

Weekly Newsletter

11th September 2020

How does it feel to be back? Brilliant!

The classrooms are, once again, filled with the sound of laughter; busy bodies and smiling faces – Christmas has come early here at Earith Primary.

A warm welcome to all of our wonderful new pupils in Year R, 1, 4 & 5 – we feel so lucky to have you and are exceptionally proud of how well you've settled. And for the safe return of our more hardy veterans, it was like you never left. Keep up the hard work, Team Earith.

We are delighted to welcome the new children into Picasso class; thoroughly impressed with how brave they were on their first day.

This week children have been getting to know each other. Harry even gave Mrs Nicholls a challenge on Wednesday afternoon– see if you can learn everyone's names by home time!

The children have been busy in the classroom – building and constructing models, making pictures, listening to stories, role play in the home corner, writing messages and more. They have enjoyed exploring the outside area and making lots of new friends. The Year One children have been helping our new Reception children get to know the classroom and daily routines. Well done Year One – excellent ambassadors for our school!

Year One have impressed us with their hard work; writing about their experiences and feelings as they return to school and representing numbers accurately in maths.



On Monday, Dali began with a PSHE session, which I'm told, some of the children brought a tear to the adults' eyes with the kind words they had for each other! They are really looking forward to spending the year with such a thoughtful and considerate class.

Lots of interest in the Science unit for this term on weather, beginning with making equipment to measure weather conditions. They discussed how to collect and measure rainfall and how to measure temperature.

Pupils have run 'the daily mile' each morning before playtime. Monday afternoon was spent on the field trying out different techniques needed for sprinting and running longer distances and Wednesday was a shorter session that included team work.

Discussions around health and wellbeing and the children then created leaflets on this.

Place value in maths; recognising how numbers are represented using a variety of resources as well as using the part whole model. In English, children started reading 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have made predictions based on the front cover and thought about what is wonderful about our planet, Earth. Thursday's lesson was outside where pupils listened carefully to the environment around them and read the poem 'Out and About' by Shirley Hughes. They thought about how the outside made them feel before exploring the outside environment with clipboards, sticky tape, scissors, wool and many other things in their box of tricks. The children loved making observations, drawing what they could see, making a fairy washing line from wool and leaves, picking an apple to make a bird feeder, as well as much, much more!



Banksy class have impressed Mrs Lawrence with their maths work on Place Value; have been investigating magnetism in science and in music, have been listening to and appraising music based on the theme of New York. Class rules and Dojo established, too.

Pupils have studied and interpreted Banksy's artwork, writing in the style of a journalist in English. In Art/DT, we have been creating some beautiful personality swirls which have already been adorned to the class wall, with some already featuring on the Wow work board and one in my office!. Children have begun working on their own stencils ready to be spray-painted next week.

I wonder if any parents can spot a Banksy somewhere in the grounds already?!



And finally, pupils have thoroughly enjoyed our new Trim Trail and Activity Cube/Quad area. Thank you once again to FOES who have made this special provision happen.

Week 1 – done. Let the learning commence.

Google Classrooms

Next week, the school will look to recommence its use of Google Classrooms – a platform we intend to use for the future of setting homework etc. You should already have your child's login. If your child is new to the school your login will be sent out in due course. If you have any issues in accessing this facility, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Admissions

Reminder that the Admissions portal for Primary and Secondary Schools opened yesterday.

Applications must be made online.

A bike has been left on the bike pod over the summer holidays. It will be disposed of if not collected by the end of next week.

Dali Bug Houses

If anyone has any flower pots (whole or broken) or Bamboo canes could they be donated to Dali class by Wednesday.

Thank you

Flu Immunisation Programme

Look out for the letter regarding the flu immunisation programme. You will need to consent or decline via <https://tinyurl.com/ycujxbtr> by the 30th September. The flu immunisation session will take place in school on the 18th November.

Diary Dates

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| 1 st October 16.00 | Open session for New Parents 2021 |
| 9 th October | Harvest Festival |
| 15 th October 16.00 | Phonics Information Session |
| 20 th October | Parents Evening – times TBA |
| 21 st October | Parents Evening – times TBA |
| 23 rd October | Heads Awards |
| 26 th – 30 th October | Half Term |
| 12 th November 18.00 | Open session for New Parents 2021 |
| 13 th November | Children in Need |
| 16 th – 20 th November | Anti-Bullying week |
| 18 th November | Flu Immunisation |
| 10 th December | Hilltop meeting |
| 17 th December | Christmas Dinner |
| 18 th December | Christmas jumpers, carols around the tree, Heads Awards, Christmas parties, last day of term. |
| 5 th January | Spring Term opens |