



EARLHAM *echo*

September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to Earlham.

I'm sure you have noticed the new building works that are starting to our main entrance to create a larger office and reception area with room for you to wait in comfort. This does mean we have a temporary entrance, so please bear with us for the next few months. You will need to leave prams and buggies outside and carry your children in as there really is no room in the corridor.

The new start and finish times, although more complicated, mean that the children are able to get into and out of school more quickly and safely. Please make sure that your children arrive promptly (see times on the back of this newsletter) as learning will start straight away and your child will be marked as late if they miss the register.

As you know, we will be converting to academy status and joining the Eko Trust shortly—this should happen on 1st October. As a staff we are excited about working with supportive colleagues to improve our skills. I will provide you with updates about what we are doing as the year goes by.

Our results at Earlham were excellent last year, and are a credit to the staff, pupils and to you - the support that you provide to your children and to the school makes a real difference to how well your children achieve. I look forward to working with you in the coming year and seeing your children flourish.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Hewer

Key Dates

Half term—Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October
Staff training day—Friday 17th November
Safeguarding workshops for parents—TBA
End of term—Tuesday 19th December

Bike security

The bike store is open only between 8.40—9.05, and after 2.50 in the afternoon. If your child needs to collect their bike at any other time they will need to ask in the office. We also have a CCTV camera for extra security, but would remind you that all bikes still need to be securely locked.

Bike and scooters in the playground!

Please make sure your children do not ride their bikes or scooters in the playground at any time, it gets very crowded and is potentially dangerous.



New staff at Earlham!

We have several new staff members this year. Ms Ryan, Ms Tasnim and Ms Omar have joined us as permanent teachers, and Ms Muhammed will be with us for the year; Ms Ran, Ms Rahman and Ms Begum are also joining our support staff team for this year. Ms Reynolds will be teaching reception until Ms Pervin returns from maternity leave.

Uniform reminder
Sweatshirts/cardigans are available from the school office on a Tuesday at 3.30. Please make sure that you write your child's name on the label!

Attendance

Last year at Earlham we met the government's attendance target of 96%, achieving 96.1 percent – many thanks for your support in making sure your children attend school regularly. Please remember that we cannot authorise holidays at all, and can only give permission for leave during term time for the most exceptional and unforeseen reasons. Any request for leave should be made in writing to Mr Jacob. Please be aware that Newham will issue fines for unauthorised holidays.

Our results

We really had a fantastic year at Earlham. Please note that the KS2 results are provisional, the national figure is unlikely to change by more than 0.5% but the Newham figure will increase by approximately 2%.

At the end of Reception, children should achieve a good level of development (GLD). 75.8% of our pupils achieved this compared to 75% in Newham (national figures are not available yet but in 2016 was 66%). These figures are based on teacher assessment.

In year 1, children sit a national test paper in phonics. At Earlham 84.5% of our pupils achieved the expected standard compared to the 2016 national figure of 81% .

In year 2, pupils are assessed again and the key measure is the combined score i.e pupils who reached the expected level. These figures are based on teacher assessment. At Earlham, 71.7% of our pupils achieved the combined score compared to 63.7% nationally and 69.6% in Newham

If children stay with us until the end of year 6 we know that they will achieve excellent outcomes, and our results are consistently above the local and national average.

KS2	Earlham	Newham	National
Reading	84.7%	72%	71%
Writing	90%	81%	76%
Maths	90%	81%	75%
Combined	84.7%	67%	61%

We expect our results to be at least as good in the coming year, as our children and staff work hard to achieve their best and as you continue to support them.

New school times—reminder!

	Start	Finish
Reception	8.45	3.15
KS1 (yrs 1 and 2)	8.55	3.20
KS2 (yrs 3-6)	8.50	3.25

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