



Friday 23rd February 2018

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Working at Earls Colne Primary School



Earls Colne is a 'buzzing' school where everyone is valued, we are continuing to grow and in need of expansion! With a great forecast for Reception September 2018, we now need to plan ahead for the forthcoming summer term and the new academic year 2018-2019. With this in mind, we are looking for more staff to join our friendly and creative team. We have various positions available all of which can be found on the main website at <https://www.earlscolneprimaryschoolandnursery.co.uk/key-information/vacancies/>. Visits welcome.



Well done for working so hard!

Zack Burton – mastering subordinate clauses. **Miss Smy's English group** – for amazing writing. **Domonic Pope** – a superb model of Stonehenge. **Olly Hoadley, Beau Wood and Eddie Martin** – success with fractions. **Neve Parry-Jones** – a newspaper report of the Hansel and Gretel story. **Cassia Marshallsay Clarke** – for a delightful story and proof reading. **Skye Pennington** – for being a multiplication rock star!



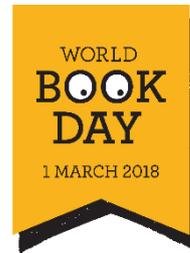
Attendance champions

Congratulations to Monkey class whose attendance was **98.6%** for the week commencing 5th-9th February.

Nursery – 30hrs funding

Children who turn three this term and whose parent may be eligible for 30hrs next term must be applied for by the parents on the HMRC website from now on and **before the end of February**. Any parents who are in the grace period, which ended on 31/12/2017 **who did not reconfirm, will not be eligible this term**.

For new extended hours claims - grace periods only apply to continuing claims. Any codes out of parent validity (in the red) at the start of term that were not reconfirmed by 31/12/2017 will not be eligible for this term regardless of the grace period end date. New eligibility codes need to be checked and recorded in the child headcount details **before** updating the hours on the headcount, and, have an eligibility start date on or before 31/12/2017, otherwise the extended hours columns will not be available for data entry.



World book day – 01/03/18

Children are invited (not compulsory) to wear the costume or an article e.g. hat/tie of their favourite character or bring in their favourite book. We will be holding a book swap in the hall for children to bring in a book they no longer want which is in good condition to swap for a different one. Please take 'swap' books into the school hall on Thursday morning, each class will have the opportunity to go and select a book in exchange for one they have brought in.

Polite reminder - parking

We have had a complaint from a resident who lives in one of the cottages on the High Street near the church. The allocated parking bays outside the front of the houses and church entrance are being obstructed by parents' cars when dropping off and picking up children at the start and end of the school day. Whilst it maybe only 'ten' minutes, blocking in another road user is inconsiderate, please be mindful that the school is a big part of Earls Colne village community who support us in many ways and we would not want to ruin this relationship. As mentioned in previous newsletters there is a car park behind the Co-op which is only a short walk from the school. Thank you.

Encouraging independence

Please encourage children to walk into school from the small gate alone, this encourages independence and helps ease congestion along the walkways. Thank you.



VACANCIES

Please see the school website for all of our current vacancies:

Swimming Teacher



Are you a qualified swimming teacher?

Do you have a lifesaving qualification?

Would you like to teach children of all ages in our very own heated, outdoor pool?

We are looking for a swimming teacher to give lessons during the second half of the summer term (4th June - 19th July 2018) for approximately 25 hours per week.

A pool plant operating qualification would be an advantage but not essential.

Please contact the school office (01787 222205) admin@earlscolne.essex.sch.uk for an application form and further information.

Learning Support Assistant



Band 2 Point 11-14

17 hours per week

Required: As soon as possible

At Earls Colne Primary School and Nursery we aim to:

'Inspire all children to create and achieve'.

We are looking for a special person to work in Key Stage 2. We are a large, vibrant primary school with a friendly and creative team. Our children are delightful.

We are looking for a Learning Support Assistant who:

- Is highly motivated and committed to achieving the best for every child
- Sets high expectations for themselves and children
- Can foster positive relationships
- Is flexible and able to work collaboratively as part of a team

Applicants must have a good standard of English and Maths and recent experience of working within a school environment. Earls Colne is a 'buzzing' school. Come along and see what we can offer.

Visits warmly welcomed.

Closing date: 23rd March at 9.00am

Key dates – 2018

February	
26th	Golf coach with Y2
March	
1st	World book day
5th	Golf coach with Y2
7th	Cross Country at Tabor 12.00-2.30pm
9th - NEW	Non-uniform day in aid of Scout hut
14th	Friends AGM – school hall. All welcome.
26th & 27th	Y3/4 production – 7.00pm
28th	Reception singing in hall – 2.40pm followed by the Easter Egg hunt
30th	Good Friday
April	
-12th	Easter break
30 th	KS1 movie night
May	
7th	Bank Holiday
8th	Y6 extended visit Pp meeting – 7.00pm
14th-17th	Y6 SATs breakfast club - NEW
14th-17th	SATs
25th	Reception open afternoon – 2.40pm
28th-1st	Half-term
June	
8th	Inflatable soccer day
12th	Honywood intake day 1
14th	Honywood intake day 2
15th & 18th	Non-pupil days
19th-21st	Math workshops
26th	Ramsey Intake – day 1
27th	Ramsey Intake – day 2
29th	EYFS/KS1 Sports day – PM
July	
2nd-4th	Y6 Extended visit to Mersea Outdoors
2nd	Y5 Viking workshop
4th	Reception 2018 intake day 1
5th	Y5 taster day at Ramsey Academy
6th	Friends summer fete
11th	Y5/6 production – 7.00pm
12th	Y5/6 production – 7.00pm
13th	Meet the teacher/EYFS 2018 – intake 2
16th	KS2 sports day – All day
19th	School discos
20th	Y6 leavers assembly



Our Village Scout Hut needs our help!



Our village scout hut is in urgent need of repair, due to subsidence. There is a problem with one of the stilts that the hut is resting on, causing it to sink into the ground. The total cost of repairing this is £30,000, with additional money needed to replace fixtures and fittings inside. Although the hut is

safe to use at the moment, without these repairs it will have to be closed down. This is a huge amount of money for any small village organisation to raise alone. As many of our children attend the groups held here, we would like to help by holding a non-uniform day and bake sale at school. On the **9th of March**, children are invited to wear their own clothes, or their rainbow, brownie, guide, beaver, cub or scout uniforms if they wish, for a suggested donation of £1. After school we will also be holding a bake sale in the playground, so please send in any donations of cakes or biscuits to school that morning (no nuts please). Thank you for your support.

OTHER VACANCIES

CLEANING OPERATIVE

Monthind Clean are recruiting for a Cleaning Operative at a school in Earls Colne.

The role is part time or full time working 20 hours per week, Mon - Fri 4:00 - 8:00pm, 44 weeks per year. Rate of pay is £9.00 per hour.

You will be required to carry out cleaning tasks in line with the site specification. Duties will include cleaning offices, kitchen and toilet areas. You will be required to follow COSHH guidelines when carrying out your duties using cleaning chemicals. Previous experience is not essential as training can be given. Uniform will be provided.

An enhanced DBS check will be carried out prior to employment with company. You must also be able to provide at least two years' worth of checkable employment references. Immediate start date.

Call the recruitment line to apply for the role on 01206 215307 quoting reference SEN05 or email admin@monthindclean.co.uk.

Please see the school website for our current vacancies: <https://www.earlscolneprimaryschoolandnursery.co.uk/key-information/vacancies/>

Child Health Drop-in

For age 4-11

For health and wellbeing advice on a range of topics

Including;
toileting, diet, hearing tests, behaviour, night wetting and sleep.

Come along any week

Term time only

Wednesday

At Harlequin Delivery Site (children's centre), Spa Road, Witham, CM8 1NA

3.30-4.30pm

01376 587960

Tuesday

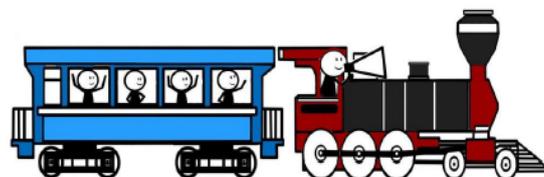
At Acorn Delivery Site (children's centre), Beridge Road, Halstead.CO9 1JH

3.15-4.15pm

01787 477162



*Rev Pete invites you to
hop onboard the
3.30 Express*



St Andrew's Church Colne Engine

Beginning Wednesday May 2nd and then every first Wednesday in the month during school term.

For those who can't make church on Sundays or who would like a short church service with lively singing and fun learning together

Refreshments available from 3.15pm for a 3.30pm start and finished by 4pm

For further details contact Peter 01787 230347 or colnesvicar@gmail.com