



## Edwalton Primary School - part of the Flying High Academy Trust

Spring Term 2016—Newsletter Edition 3

### Retention and Recruitment

It is with regret that I need to inform you that, Mrs. Harvey of Spruce Class will be leaving at the end of the Spring Term.

Mrs. Harvey has gained a place on an MA course at Bath University. Her husband, has just secured employment in Bristol, hence the move.

Mrs. Moss and Mr. Thompson (younger) will be job-sharing for Helen Harvey until the end of the Summer Term.

I also need to inform you that Miss Foderingham of Cedar Class will be leaving at the end of the Summer Term to pursue a career in Educational Psychology. She has successfully gained a place on a MA course.

Mr. Jaycock has also announced his resignation after “many” years of loyal, diligent service to the school and community. Many children have been taught by Mr. Jaycock over the years. I would like to thank him and his family for the many years of loyal service he has given to the school.

The school is currently advertising for quality replacement staff. Please look at the job vacancies at Edwalton on the school website. As you can appreciate finding quality staff is not easy and there is a recruitment and retention problem nationwide.

However, at Edwalton we try our best to adapt, improvise and overcome!

We are working very closely with our recruitment agencies to search for staffing options and our focus continues to be on obtaining the best quality staff for your children.

## World Book Week

Our World Book Week celebrations were a tremendous success! We started off the week with a visit from author, Jonathan Emmett. He kicked off the day with a fantastic assembly where we got to hear him read his brand new book that isn't even out yet- "Prince Ribbet". Jonathan then spent a session with each year group, where he read us some of his books, answered our questions and even told us all about how a picture book is made.

On Wednesday a mystery bag travelled around school. If the mystery bag arrived in your classroom you had to stop everything! The bag was full of wonderful stories to share and turned out to be such a success that the mystery story bag continued to travel around the school again on Thursday!

Thursday was also a rather mysterious day. At 3 o'clock, the teachers and some of the TA's left the classroom and had a bit of a mix up. The children waited patiently to see which mystery teacher was going to come into the classroom and read them a story. There was such a buzz after this event and the children have already asked if we can do it again before the next book day.

Friday was our big book finale and started with a celebration assembly, led by Jack Sparrow, where we had chance to see everyone's amazing costumes. What a variety of outfits we had! From Where's Wallys to Dorothys, from Hogwarts' witches and wizards to Gangsta Grannies. It really was an incredible day. We finished it off with our Swap Shop, where hundreds of books were swapped!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the children and parents for putting such a big effort into costumes and bringing books in to swap. Without your support and involvement, it wouldn't have been the great success that it was. We sincerely hope that the children enjoyed the week and that it reminded everyone of the true joy that books can bring.



### Hoodwinked

Thank you to everyone who has given support, great and small to us in our performance this year

#### **Special thanks to:-**

All the families for helping us with costumes

Mr Reed and all the support staff for help with the stage, and for setting up and clearing the hall

All the teaching staff

All the children for a wonderful show and their excellent singing

Camilla Moore and Mrs. Kang for the outstanding backdrops

All of you who came and for being such a great audience

Today the children performed to the school. They should sleep well tonight!





## **URGENT**

### **VACANCIES—MIDDAY SUPERVISORS**

Are you looking for a rewarding part time job that involves working with children? Why not come and work as a midday supervisor? We have vacancies for Midday Supervisors to work all week or a few days. Hours of work are 11.45am to 1.30pm and the current rate of pay is £7.65 per hour, term time only.

**DBS enhanced checks will be required for these positions.**

### **PARENT LUNCHTIME SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS**

Not interested in working for us but would like to volunteer at lunchtimes to help ensure safe and enjoyable lunchtimes?

Then why not volunteer as a parent lunchtime supporter? Training will be given. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Mrs. Godber

**Again DBS clearance will be required if you do not already have this.**

## **Lunchtimes**

I would like to pay tribute and pass on my deepest appreciation to all the staff who have supported our lunchtimes recently. We have at times been down to just 6—8 middays! Support staff and some teaching staff, especially senior staff, have been out and around supporting supervision every day. All the teaching staff have rallied round to support classes when it has been raining or an indoor day.

## **BGS Family Fun Day**

**Join Rockwatch and the British Geological Survey at Keyworth, 10am to 4pm, Saturday 19 March 2016**

The BGS will be holding a free event for children with the help of the club for young fans of fossils, rocks and dinosaurs and other special guests for hands-on science! Join in with a fascinating range of activities and 'behind the scenes' tours for British Science Week.

- Try your luck at gold panning
- Make your own fossil replicas
- Browse in our shop for maps, books, minerals, fossils and jewellery
- Touch a mammoth or a dinosaur bone
- Meet real geologists and find out what they do
- Discover the amazing mineral treasures of the Earth
- Find out why we need geologists
- Visit the BGS Core Store, home to 500 kilometres of borehole core and millions of geological samples
- Zoom through the landscape in our immersive 3D 'cinema'
- Generate an earthquake

This is a free event, but booking is essential. Go to [www.bgs.ac.uk/familyfun](http://www.bgs.ac.uk/familyfun)

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Hot and cold refreshments will be on sale in our staff restaurant.

Free parking.



### Important Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17th March—Parents ' Evening 4-6pm

Friday 18th March—Parent Drop In

Wednesday 23rd March—Parents' Evening 4-6pm & Book Fair 8:30am—9:00am & 3:30pm—5pm

Thursday 24th March—Easter Service @ 9.30am

Thursday 24th March—Book Fair 8:30am—9:00am & 3:30pm—4:00pm

Friday 25th March—Good Friday (school closed)

Monday 28th March—Easter Monday (school closed)

Monday 4th April—Friday 15th April—Easter Holidays

Friday 10th June—Queen's 90th Birthday Party on the field for families and the community

Friday 22nd July—last day of term

Monday 25th July—Inset Day

School Holidays and Inset Days for 2016/17 will be published soon.

Monday 18th April—School re-opens for Summer Term

### Clarinet & Flute Lessons

Currently we have two spaces for clarinet tuition and two spaces for flute tuition . These lessons are held on a Friday during school. Lessons are taught by Mrs Reavley. If we don't get two requests for each instrument we would not be able to offer a group lesson, but could offer a private lesson.

Flutes and clarinets are available to hire

### Swimming & Technology Contributions

We still have a number of families who have not sent in their voluntary contribution of £6 towards the cost of transport for swimming and/or the £1 per term contribution towards class projects

Please send these to the office or via the online SQUID payment system.

Thank you.



### Price Increase Dinner Money



School Meals still provide excellent value for money and include healthy options.

From 18th April the cost of a school meal has been increased to £2.25 per day

£11.75 per week or £ 63.00 for the half-term. Payment should be made via the SQUID online payment system.

**Payment MUST be made in advance and if payment is not made we have to ask that sandwiches are provided for your child until the outstanding bill has been settled.**