



# Earls Barton Primary School

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*Expect, Believe, Persevere, Succeed.*

*Friday 13th October 2017*

## Our Class Assemblies.....



Last week it was the **Bluebell Class** assembly. The children retold the events of the Great Fire of London and sang London's Burning with their own unique twist! We heard about how fantastic their History Off the Page day was and saw pictures of the children dressed up and taking part in all of the different activities. Finally, the children shared pictures of when local firefighters visited school and recited a poem. It was a lovely way to end the children's learning about the Great Fire of London!

On Wednesday **Holly Class** produced a fabulous assembly all about Space! They were able to explain all about the Solar System, Planets, Earth's Axis, Constellations and Exploration. Some of them even walked on the Moon! Well done Holly Class!



### British Sign Language Assembly

This Tuesday KS2 were treated to an extra special assembly arising from our language of the term, British Sign Language. Three children from the special unit within East Hunsbury Primary School, Matthew, Sophie and Harry visited us to show us the simplified version, Makaton, which is an alternative way of signing. They all gave different reasons for signing from using it with friends, at the end of the day and being too tired to talk, to using it regularly to communicate. The children then treated us to a song, True Colours, which they signed. There was a spontaneous reaction from many children joining in with the signing and warm, appreciative applause from the whole hall. Sarah Halsall, their teacher, explained how Makaton is used every day in their school. Finally, Christmas came early and we all learnt how to

sign to the song 'Must be Santa' which was lots of fun. Our children have referred to the assembly as 'an amazing experience, fantastic, incredible' and, signing, have given it a big thumbs up!



On Friday 6th October, **Oak class** held their assembly. They started off by demonstrating the Haka, and then we were taken on a journey through the Battle of Britain, using role play, diaries and poetry. We learnt about how shadows change in relation to a light source, and ended up with a Maths quiz. A big thank you to the parents and children who completed the challenge we set you!

For the second week in row KS1 attendance winners are Buttercup class, with an unbeatable 100%. In second place are Violet class with 99.3% attendance. In joint third are Daisy and Snowdrop classes, with 97%.

KS2 Attendance winners this week are Thistle class with an impressive 99.6% attendance. Tulip class came second with 99.3%, closely followed by Holly with 99.2%.

**Well Done Everyone!**

**Please visit our website:- [www.earlsbartonprimary.org.uk](http://www.earlsbartonprimary.org.uk)**

We have the opportunity to put on the following workshop for parents (there will be a cost involved for parents to attend) - Anxiety Workshops for Parents, with Caroline Prout

- What is anxiety?
- Why does it happen?
- What is normal childhood anxiety and when should I worry?

This half day workshop provides an understanding of what anxiety is, why it happens and how to recognise when it's becoming a problem. Parents will learn how to explain anxiety to children along with easy to use strategies to reduce and in some cases, prevent anxiety. The knowledge and strategies learnt on this workshop will help parents cope with both their own and their children's anxiety.

*Caroline Prout is a clinical hypnotherapist and psychotherapist based in Northamptonshire. Specialising in modern, clinically proven, solution focused methods of reducing anxiety, Caroline works to help both adults and children understand how their brain works and why that impacts on how they feel. She provides them with easy to use strategies to reduce, and in many cases, eliminate anxiety empowering each individual to grow and reach their full potential.*

If you feel this you be of interest please can you pop into the school office to let us know your views.

### Annual Pantomime Trip

This year we have booked to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at The Lighthouse Theatre in Kettering on Thursday 14th December. We hope every child will be able to join us for this trip.

Alternative arrangements will be put in place for any children who don't attend the pantomime. If children are unable to attend for financial reasons parents are asked to pop into the school office and speak to a member of office staff.



## PTA News

Congratulations to Ruth Shellard who won the school lottery last week. A big thank you to the parents, staff and governors who helped with the bookfair this week. Also, a reminder that the sponsored bounce and zumba is on next week so children will need to bring their sponsor forms with them next Friday.

### Class Assemblies:

Please keep these dates free for your child's class assembly.

**Sycamore:** Friday 10th November

**Primrose:** Friday 17th November

**Poppy:** Friday 24th November

## KS1 Uniform Request

If you have any spare uniform for both boys and girls (underwear, socks, trousers, skirts, dresses, jumpers) that children have grown out of or are not wanted any more, please could you let the school have them. It is the smaller sizes, for reception children (3-5 years) that are urgently needed. Also a reminder that if your child has any clothes at home that they have borrowed these need to be returned.

Thank you



### Support your school lottery!

As a supporter, you can join for as little as £1 per week and for this, you will have the chance of winning the guaranteed weekly prize which at the moment is nearly £20! With a minimum contribution of 40% to the school, the more people that participate, the bigger this guaranteed prize becomes and the more money is raised for our school.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/earls-barton-primary-school>



### Cleaner vacancy

There is a vacancy for a cleaner. Please visit the school website for more details.

### What's coming up;

- Oct 17th (Tuesday) - 9.15am & 2.45 Harvest Festival Assembly for years 3 and 4.
- Oct 20th (Friday) - PTA Sponsored Bounce (KS1) and Zumba (KS2). **School closes for half term**
- Oct 30th (Monday) - School reopens
- Oct 31st (Tuesday) - School Nurse Drop-in session @ 8.30am