues to improve, so thank you for making sure your children are at school. To help improve our figures further please can you make sure that if your child has an unavoidable medical appointment they come to school before and/or afterwards and do not miss the whole day. Thank you.



Pantomime!

The children had a great time when the pantomime 'Aladdin' was held at school, particularly those who were able to join in! More pictures are on our website.

Earlham Primary's Website!

Visit our School website:

www.earlham.newham.sch.uk

Where you can find pictures, important messages, curriculum information and much more...

HAPPY NEW YEAR

