



# Earley St Peter's

## CE Primary School

### School News Round-Up

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

#### Nursery exploring space



This week the children in Nursery have been learning all about space. After reading 'whatever next' they created moon boots and space helmets for their teddy, before decorating boxes as spaceships so he could fly to space. The children have read lots of space-related books including one called 'The Darkest Dark' written by Chris Hadfield, a real astronaut! Other books this week have been 'Winnie in space,' 'Aliens love underpants' and 'The first hippo on the moon.' Reading these books has introduced the children to new words and their meanings such as galaxy, astronaut, planets, earth, asteroids, gravity and many more! Other activities this week include splattering paint to make a galaxy for the display in nursery, making rockets out of tubes and climbing the ropes in the hall to reach the top of their rockets. The children particularly enjoyed making rocket twists with bread dough and cooking them on the campfire. Today's activities have been exploring slime and decorating underpants. They also explored numbers by ordering rockets 0-10 and counting up and down in preparation for blast off!

## Year 6 RE inspired



In their Religious Education lessons, Year 6 have been discussing the enquiry question of 'Is everything eternal?' As part of their RE Inspired session this morning, they have explored the different feelings associated with the stages we go through in life. They spent time discussing the ways we remember important people like planting trees, war memorial and benches. The last activity was to learn that people change through the story of 'The Water bugs and the Dragonfly'. They deepened their understanding of eternity through these activities.

### Lateness

Please can you ensure your child arrives in school by 8:40am so that when the bell goes at 8:45am they are ready to go into the classroom. We are having a significant proportion of children missing the first part of the day's learning and this is disruptive not only to the children who are late but to the rest of the class and the staff. The office staff are not able to deal with parental enquiries when they are faced with registering high numbers of late children.

Please kindly plan to leave earlier so if bad weather or roadworks cause delays the impact will not affect your child's learning. Thank you for your support.

### School Drop-off and Pick-up

Ensuring that pupils arrive and leave safely is a prime concern for us all. Please may we ask you to be careful and considerate to other drivers and pedestrians while dropping and collecting your child. We need your help to ensure the area near and around our school is a safe place for pupils. May we also remind you that parents/carers **MUST NOT USE** the Church car park unless pre-arranged with the Church and School.

## Attendance figures



The latest winners are:  
**Trophy: – RJI – 98.7% attendance**  
**Earley Peter: IBP – 99.6% attendance**  
**Earley Pierre: 6SS – 97.4% attendance**

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Hester Wooller

### Achievement Certificates

w/c 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

Congratulations to...

RJI – John, Haadi, Amira  
RSB – Aliya, Gia, Anna  
RSH – Veeraj, Mya, Anshu  
IBP – Zayan, Rayyan, Jessie  
IMH – Class IMH  
IAP – Sebastian, Jakub, Amine  
3HB – Noor, Aisha, Mihalis  
3SC – Kian, Kya-Madison  
4AF – Shahad, Grantas, Hamida  
4PB – Lottie, Emily, Harry  
5MS- Natalie, Isha-Noor, Ibrahim  
6SS – Brandon, Agatha, Jamaal  
6TH – Class 6TH

Keep up the fantastic work!

### Church parking

Just a reminder to parents that parking in the church car park is not permitted at any time as it is constantly in use by the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Primary School Admission 2019/20

Admission 2019/20 for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015

16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 National offer day. Email allocation confirmation for applications made online and allocation letters posted.

### High 5 netball club

Just a reminder that High 5 Netball will be starting again next week – there are a few spaces left so if your child would like to join, please contact Mrs Heyworth.

### Long hair

Please could we remind all parents that if your child has hair long enough to be tied up, please could you do so in order to assist in the prevention of the spread of nits. Thank you for your support.

### ESP Play Club Vacancies

We are pleased to advise that our popular Breakfast and After School Play Clubs both have vacancies. To register your child/ren please see the information on the website [https://earley.eschools.co.uk/website/esp\\_play\\_club](https://earley.eschools.co.uk/website/esp_play_club) or contact the school office to discuss should you have a query.

### Packed lunches – please take litter home!

Please could we kindly ask that all children who bring a packed lunch to school take their rubbish home in their lunch box to be disposed of.

### Children's drinks

Please could we ask that you send your child into school with water only to drink. We do not allow children to bring any other drinks into school.

### Secondary School Open Days – Spring 2019

**Leighton Park School** - 12th February, 12th March, 2nd April, 14th May, 18th June 10:30am – 12:30pm

**St Joseph's Convent** – Thursday 24th January, Tuesday 26th February, Friday 22nd March 10.30am – 12:00Noon

### Please donate unwanted tights!

If you have any spare children's tights (up to age 7) that you could donate to our reception classes, we would be very grateful. Please drop them into one of the reception classes or the office. Thank you!

### School lunches

The cost of a school meal is £2.05.

Please note the school does not supply Halal meat.

**Please may we ask all parents/carers whose children are in Years 3-6 and order a school lunch to check their account regularly to ensure credit is available.**

Parents/carers are able to pay for school lunches using the SCO-pay online system. If you do not have your login, please contact the school office who will be able to send you your login details.

Parents/Carers are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their child's dinner money account has credit available. Thank you.

### Piano taster sessions

I have space for piano lessons at school, please contact me if you would like a taster piano lesson at:  
StefanosPolitsakis@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

### Play equipment

Could we kindly ask all parents to ensure children do not use the play apparatus in the playground before and after school in the interest of health and safety.

### Please be aware when driving

Please be extra careful when driving to and from school as there have been a few near-misses recently with drivers not being aware of children walking to and from school. Can we just ask you to be extra vigilant. Thank you for your cooperation.

### School prayer meeting

Every Monday morning at 8.50am a school prayer meeting is held on the school bus. Please do come along, all are welcome. For further details, please call Natasha Smith on 07786 655279.

### Grapes – choking hazard

If your child brings grapes to school, we would advise that you may wish to cut these in half lengthways to reduce the possibility of them causing a choking hazard. Thank you.

### FREE woodwind taster session

Ms Tess Hawken, Berkshire Maestros Woodwind Teacher has several vacancies for pupils to learn recorder, clarinet, flute and saxophone in school.

There will be a 'Hands on' session to provide the opportunity for any children who are interested in lessons, the chance to come and try out the instruments.

If you would like your child to join one of these free taster sessions, please collect a form from the school office and return to your child's class teacher.

### 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.

### 73<sup>rd</sup> Reading Scout Group

The 73rd Reading Scout Group have spaces in their Beaver colony on a Monday evening at Park Church from January 2019 for children aged between 6 and 8 years.

If you are interested, please contact Tony Phillips the Group Scout Leader via the website below:

[www.73rdreading-scoutgroup.org.uk/contacts](http://www.73rdreading-scoutgroup.org.uk/contacts)

### ESPSA

#### 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/>

**Bag2School** – The next collection will be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Please start collecting your clothes, shoes, soft toys etc. Curtains, sheets and towels are now accepted. Bags will be distributed in bookbags with additional bags available in the school office. Please contact Susanna Ivy with any queries at [Susanna.R.Ivy@gmail.com](mailto:Susanna.R.Ivy@gmail.com). Thank you for your donations.

#### ESPSA Dates for Your Diary

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Feb  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

ESPSA Disco  
Bag2School collection date

## Dates for Your Diary

### Spring Term 2019

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Year 3 Maths challenge
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	KS1 Golden assembly
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	ESPSA Disco
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	KS1 NSPCC Assembly
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	IBP Class assembly 2:45pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y5/6 NSPCC Workshops
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y5/6 NSPCC Workshops
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6 SATS meeting for parents 3:30pm & 7pm
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Royal Albert Hall rehearsal - Harmans water
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	KS1 Mad Hatters tea party for classes IBP, IME and HIS
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	KS1 Mad Hatters tea party for classes IAP and IMH
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Half term
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Royal Albert Hall concert
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	KS1 Golden Assembly 2:45pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Red Nose Day – Sponsored Walk & Junior Games Afternoon
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 Home learning exhibition 9:15am-9:45am
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	IHS Class
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Easter Service
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Y5/6 BOYS Tag Rugby at Reading Rugby club 3:30pm-5:30pm
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Y5/6 GIRLS Tag Rugby at Reading Rugby club 3:30pm-5:30pm
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Nursery - End of term
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Nursery open morning 9am-10am
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School – End of term <b>2:15pm</b>

### Summer Term

Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Start of pupil term
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y5 Liddington Trip
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Book Fair 3:30pm – 4:00pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Book Fair 3:30pm – 4:00pm
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Book Fair 3:30pm – 4:00pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Cycle Training Woodley Sports Week
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y6 Rhos-Y-Gwaliau
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y6 Cycle Training Class Photographs
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Nursery Fun Day 10:00am – 1:00pm St Peter's Day Service
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Wokingham Wide Transition Day YR – Y1 Transition Meetings 3:30pm & 7pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	KS1 Sports Day 9:15am – 11:30am District Sports 2019
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	FS2 New Parents' Meeting 7:00pm
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Reserve KS1 Sports Day
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	KS2 Sports Day – am FS2 Sports Day – pm
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Y2 – Y3 Transition Meetings 3:30pm & 7pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	KS2 Reserve Sports Day - am FS2 Reserve Sports Day – pm
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9am FS2 Singing in the hall & Stay and Play
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y5 Fish Bowl Day Y6 Production 9:30am
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y6 Production 7:00pm
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Reports to parents
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	FS2 Familiarisation afternoon
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y6 Leavers' Service – St Peter's Church
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	School – End of term 2:15pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Inset Day
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Inset Day