



Earlsmead's News

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Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Diary Dates

February 2023

10th - Last day of half term

13th - 17th - No school - half term holiday

20th - Back to school

28th - Book Fair open to pupils and parents before and after school to visit and buy books.

March 2023

1st - 6th - Book fair continues

2nd - World Book Day - Dress up as a book character.

9th - Year 2 visit RHS Wisley

13th - STEM week activities

21st - Year 4 parent information meeting about the multiplication check

27th - 30th - Parent meeting

31st - Easter Bonnet parade

31st - Last day of term
School finishes at 1.30

Welcome to our Spring 1 Newsletter!

I hope that all of you have enjoyed the parent information meetings this week with your children's class teachers. I know from experience that parents love looking through their children's books (almost as much as children love showing them). This can also be a really useful lever for advice about how parents and carers can help at home. Please do try to read with your child every day – reading is the gateway to all other learning!

I recently surveyed parents about services within the school including catering and wrap around care before and after school. If you missed your chance to participate in the survey but would like to share your thoughts, please email directly through to the office (address above). Such emails will be passed on to me and carefully considered, I assure you. We are currently considering if we could extend wrap around care hours but need to ensure there is a need for this to cover costs. Catering costs will rise up to £2.41 (this is set by the catering company, not the school) due to rising costs for supplies. We will also pass on feedback from a recent pupil survey about foods the children like and dislike and portion sizes to the catering company as soon as they are finalised.

We have updated our website calendar and it is also attached to this newsletter with changes coloured in green. There are three more potential strike days coming up though these have not yet been confirmed so keep an eye on Dojo for information. Also, we have tacked an extra day's holiday onto the Easter Break (17th April 2023) so that staff can complete a curriculum planning day. This work is crucial to ensuring your children have an exciting and broad curriculum which is well sequenced and assessed accurately.

As you will see from this newsletter, we have had a very busy start to the Spring term. Some stand out events include the farm animals visiting, mental health Taskmaster for children during Mental Health Week and Number Day. My favourite event was Quest Writing Week – it was great to see the awe and wonder on the children's (and parents') faces when they entered the school and saw all of the decorations. Check out our beautiful hall displays for some amazing writing from the week.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday, 20th February. Please have a wonderful and safe half term.

Barbara Graham
Headteacher



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Attendance



Our attendance target is 96%. We must make every effort to ensure that all children are in school everyday unless they are ill.

This is the attendance for the Autumn term from September to December.

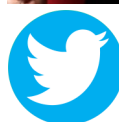
Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Oaks	87.6	Chestnuts	88.7
Redwood	87.8	Cedar	88.3
Maple	91.9	Cherry	85.5
Ash	92.7	Manuka	92.3
Meranti	94.9	Sycamore	92.7
Pine	90.2	Greenheart	91.7
Elm	94.1		

Advanced Warning!!!!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. Children can dress up as a book character. Please do not buy a costume. Get creative this holiday and make something! Here are some ideas. Can you name these characters and books?



We are also having our Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 31st March. You might like to start making your hat this holiday too! These are some of last years winners.



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Achievements

Congratulations to the following children who received awards for positive behaviour for learning this half term!



Saplings
Michael
Mina
Gauri
Kevin
Adam
Lilian
Sofhia



Chestnuts
Emma
Malachi
Palakshi
Shreyas
Sobhan
Ritika
Aanya
Aaron

Oaks
Advit
Razan
Eesa Saad
Millianna
Lithviyaa
Krishav
Swara
Eesa
Sadim



Redwood
Natali
Osama
Kyle
Alex
Shjoon
Kavin
Musa
Sofia
Youssef
Yukt

Cedar
Ezequias
Zahra
Aarav
Rihan
Milana
Sofia M
Siraj
Joshua
Subhan
Emma



Maple
Victoria
Nour
Nixon
Jeremiah
Prakriti
Alefiya

Iroko
Oskar
Yagna
Faris
Ibraheem
Pransa
Sakina
Sharbika
Filip
Mustafa
Zerya



Ash
Reyhan
Yenuka
Amritha
Nour
Ghulamnabi
Safa M
Gabriel
Hadeel

Manuka
Andreea
Grace
Nidhi
Alfie
Manan
Ralph
Denis
Anays
Raman
Maryam

Maranti
Sashwanth
Lena
Yousaira
Lucy
Sathvigan
Tokio
Harini
Akshaya
Aryoub
Rishi



Pine
Shreyans
Jasmine
Amira
Shiekha
Eli
Sophia
Hamsa
Sylvia
Matheus
Prithikha

Sycamore
Prajwal
Sena
Muna
Hajrah
Roshin
Aryan
Yuvraaj
Sakshana
Charmi
Zainab



Elm
Ali H
Oliwia
Kamsi
Seif
Ali M
Aryan
Sathanan
Antalya
Munasar
Shruthi

Greenheart
Razvam
Jeevan
Shahad
Ella
Leo
Sana
Oliwia
Theah
Aamil
Eva

Pankti
Kanishkan



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Writing Week

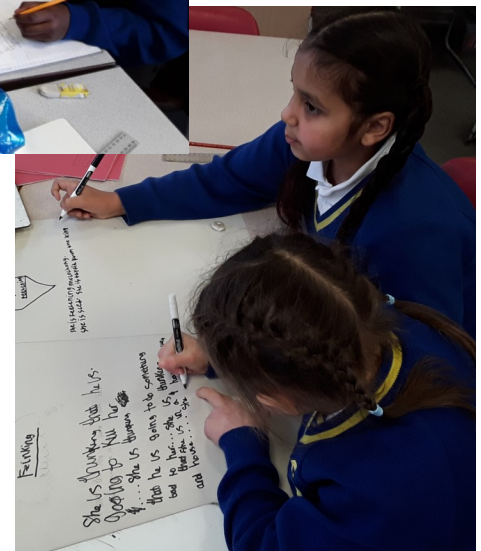
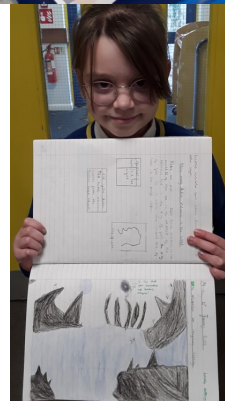
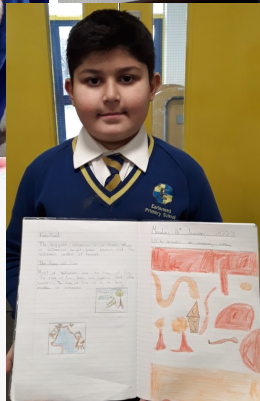
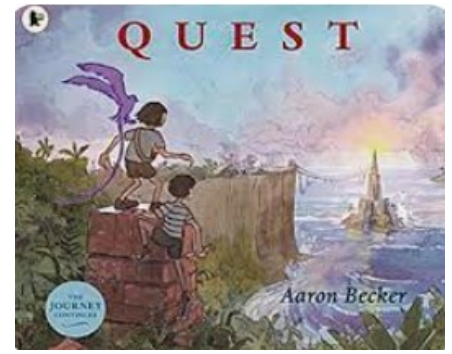
Writing fever swiftly swept the school in our fabulous Writing Week! Each child in the school, from Nursery to Year 6, enjoyed taking part in writing week- a fun-filled week of writing activities based on the 'Quest' by Aaron Becker.

When the children (and parents) arrived to school on Monday 16th January, they noticed some unusual objects. Little did they know that the teachers had been working hard and decorated the entire school with elements from the 'Quest'.

By the end of the wonderful week, every child became an author through planning and writing.

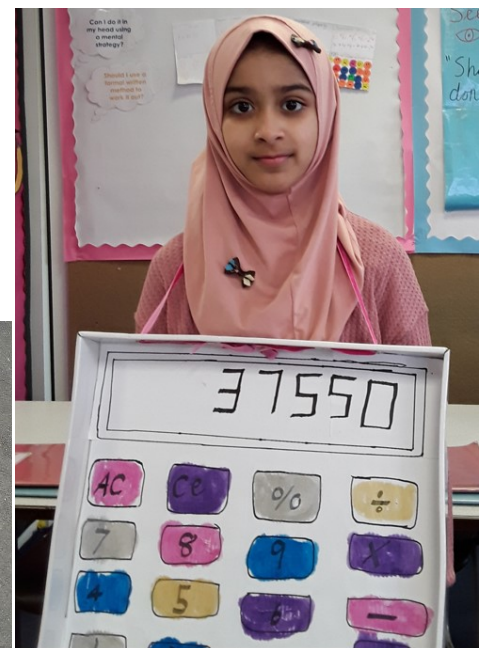
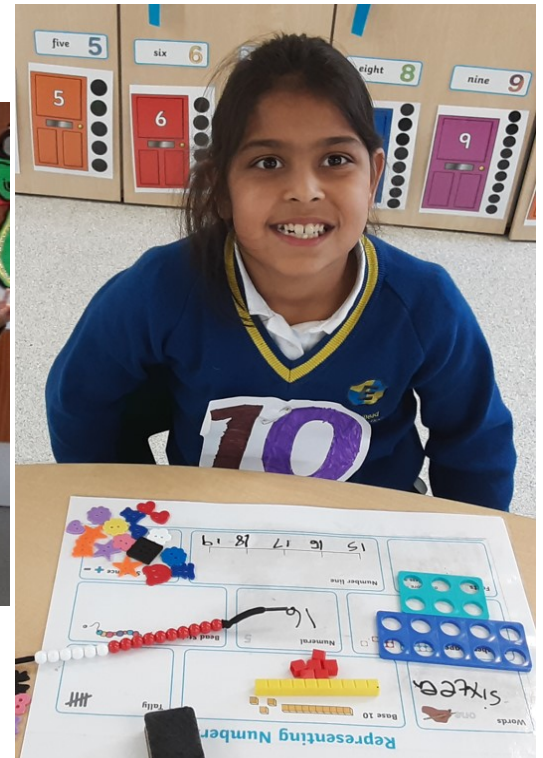
Children were not only authors, but skilled illustrators and publishers too!

Teachers, and - most importantly - the children had an amazing week!



Number Day 2023

A massive thank you to all of the children who 'dressed up for digits' in support of the NCPCC number day. There were some brilliant costumes and outfits including a human calculator and a homemade giant dice!



Position (Out of 17,364 classes taking part) Class Average Correct

923	5PINE - Earlsmead Pri...	639
1191	4MERANTI - Earlsmea...	573
3264	6ELM - Earlsmead Pri...	319

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Well done to Pine, Meranti and Elm for getting the highest class averages for the TTRockstars competition!

Earlsmead Farm

The children had a great time down on the farm meeting a donkey, Shetland pony, goats, sheep, rabbits, guinea pigs and a variety of ducks and geese.



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Children's Mental Health Week



The theme was “Let’s Connect”. We have been looking at how we are connected to different people and how we can make these connections safe and rewarding. Watch out for a giant jigsaw that the children and staff are creating to show at Earlsmead we are all connected.



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And in other news...

We are so proud of how well the girls did yesterday representing our school in the year 5/6 football tournament. We won 3 games and lost 1 finishing second in our group. Well done!



Year 5 have been doing experimenting with combining and separating mixtures in science

Miss Cole and Cedar's parents were super impressed with the children's clear and loud speaking in their sharing assembly. They were all so brave and proud to share their learning with the school.



Nursery celebrated the year of the rabbit for Chinese New Year.



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Earlmead dresses up for

WBD

World Book Day



Friday 3rd March 2023

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Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!

Dressing up ideas



Parents' School Calendar:

Key Dates for Diaries

Earlsmead Primary School Calendar

Spring Term 2 2022 – 2023

February 2023				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 HALF-TERM	14 HALF-TERM	15 HALF-TERM	16 HALF-TERM	17 HALF-TERM
20 • Pupils Back	21	22 • Football Comp – The Hive, 12 – 4pm.	23	24 • Swimming: Ash, Meranti. • Year 3/4 Manuka Assembly.
27	28 • Book Fair (before and after school). • KS1 SATs Parent Info Session – Maple. • KS2 SATs Parent Info Session – Greenheart.			
March 2023				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 • Book Fair (before and after school).	2 • Potential NEU Strike Day. • Book Fair (before and after school).	3 • Swimming: Ash, Meranti. • Year 3 Ash Assembly. • World Book Day. • Book Fair (before and after school).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Week. Book Fair (before and after school). 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 RHS Wisely Trip, 9am – 3pm TBC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 British Science Week Assembly (11th – 20th March). Swimming: Ash, <u>Meranti</u>.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM Week (TBC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pi Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential NEU Strike Day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential NEU Strike Day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Patrick's Day – wear green. Mothering Sunday (19th). Swimming: Ash, <u>Meranti</u>. Year 5 Pine STEM Assembly.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 Parent Info Session – Multiplication Check 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming: Ash, <u>Meranti</u>. Reception Assembly.
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 <u>Meranti</u> Easter Assembly and Bonnet Parade. 1.30pm FINISH

April 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
EASTER BREAK	EASTER BREAK	EASTER BREAK	EASTER BREAK	EASTER BREAK
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<div>17</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Planning Day – school closed to pupils. 	<div>18</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils Back 	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eid-al-Fitr Earth Day (22nd). Swimming: Manuka, Ash
<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Eid Assembly (21st/22nd). Swimming: Manuka, Ash
<div>May 2023</div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div>1</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Bank Holiday 	<div>2</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 SATs administration month. Mental Health Awareness Month. 	<div>3</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class Photos – correct school uniform please! 	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming: Manuka, Ash
<div>8</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday 	<div>9</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 SATs week. 	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming: Manuka, Ash
<div>15</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health Awareness Week 10th – 16th May (TBC). Year 6 PGL Trip 	<div>16</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 PGL Trip 	<div>17</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 PGL Trip 	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming: Manuka, Ash
<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careers Day (TBC) 	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming: Manuka, Ash

29 HALF-TERM	30 HALF-TERM	31 HALF-TERM		
June 2023				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 HALF-TERM	2 HALF-TERM
5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils Back MTC (Yr 4) opens – 3 weeks. Child Safety Week (3rd). 	6	7	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming: Manuka, <u>Meranti</u> Local Charity: London Air Ambulance
12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phonics Screening Check week. Sports Week. 	13	14	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming: Manuka, <u>Meranti</u>
19	20	21	22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming: Manuka, <u>Meranti</u>
26	27	28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eid al-Adha begins. 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming: Manuka, <u>Meranti</u>
July 2023				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving Up Day (TBC). 	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Fair Swimming: Manuka, <u>Meranti</u>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Production. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Reports sent home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Consultation Meetings (Reports). TBA by teachers. Swimming: <u>Manuka, Meranti</u>
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SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
SUMMER BREAK				