

THE EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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Mobile Phones

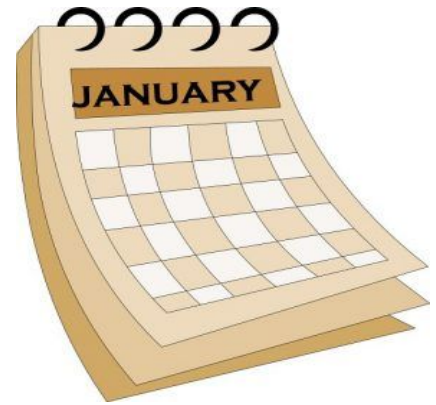
We understand that children who come to school by themselves or go home by themselves need to bring their mobile phones to school in order to give both parents and children peace of mind. As you know and in line with school policy, during the school day no child has their phone with them as they are kept locked in their teacher's locker in the classroom and mobile phones are not to be used either in the school building or playgrounds before school or at the end of the school day. With the exception of those children who travel to and from school unaccompanied we have questioned why children need to bring mobile phones into school at all. We are currently talking to children about their views on this and are starting to put together a new policy with guidelines on mobile phone use. We'd love to hear your views during a special mobile phone and social media workshop on **Tuesday 23rd January at 9.10am in the hall.**

Updated Details

Please make sure that you give the office your current email addresses and mobile phone numbers. This will help us to further improve communications between home and school.

See You in 2018....

As 2017 draws to an end, we will be saying goodbye to some long serving members of staff who will be leaving us for a well deserved rest or to pursue other ventures. They include Leigh Holding (1988 - 2017), Michele Bridet (1989 - 2017), Sema Huseyin (1998 - 2017), Rosemary Springer (2001 - 2017), Natasha Newman (2009 - 2017), Ana Bras (2012 - 2017), Sharon Williamson (2002 - 2017) and from our lunchtime team, Marjorie Brown (2004 - 2017), Nargis Syed (2013 - 2017), Marina Christofi (2010 - 2017) and Razia Mulla (2015 - 2017). I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their hard work, loyalty and commitment to Earlsmead and wish them all the best for the future. They will be greatly missed but always remembered for the valuable contributions they have made to making Earlsmead the great school that it is today. I will be writing to you after Christmas to introduce you to new staff who will be joining the school and to tell you about the new roles



that more established members of staff will be taking on.

As we look forward to 2018 we will all be thinking about promises or resolutions to make to ourselves: To eat healthily? To do more exercise? Some great ones to focus on and which can be started during the holidays are: to learn your time tables and to read for at least 15 minutes every single day....

Enjoy the holidays and spending time with family and friends. We all wish you all a restful holiday and a New Year filled with good health and happiness. School will begin again for children on **Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 8.55 a.m.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

8th - Teacher Training Day (school closed for children)

9th - First day back for all children (8.55 a.m.)

19th - 5 Red class assembly (9.10 Parents and Carers welcome)

23rd - Use of mobile phones and Apps workshop for parents and carers (9.10)

26th - Reception Lavender class assembly (9.10 Parents and Carers welcome)

Christmas Events

The autumn term ended with a number of very lovely performances from across the school. Reception classes performed The Nativity, KS1 sang Christmas Carols interspersed with cracker jokes, Years 3 and 4 focused on how Christmas is celebrated around the world and Years 5 and 6 reminded us all about the meaning of Christmas. Here are just a few photos but there will be lots more for you to enjoy on the school website.

It was great for us and for children to see so many parents and carers attending each event. If you took any photos or video footage please ensure that it is only for your own personal use and do not post any of it on any social media.



Inner Peace Day

The 'Inner Peace Day' project is a non-profit organisation, established to help students around the world improve their self-esteem, attention and emotional wellbeing. The project involves the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, bringing hope and practical help to children growing up in the challenging surroundings of modern life. Inner Peace visited our school and visited all of the classes in our school helping the children explore meditation and inner peace.

Aquinas Tournament

A team of 10 of our extremely enthusiastic Year 6 were selected to take part in a football tournament organised by Aquinas Education at Park View Academy on 7th December. They played with style, determination and true sportsmanship and didn't lose any of their games. Unfortunately winning and drawing wasn't enough and we didn't qualify for a semi-final place. Miss Horbury and Jacques were so proud of the whole team – Well done!!



Christmas Tree Project

Thank you to Charlotte Bell and The Metropolitan Police for including us in their, 'Christmas Tree Project' aimed at ensuring that families experiencing financial difficulties are able to give their children Christmas presents.

Reception Readers

Please speak to your child's class teacher if they are in either Reception Lavender or Reception Jade Class about reading with your child in school. From January you will have the opportunity to read with your child when you drop them off at school in the morning. It is a great way of seeing how phonics and reading is taught in school. It is also lovely for children to see their parents / carers working alongside their class teachers to help them with their learning.

Sporting Champions

Georgians Tennis Club came to the school earlier this month to assess children's potential as tennis players. Children from Reception Classes through to Year 6 were given a wide range of tasks to perform. A number of schools were due to be visited. We will let you know if any future champions were spotted!