

EARLHAM ECHO

November 2014

A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever, time seems to rush by at Earlham, and we are already into the second half term. The children (and staff!) have made a very good start to the year, and we are seeing very good teaching and learning taking place.



Uniforms

I'm sure you have noticed there is continued progress with the building works. It is very pleasing to see our new premises taking shape, and to know that before too long all the works will be over and we will get back to normal!

As of September, the government changed how progress and achievement are measured in schools. Levels do not exist any more. We will be holding information sessions on November 25th and 26th to explain what will be happening from now on—I hope you will be able to attend. We will also be putting information on our website.

We have lots happening at Earlham this half term, so please check the dates on the back of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Hewer (Head Teacher)

Thank you for supporting our new uniform, the children are still looking very smart. If you have not yet written in your child's name please can you make sure you do so, as it is very hard to find anything that goes missing if it is not labelled. Also, please can you check that your children are only bringing home their own tops, please return any that do not belong to them straight away.

Additional uniform is on sale from the office on Wednesdays after school.



Attendance

Attendance at Earlham has improved considerably in recent years, and is currently at 96%, which is better than the national average and would be considered outstanding by Ofsted. Thank you for making every effort to bring your children to school so consistently.

As we head into winter we do expect more illness; if your child is just a bit under the weather, please send them to school and tell us, we will keep an eye on them and let you know if they become ill. If your child has been vomiting or has had diarrhea, however, please keep them off school until they have no symptoms to avoid spreading illness.

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Child Safety Week
Morgan Sindell sponsored our safety competition for Child Safety Week. Winning children received prizes of book tokens. You will be able to see the winning entries on our website.



Centenary of WW1.

To mark this occasion, KS2 children took part in a live assembly broadcast from the Tower of London. We have also made a poppy display, led by the talented Mrs Conn, to help the children remember soldiers from all countries who have fought in wars not of their making.

Key Dates

Tuesday 25th November 9.00 and 2.30, and Wednesday 26th November at 2.30- Parents meetings about the new curriculum and assessment arrangements,

Parents evenings 3rd and 4th December

Christmas concerts 16th December—6M, 5P, 4/3H, 2R, 1A, RA, F2

18th December 6/5W, 4P, 3K, 2G, 1O, RG
(Please attend the performance for your oldest child. All children will perform in both concerts, but we ask you to attend only once due to lack of space.)

End of term Friday December 21st

Spring term starts Monday January 5th

Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

are pleased to invite you to join us

at **The Gate Library** for

fun and educational activities!

Wednesdays 3.30 – 5pm: **Games Club - Enjoy** exciting board and PC games, chess sets and giant connect 4 challenges.

Thursdays 4 – 6pm: **Movie club** - watch exciting classic and popular films.

Saturdays (not half terms) 10am – 12 noon: **Homework club: Homework help** and support plus worksheets and activities provided