



Earlsfield Primary School Newsletter

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A longer than usual newsletter this week mainly due to the picture of Pudsey above!

Thank you if you were able to contribute to the **Spellathon**. We don't run as many sponsored activities as other schools and this is our first for quite some time and we are delighted that so many children got involved. As you can see from the upcoming dates the PTA have organised a number of events but they also need volunteers. If you can afford to give up a few hours please offer your services.

This week is **Anti Bullying Week**. It will be a focus in assembly, a 2 hour session in class and then the children's homework. A page will also be added to the school website. Bullying comes in many shapes and forms and at times it hard to define the exact meaning of bullying. As a school we believe it to be continued acts of unkindness to individuals (verbal or physical) that happen over a period of time.

The **admin office** will be open as normal this week as we are now running a week behind schedule on the build.

On Friday we observed two minutes silence from Reception to Year 6 and followed up the theme of **Remembrance** in Friday's assembly. The children's respect of the silence was exemplary.

At the **Full Governors Meeting** last week a whole range of topics were discussed. We hope to have a governors newsletter with you shortly but in summary the Governors discussed children's attainment, how we monitor standards as a school and staff performance management. Another item discussed was the issue raised before the half term break about a possible additional reception class at Earlsfield in September 2012. As you are aware this was publicised without the school having any knowledge. We still remain very much in the dark and in pursuit of a response from the council with regards to how the process works.

Windows – despite our attempts at upkeep the windows are in a poor state of disrepair. However, there is good news! We are now on the window replacement scheme and the windows will be replaced between August and November 2012 with wooden, double glazed sashes. We anticipate that we will save a considerable amount on our heating bills!

PTO

A sensitive plea – your child may be on packed lunches but entitled to free school meals. If this is the case please approach the office as additional numbers will boost our budget. Over the next few years we expect school budgets to be tight so we need to ensure that we are making the most of any avenue that can bring in additional funding. As a school we spend carefully and as such we are able to employ a large number of teachers and support staff and in turn reduce group sizes for the teaching of literacy and numeracy. There are now very few grants on offer so what we do have we need to spend wisely

Attendance – we are not quite sure how but the attendance of Year 3 is amazing – closely followed by a few other year groups! We are heading into the season of colds, bugs etc so we need to make sure that the children are wrapped up and warm. It's important that they are outside for fresh air so please ensure that they wear a coat to school.

Attendance 6/09/11 to 11/11/11

Reception	95.3	Well done to 4P with the best attendance last week and RS, RH, 2B, 3D, 4H and 6T who had the best punctuality.
Year 1	97.1	
Year 2	96.7	
Year 3	97.7	
Year 4	96.5	
Year 5	95.9	
Year 6	96.6	
Totals	96.5	
Target	95.0 %	

Check out the school website on a weekly basis to see the attendance leader board!

If you need to take your children out of school at any point you must fill in an absence request form – available on the website or from the office. We will not consider absences for any children who were under 85% last year or are under the 90% threshold as this academic year progresses

Have a good week.

Class Star

Student

RH Rose
 RS Ella
 1E Blythe
 1W Kaspar
 2B Afshahn
 2E Holly
 3D Austin
 3J Maisy
 4H Urim
 4P Emily
 5H Luke
 5L Alfie S
 6P Nisha
 6T Sophie

November	
14 th	Anti Bullying Week
15 th	Elsbeth Wilkes Piano Concert 9:15 Attendance Panel
16 th	PTA Family Photo Shoot (Details to follow) Joanna Rogers Violin Concert 9:15
18 th	PTA Disco
22 nd	PTA School Calendar Photo shoot
24 th	Wandsworth Year 6 Test Dads PTA visit to Sambrooks Brewery 7pm
28 th	Magistrate visiting Year 5
29 th	Yr 4 Trumpet Concert (9:45am)
December	
1st	KS 2 Maths workshop 3:30pm (crèche) & 6pm Year 3 topic celebration 2:45pm (Bottom Hall)
2 nd	PTA Xmas Fair
7 th	Yr6 to Wicked
9 th	KS2 Xmas to parents 9:45am and 1:45pm
13 th	KS1 Xmas to parents 9:45am and 2pm Attendance Panel
14 th	Reception Xmas to Parents 9:45am Xmas Dinner
15 th	Nursery Xmas to parents 9:45am Pantomime 1:30pm
16 th	End of term, Parties, Non Uniform