



Harling Herald

'Endeavour, Enjoy and Achieve Together' 15.12.17

The end of an era

After twenty years at the school, Mrs Barton will be hanging up her keys and retiring as school secretary at the end of the term. Mrs Barton has seen many changes during her time in the school office; three headteachers, several building projects, numerous staff as well as seeing hundreds of children grow as they have moved through the school. We now have children at the school whose parents Mrs Barton knew as pupils here. When Mrs Barton first started work at the school, there was only one computer that was kept in a specially reinforced cupboard and was only wheeled out for special occasions! How times have changed! Over the years Mrs Barton has been the fountain of knowledge for all things East Harling and has kept the school running smoothly from behind the scenes. A secretary's role is wide and varied; from mending glasses, to sewing up split trousers, administering medicine, making costumes as well as the more mundane admin and finance tasks. Mrs Barton has done them all and East Harling Primary is not going to be quite the same without her.

On behalf of everyone at the school, we wish Mrs Barton a long and happy retirement, full of all the things that she enjoys most.

After the Christmas break, Mrs Burton will be stepping into her shoes as school secretary and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Emma O'Hara who will be joining our admin team in the office.

At the end of the term we will also sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Mariner, who is leaving us to join Great Ellingham Primary School in January. Mrs Mariner is a much loved Teaching Assistant, by both staff and pupils, and she will be sorely missed by us all.

Building project update

The building project is very nearly finished and work is on track for us to move back into the main building for the start of the new term. As long as the weather is kind, the infant playground will be resurfaced next week and the rubber crumb area outside Cherry Class will be reinstated. This week we have begun to pack up the mobiles so that we can all start the new year back together in one building. It's been a very long process but the new classrooms are looking lovely and we are looking forward to each classroom having it's own four walls and a door! In the Spring we will hold a special event to celebrate the end of the project and will invite everyone in our community to look around our school and see how it has changed.

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Christmas lunch

Don't forget it's Christmas lunch on Monday. Please remember to bring a packed lunch if you have not ordered a meal. Christmas lunch is free for children in years R, 1 and 2 and £2.20 for all other children.

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Open School

The next open school session for parents is on Tuesday 9th January from 3.15pm—3.45pm. Come and see our new classrooms!

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Luncheon Club

Last week the children from Maple Class (year 5) visited the local Luncheon Club to sing to it's members as they enjoyed their Christmas lunch. The children all sang beautifully and were excellent ambassadors for our school; sharing some Christmas cheer with members of our local community. Well done Maple Class.



Christmas performances

Well done to all of the children in Reception, year one and year two for their brilliant performances of 'It's a baby' this week. The children had worked really hard to learn the lines of all the songs and delighted their audience on each performance.

It was also lovely to see so many parents join our Nursery Class for their Christmas Café. There was plenty of the 'arrh' factor as they sang their festive songs and performed on stage. A big 'thank you' to Mrs Wallace and Mrs Pilsbury-Gaunt for organising so many lovely Christmas crafts for the children to do with their family. It was a really festive event for everyone to enjoy together.

Christmas Parties

Next week teachers will be organising Christmas parties for the children at the following times. The children may bring party clothes to change into if they wish (Cherry class can come in their clothes and stay in them all day, everyone else should also have their school uniform).

Monday morning —year one and two

Monday afternoon—year five and six

Tuesday morning—Reception and Nursery

Tuesday afternoon—year three and four

EAST Discos for Pupils

EAST's Christmas discos for pupils take place on Monday 18th December.

5.00pm - 6.00pm for children in years R, 1 and 2. Entry = £1.50

6.05pm—7.30pm for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Entry = £2.00

Drink 20p, Crisps 20p, Sweets 10p, Glowstick 50p

Parking outside of the school

The Parish Council have asked us to once again write to parents regarding parking around the school. There have been numerous reports of inconsiderate and dangerous parking at the beginning and end of the school day and there is a real concern that this could lead to someone getting hurt. Please do not park on grass verges, over yellow or zig zag lines, on junctions or anywhere that is not safe to do so. Both the school and the Parish Council have sought support from the local community policing team to try and improve the situation but we would hope that every family would want to make sure that the roads around our school are safe.

Cross Country Competition

Congratulations to Leon in year three who also qualified to compete in the Norfolk Cross Country final in February—our apologies to Leon, his name was missed off the last newsletter.

Safeguarding children

As a school we have a statutory duty to safeguard the well-being of all of our children. The school's designated safeguarding lead professional is the Headteacher, Miss Yates (or Miss Blackburn, the Deputy Headteacher, in her absence). Parents are strongly encouraged to share/report any child protection or safeguarding concerns with the designated teacher at any time. Alternatively anyone can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 8005000 or Norfolk Children's Services on 0344 800 8020, this can be done anonymously.



Dates for your diary

Friday 15th Dec	Junior Carol Service, 10am East Harling church. Junior parents welcome to join us.
Mon 18th Dec	Christmas Lunch EAST Infant Christmas Disco, 5pm—6pm EAST Junior Christmas Disco, 6.05pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 19th Dec	Last day of term
Thurs 4th January	School Closed
Fri 5th January	First day back for pupils
Mon 8th January	Mobile library visit from 3.10pm
Mon 22nd January	Mobile library visit from 3.10pm
Mon 5th February	Mobile library visit from 3.10pm
Mon 12th February- Fri 16th February	Half Term Week
Wed 28th March	Last day of term
Thurs 29th March - Mon 16th April	Easter Holidays
Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June	Half term
Tues 24th July	Last day of term, break up for the summer holiday.

