



EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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'Creating a community of Lifelong Learners'

Happy Holidays!

It has been a long and full term for all of us. As the holidays approach and the days are shorter and darker, we look forward to being warm and cosy with our loved ones, whilst thinking of the many people around the world you cannot. Diwali celebrations have recently come to an end, Hanukka ones are due to come to a close by the end of the week and many people around the world are looking forward to Christmas celebrations ahead - all praying and hoping for days filled with more light ahead.



As a Picture News school, our children took part in their, 'Peace Chain' project where they invited children across the country to make paper chains with messages of peace and anything they feel is important and to share their length - so that they stretch across the whole of the United Kingdom from Lands End to John O Groats.

If you look in very closely at the photos above, you will see the lovely messages children AND parents and carers wrote....



This is a time of year when we are all reflecting on the people in our lives who have helped us throughout the year, so of course thank you to our wonderful children who inspire us all so much and to parents and carers who have worked so positively with staff to support their children's learning. This was most evident in the high attendance during recent Parent and Carer meetings. Parents and Carers also had a chance to sample the delicious lunches provided by Lunchtime UK - everyone left impressed and very full!

Thank you also to **all** our staff who have worked so hard to provide a wonderful learning environment and educational experience for our children. It has been a long term and we were all very tired but despite that, equally determined to ensure the end of term felt special for children. From decorating the Christmas tree to surprise children on a Monday morning....



to making sure that Father Christmas visited us and gave each child a gift!

Thank you also to our Governors who work so closely with me and our staff to ensure good pupil outcomes for each child. Most recently they visited us to look at children's work and to talk to children about their writing.



Thank you to Haringey, most recently to Wendy Thorogood of Smarter Travel who responded to our plea for free light reflectors for each child on these dark nights and to Councillor Zena Brabazon for her support to ensure that we will get a zebra crossing outside the main school gates...I know it will be a relief to you to know it will be with us by March 2024.



We are also very grateful to P.C. Graham Bell of The Metropolitan Police for organising and donating generous gifts for many of our families as part of their Christmas Tree Project aimed at trying to ensure that every child has a present at Christmas. And also to Muswell Hill Food Bank for their generous donations of hampers for some of our families at what is a very expensive time of year.



And of course thank you to our very special surprise visitors and their helpers - who delighted children of all ages! I look forward to welcoming you back in what I hope is a wonderful 2024 for us all. In the meantime we wish you a restful Christmas break. **See you on 8th January at 8.55 a.m.**

Earlsmead Primary School

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

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For those of you who know the rhyme, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas,' you may like to know that for the first time ever in Earlsmead Primary School, a partridge was actually spotted in a pear tree - and Mr. Higgins captured the moment by taking these photographs.....

* Staff training days may alter but with at least one month's notice to parents.

** September 2024 start date for pupils is still to be confirmed.