



# Earley St Peter's

## CE Primary School

### School News Round-Up

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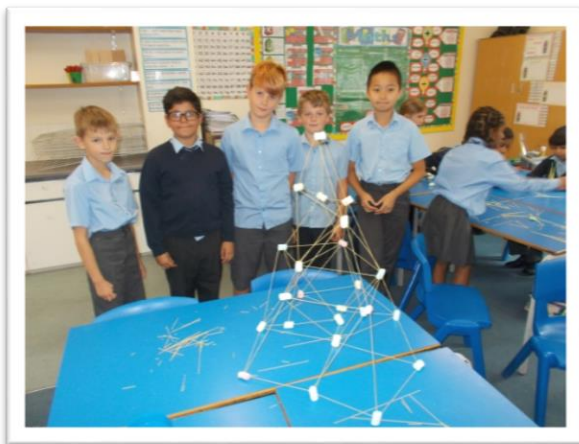
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents /Carers

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year at Earley St Peter's. We would like to extend a special welcome to those children and families new to the school. We have visited all the classes during the week and I am pleased to say the children have settled in well. Mr Avenell and his team have spent a lot of time cleaning and decorating the school over the summer holidays so we would like to thank them for all their hard work!

#### Year 5

5HF has spent time this week on various team building activities to reinforce the school key code and identify what good team work looks like. They took part in building the tallest tower with spaghetti and marshmallows, organising themselves into height order and alphabetical order on the bench without coming off and transporting water from one container to the other using only their hands. They all had a litre of water and the winning team managed to take 850ml of water across. They learnt that co-operation, patience, listening and being creative were the key skills they needed to successfully complete the challenges.



## Year 2

In Year 2 the children are learning about The Plague and enjoyed telling me all the new and interesting facts they had learned.



Year 2: demonstrating excellent concentration and focus

## ESPSA

We are very fortunate to have an active School Association at ESP and at this time of year the committee are looking for more members to become involved in the activities. It is a great way to get to know other parents and you can do as little or as much as you feel you have time to do. Members of the committee are happy to talk about the support they give the school so please get in touch if you want to know more.

The first meeting of the term is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm

## Warning about boiled sweets

We know that some children like to bring something to share with others to celebrate their birthday. There is no expectation that this should take place but if you choose to do so, the school requests that you do not include hard boiled sweets to share. In the last week of term there was a choking incident when a young child swallowed one whole. Fortunately, it was resolved quickly however we need to alert you to the risks and ask for your support in this matter.

## Parking

May I remind parents that parking or dropping off/picking up is not permitted in the Church or staff car park. If you park in neighbouring roads, please park with consideration during school drop off and pick up. There are additional car parking spaces in Sol Joel Park and as a school we would encourage parents to use this facility and come into school through the back gate.

Thank you for your support in this important safety matter, it is much appreciated.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Miss Harbor has arranged for the Book Fair to come to ESP on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – we hope to see many of you after school. If the weather is good this will be held in the playground and if wet, in the school hall.

Finally, a reminder about our school uniform policy: children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. Stud earrings are the only earrings allowed but must be removed for P.E. and games lessons. Watches also need to be removed for these lessons. This is to ensure the safety of all participants. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings it would be advisable for them not to be worn to school on PE days. Any child with recently pierced ears must cover their earrings to minimise injury to themselves or others, please provide your own tape.

We would also like to remind you that girls are not permitted to wear boots to school and hair accessories should be blue or white.

Thank you for your support.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Hester Wooller  
Headteacher

### School Uniform

#### **Boys:**

Long grey trousers or shorts

Grey socks

Plain pale blue shirt, **not polo shirts**

Ties to be worn by all boys, including under sweatshirts (elasticated ties available for KS1\*) during Autumn and Spring Term

Black shoes/sandals not open toed: **not trainers**

**Plain** dark coat or School Fleece\*

**Summer:** short sleeved plain pale blue shirt, **not polo shirts** no tie

V-necked plain navy blue pullover or school sweatshirt\*

Summer: school sunhat\*

#### **Girls:**

Grey skirt for Juniors (KS2) Pinafore dress or grey skirt for infants Grey **school** trousers can be worn in the winter months (ie Autumn half term to end of Spring term)

Plain pale blue blouse/shirt Ties to be worn by girls with blouses/shirts, including under sweatshirts during the Autumn and Spring term (elasticated ties available for KS1)

Sensible low heeled black shoes/sandals not open toed (NOT fashion shoes)

**Plain** dark coat or School Fleece\*

V-necked plain navy blue pullover/cardigan or school sweatshirt\*

Plain navy blue/white socks/navy tights with winter uniform

Plain navy/white socks with summer uniform

Summer dress - pale blue and white check in school pattern

Summer: school sunhat\*

Hair accessories should be blue or white: Long hair tied back

#### **Sports Equipment:**

Navy blue shorts

**Plain** red polo shirt

Navy track suit (KS2)

Trainers or plimsolls

Red or navy football socks as necessary (KS2)

Swimsuit/trunks and swimming hat

### Primary and Secondary School Admissions

**Primary:** Children born between 01/09/13 - 31/08/14. If your child is starting primary school in September 2018 you will need to complete an application form available from the admissions team at your local authority from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Contact:

WBC: 0118 974 6245 or email: [schooladmissions@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@wokingham.gov.uk)

RBC: 0118 937 3777 or website:

[www.reading.gov.uk/residents/EducationandLearning/Schools/Admissions/](http://www.reading.gov.uk/residents/EducationandLearning/Schools/Admissions/)

**Secondary:** If your child is starting secondary school in September 2018 you should receive an application pack from your local authority on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

**Deadline for applications 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

### Wanted Please....

... unwanted children's DVDs (eg Paw Patrol, Numberjacks) and dinosaurs or farm and zoo animals, for use in the Nursery. All donations would be gratefully received and can be handed straight to the Nursery or in to the school office. Many thanks.

### Scholastic Book Fair

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> from 3.30-4.00pm the school will once again be hosting the travelling book fair. A wide variety of books will be available and all monies raised will go towards purchasing new books for the school library. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Annual International Buffet

On **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** Earley St Peter's will celebrate our rich cultural diversity by holding an International Buffet immediately after school.

For this to be a success we need your help. If you are able, we would love you to bring a small plate of food from your homeland to share with others in the school.

Culture is not just about the food we eat. We would also like to share other cultural activities such as mendhi, traditional dance or something else that you feel reflects your culture. Please contact Lesley Goad (Parent Support Adviser) on 01189 261657 if you are able to provide anything for our event. Thank you.

### Music Lessons

Berkshire Maestros music lessons resume on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The music teachers will contact all parents of pupils involved.

### Nut Allergies

We would like to emphasise the fact that a number of children within the school have severe nut allergies. With this in mind, we would ask that all parents make their children aware that they should NEVER share their snack or lunch box contents with another child. It would be particularly helpful if you could avoid putting any products in your child's snack or lunch box that contain nuts, as merely being close to a child with a nut product can set off a child's allergic reaction. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Open Days/Evenings

#### The Forest School

**Open Mornings** Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.15-10.50am  
28<sup>th</sup> Sept 6.00-9.00pm

**Maiden Erlegh School** Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30 or 10.00am (contact  
**in Reading** 5<sup>th</sup> Oct the school to book)

**Luckley House** 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.00am  
7<sup>th</sup> Nov Y6 Taster Day

**Leighton Park** 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.00am-12.00  
10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7<sup>th</sup> Nov,  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.15am-12.30pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Oct Y6 Taster Day

### ESPSA

**Save the date:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Fireworks night in Sol Joel Park. Gates open at 6.00pm and fireworks at 7.00pm.

#### Easy Fund Raising

If you are planning on a spot of online bargain hunting, please consider shopping for deals whilst raising a free donation for ESPSA, by shopping through EasyFundraising –

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/earleystpetersespsa/>

There are over 3,100 shops and sites ready to make a donation, including Amazon, Toys R Us, John Lewis and Argos and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

To get started, all you have to do is:

1. Join.

Head to the ESPSA page at EasyFundraising and sign up for free.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/earleystpetersespsa/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/earleystpetersespsa/)

2. Shop.

Every time you shop online, go to EasyFundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/earleystpetersespsa/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/earleystpetersespsa/)

3. Raise.

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to ESPSA and it won't cost you a penny extra!

There are no catches or hidden charges and all funds raised will help provide additional items for Earley St Peter's. A huge thank you for your continued support and happy shopping!

You can find out what's going on with ESPSA via the following channels:

Facebook - search for ESPSA on facebook to join

Twitter - @E\_S\_P\_S\_A

Website - <http://espsareading.blogspot.co.uk/>

### Dates for Your Diary

#### Autumn Term 2017

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Inset Day
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Inset Day
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Start of Pupil Term
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Louis Taylor Roadshow
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	ESPSA Committee Meeting 8.00pm
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y3 Stone Age Workshop
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Annual International Buffet 3.30-5.30pm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y4 Maths Challenge 2.00-4.00pm (selected pupils)

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>-Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Spring Term 2018

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>-Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Mar

#### Summer Term 2018

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Apr

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> April

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> July

Eye Tests Reception

Music Festival Rehearsals @ St John's  
9.30-11.30am

Half Term

Inset Day

ESPSA Fireworks Night

Parents' Eve 6.00-9.00pm

Parents' Eve 3.30-6.00pm

Open Morning 9.15-10.00am

Individual School Photographs

Nasal Flu Vaccinations Rec-Y4

Y3 Home Learning Exhibition 9.00-9.30am

Open Morning 9.15-10.00am

KS1 Nativity (pm)

KS2 Nativity (am)

Christmas Lunch

Y6 Carol Service

End of Term - Nursery & School

Inset Day

Start of Pupil Term

Half Term

End of Term – Nursery

End of Term – School 2.15pm

Inset Day

Start of Pupil Term

May Day Bank Holiday

Spring Bank Holiday

Half Term

End of Term – Nursery

End of Term – School 2.15pm