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Driven to succeed today, tomorrow and beyond...

Aiming high, together we can fly!



As you can probably imagine it has been an incredibly busy start to the new term at our new school. As a staff we have met to discuss the progress made by the children across the school during the autumn term before setting aspirational targets for the spring term and reflecting on the actions we need to take to ensure they are achieved. Meanwhile the children have returned eager to catch up with friends, but also to move on with their learning and as I walk round each classroom I am impressed with the levels of engagement that I see.

Our Foundation Stage children have just begun their learning theme of 'Turrets and Tiaras'. On arriving in school on the first day they discovered a letter had been left in the classroom but who had written it? After reading each clue and hunting around the hall the children found tinsel, glitter, a wand, 2 gloves, a blond plait and a tiara. Their wonderful powers of deduction led them to believe that a Princess had visited the school during the holidays! Inspired by this the children have been very busy making crowns and building castles.

In Key Stage One learning is linked through the theme of 'Once upon a time' this term. Children will be learning narrative skills in order to write their own stories as well as exploring and learning through drama. As they move into looking at the traditional tale of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' they will learn about the reclining shoe industry history in Northamptonshire. We are very fortunate that Barkers Shoes have agreed to host a visit for our children so that they become aware of not only the processes involved in making shoes but also the important part the factory has played in the history of Earls Barton.

**Remember Applications for
Primary &
Junior School
closing date:
5PM —
15th January
2017**



**For Key Stage Two this term their learning is connected through the themes:
Mysteries and Mummies – Year 3
Invaders and Conquerors – Year 4
Mounties, Moose and Maple Leaf – Year 5
Go Green – Year 6**

Learning is not just about what happens in the classroom of course so we also enable a variety of enrichment activities to take place. For instance, Years 4 and 5 are attending weekly swimming lessons, clubs have restarted across both buildings and music lessons are in full swing in Key Stage Two. We are also very excited to be taking part in 'Young Voices' and are looking forward to our choir performing with other schools in Birmingham on 25 January. Young Voices combines the power of singing together as one, with accompaniment from a wide range of musicians and artists, to create an amazing performance. Every year, schools across the country practise set pieces of music in class with their teachers to prepare themselves to take part in these massive concerts. With a full live band, backing singers and the internationally acclaimed conductor David Lawrence, it will make for one of the most exciting and memorable musical experiences imaginable for those children attending.

If you would like to receive this newsletter in colour via Parentmail please contact the school office or go on to our new school website www.earlsbartonprimary.org.uk to view in colour- thank you.
If you need to contact us by e-mail please do this through the 'contact us' tab on our website.

**Are you looking for 16+ hours per week?
If so, the following vacancies may be of interest to you**

MID DAY SUPERVISOR & CLEANER VACANCY

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and committed Mid Day Supervisor (8 hours) and a reliable and thorough part-time cleaner (10 hours) to join our existing team.

Both roles are on a fixed term contract to cover maternity leave (until approx. May 2017).

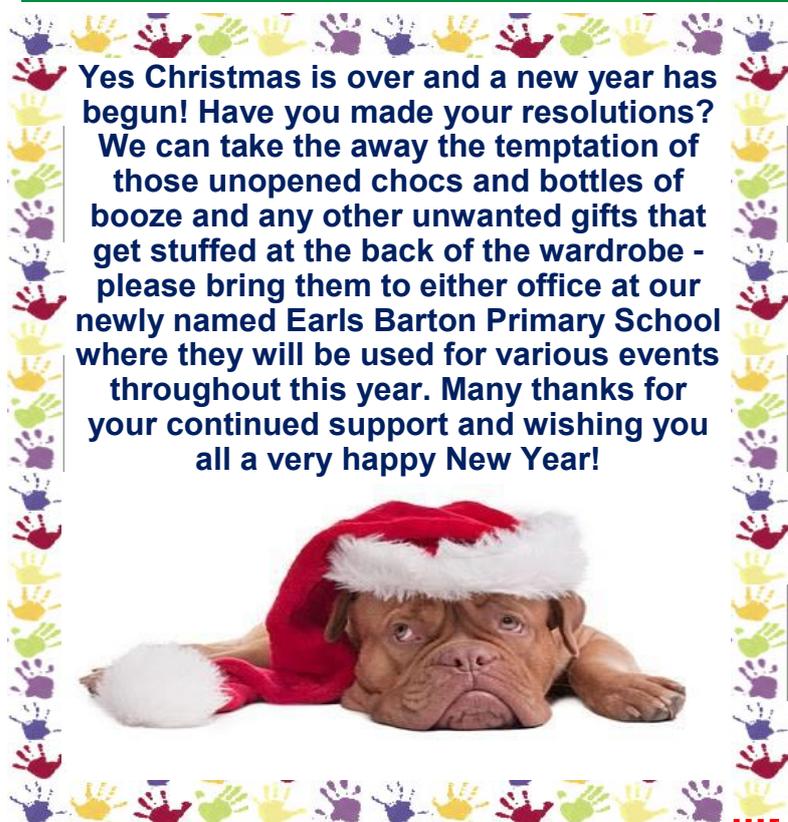
The successful applicant(s) will need to be physically fit as both of these roles have an element of manual handling.

Start date for both posts is as soon as possible.

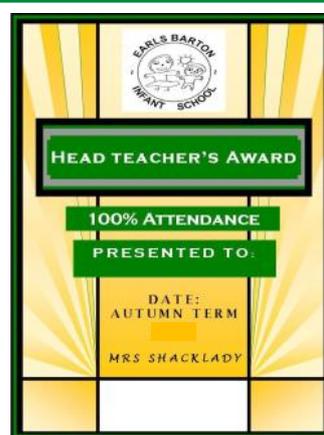
For further information please visit www.ebjs.co.uk/about_us/vacancies

If you are interested in applying for either of these posts, please complete an application form (available to download from our website and return to Sandra Bridgman, Bursar/Office Manager @ Earls Barton Primary School.

Closing date for both applications is 26/1/17.



Yes Christmas is over and a new year has begun! Have you made your resolutions? We can take the away the temptation of those unopened chocs and bottles of booze and any other unwanted gifts that get stuffed at the back of the wardrobe - please bring them to either office at our newly named Earls Barton Primary School where they will be used for various events throughout this year. Many thanks for your continued support and wishing you all a very happy New Year!



We have had several coughs and colds in evidence already this term but once again we were extremely pleased to be able to award certificates to 78 children in F/S & Key Stage 1 who

achieved 100% attendance from September through to the end of term in December. These will be presented next week. This is a fantastic achievement, WELL DONE. News about KS2 attendance will come out to those parents in the customary way.

A reminder to please park safely near the school, with thought for our neighbours in Churchill Road, by parking considerately and not blocking driveways.

Also please do not double park in the (Library) carpark adjacent to school.

In order to ensure the safety of all children on the site, we must remind parents that NO PARENTS' CARS are allowed in the school car park at any time

- Thank you

EYFS & KS1 Playground Challenges

We started our inter-class competition after the October half term break with the first two challenges - speed bounce and shuttle runs. The first winners of the year were the Giraffe class in KS1 and crocodile class in EYFS! The children are all busy practising this half term's challenges of skipping and throw and catch a beanbag.

Good luck to all classes.

From the Governors

Dear Parents

We are very pleased that the amalgamation of the two village schools has now been finalised, and are excited by the opportunities which are now open to us. We know that we are very lucky to have such supportive and interested parents so that we can all work together to provide the best possible educational experience for all the children.

As you know, the Primary School is the result of expanding the age range of the former Infant School, and as such the Governing Body of the Infants formed the basis of the new Governing Body. During the Autumn Term 2016 both sets of Governors worked closely together, with several Governors working on both schools, effectively forming the nucleus of the new Governing Body. Working with the assistance of the Local Authority Governor Services, the proposed constitution was drawn up and submitted to the Local Authority for approval.

We decided to increase the number of co-opted Governors to ensure we have the full range of skills and availability to carry out our responsibilities, and we hope to have completed the co-options by the end of January. At that stage we will be able to let you have details of who your Governors are, and how we are working to ensure the Primary School is successful in every respect.

We very much hope that we can develop close links with parents, particularly through your Parent Governors who will be looking for the best ways of ensuring the ParentVoice feeds through to the Governing Body. We also intend to keep you up to date with what we are doing to monitor, challenge and support the school as it moves forward.

Being a School Governor is a significant commitment, and one which we all take seriously. There is a great deal of work to be done, and we would like to assure you all that we will do our very best to meet the challenges ahead. We look forward to working together to make Earls Barton Primary School the best!