

THE EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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Reception Classes

During half term we had a canopy built over the small outdoor space outside the Reception Classes and have had a bright, soft surface laid. This means that children will be able to play outside even on rainy days. We have also started to empty what was the old caretaker's house and will be thinking of the best use for this space. All ideas are welcome.

Lunchtimes

The company that provides Breakfast Club and lunchtime meals is very keen to give parents and carers an insight into the variety and quality of the food they provide.

On 13th and 27th November, at 3.30 p.m. in the hall, they will provide taster pots for you to sample and will be on hand to answer any questions about their menus, the food itself including their suppliers, how they prepare food and any issues around dietary requirements. It should be a useful afternoon. Please do try and attend on one of the days.

The Library of Everything Has Vanished!

As mysteriously as it appeared in the school, The Library of Everything has disappeared! Children might have told you about this magical library that just appeared from nowhere and some of you may even have had a chance to visit it. Peter, an expert on books and libraries helped us enter the library through a bookcase. It had 800 floors and every book that had ever been written. It only lands in schools where children love reading and writing. The librarian, Gillian told us that it had just one empty shelf and needed our children to write stories for it. Of course our children were ready for the challenge and wrote amazing stories that have filled the empty shelf and will now be enjoyed by future visitors to the library - wherever it lands next....



Please ask your child about The Library of Everything and the stories they have written.

Thank you to those of you who contributed so generously to our request for tinned and packet foods for Harvest Festival. These have now been collected and distributed to those in need through St Ann's Church.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

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| 8th - 2 Aqua visit to St. Paul's Cathedral | Arts Centre (details to follow) |
| 9th - 2 Violet visit to St. Paul's Cathedral | 17th - Children in Need Day - Pyjama theme |
| 13th - Anti Bullying Week, 'All Different. All Equal' | 20th - Staff Wellbeing Week |
| 13th - Lunchtime UK: Taster Session for Parents and Carers (Hall @ 3.30p.m.) | 20th - No Pens Day |
| 15th - Reception Class Reading and Phonics Workshop (Hall 9.00 - 10.00) | 24th - School closed to children (TAD) |
| 16th / 17th - Ignatius Inspires Performance at Bernie Grant | 27th - Lunchtime UK: Taster Session for Parents and Carers (Hall @ 3.30p.m.) |
| | 27th - Special Advent Assembly |

Pendarren

The week before the half-term holiday Earlsmead seemed strangely empty but that was only because some of our year 6 pupils were lucky enough to spend 5 days at Pendarren House in Wales. During the trip they took part in some exhilarating activities such as exploring natural underground caves, mountain climbing and canoeing. The children saw all kinds of sea creatures and even spotted bats flying through the trees on our night time walk! Even though it was windy and wet on some days lots of fun was had by all.



Important

Please make sure that your child does not wear hooped or dangling earrings to school - no matter how small. The only earrings that are allowed, are small studs. The only reason that this rule exists and is strictly enforced, is due to important health and safety considerations. Hooped and dangling earrings have been known to catch on apparatus or clothing and have caused serious damage to children's ear lobes. Children will be asked to remove earrings if they are not studs and they can be collected from the school office at the end of the day.

School Council

Mr Arenaza from Year 5 Lilac is leading PSHE this year and is doing some wonderful work with our School Council in preparing them to attend a range of meetings to represent the views of pupils from across the school. Please encourage your child to raise any concerns or share ideas they have with their class counsellors.

Staff Wellbeing Week

You might have noted this special week from the front of the newsletter. It begins on 20th November and sadly will have to end on Friday 24th November. It is designed to show our very hard working staff team how much they are valued for all that they do. It would be lovely if you found ways of showing teachers and support staff how appreciated they are by you and your children too - a thank you or a simple note I know goes a long way.



Jermaine Jenas

Just before half term, Jermaine Jenas, ex England and Tottenham Hotspur player and now a successful sports presenter came to talk to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils about his achievements and the hard work and dedication it took to achieve his ambitions. It was inspiring to hear how despite hardships when he was growing up, he never allowed himself to become distracted or lose focus and so achieved his targets. Children then participated in a very thoughtful Question and Answer session with him.

Please make sure that the school office has up to date contact details for you, including any emergency contact information.

We are using text messaging more regularly now so it is important that you do not miss out on important information.



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