

# Old Earth Newsletter

**Topic Work this half term**

A quick overview of what's going on in your child's classroom on the run up to Christmas.

**Nursery : Food, related to celebrations;**

**Reception : Festivals; & Celebrations;**

**Year 1 : Colour & Light-Science & Festivals;**

**Year 2 : Festivals; Year 3 : Rainforests;**

**Year 4 : World war II Year 5 : The Tudors;**

**Year 6 : The Stuarts;**

Most classes now have busy webpages on the school site. It is great to see that Blogs are also available for many classes. If you spot content on these blogs, it would be great for you to 'post' a reply for the children to read... they do love to read your comments and respond really well to your support.



Eggcellent learning in Year 4—Design and work looking at testing the best materials to protect falling eggs!!  
Fair testing fun

*Your school Council calling ....*

Please help us help Pudsey Bear raise money for Children in Need next Friday .



Come dressed as Pudsey, or in as much yellow clothing as you can. You might try to do a spotty hanky over your eye or face paint it on. Please bring £1 for Pudsey. Also on the day the tuck shop will be 50p for a Pudsey biscuit & you can have a small Pudsey face paint for another 50p too.

Please help us raise money for children who need it.

*Signed by The School Councillors*



The Tongan Rugby Players performing the Haka. Over 100 of our school community will be at the Shay this Sunday to have a go at the Haka on the field prior to the Tonga v Italy World Cup match



## Times Tables

Currently we have four Year 6 adjudicators who have passed their stiff test to allow them to

check if the children know their times tables. These children had to pass the '30' mark in their 60 second test—no mean feat!

To get a feel of what your children will be asked to do to be awarded their sticker for each times table,

**Google - 'Hit the Button'.**

Your child will be expected to know the times table they are studying inside out, and be able to answer tables out of order and the associated division facts too.

Have a look at the website... your child will be expected to score 20 in a minute for each times table.



## Know your Governors Pen Pic : Mr Malcolm Wragg

I have had the privilege of serving on the Governing Body since the school opened in 1972 when, as the local councillor, I was asked to represent the Elland Urban District Council on the Board of Managers. I also taught at a Secondary School for 30 years before retiring as the Deputy Head in 1990. My background therefore is in education, and I have seen many changes at Old Earth School, from the small 7 classroom school, that my own children attended at its opening, to the present school of over 450 children, with its many outstanding facilities.

My own interest in sport & outdoor activities has allowed me to support the school's residential visits to the Lakes, Northumberland, Wales & the Dales, along with other activities such as swimming. I am a fervent believer & supporter of the value & benefits of the wider curriculum offered by the school. I am currently the Vice-Chairman and also served as Chairman for over 10 years when Paul Roberts was head teacher. I also serve on the Selection Committee, and as such have been involved in the appointment of every member of the current teaching staff.

I am very proud to be associated with such a vibrant and successful school and hope that my contribution has helped to steer the school in the right direction offering the pupils the best possible learning environment both now and in the future.

## Ex Deputy Head back in school—Malcolm Lord

Some parents may remember their time at Old Earth with Mr Lord, who was the first Deputy Head at Old Earth when it was built in 1972.

After our 40th Ruby Reunion, Mr Lord said he'd love to come back and work with some of the children letting them know about his passion for trees and wildlife. This fits with a number of our curriculum research topics and so we gladly took him up on his kind offer.

On Wednesday he led Junior Assembly and then worked with the children in class 8. He fascinated the children in assembly with a huge array of plants, trees and wildlife habitats. He then gave all the children in class 8 a chance to plant up a tree for them to keep—we'll see whose grows the most each year !!

Mr Lord then took a group of children out to plant up a small copse of trees in the bottom field. Thank you to Malcolm, from all the children - a great morning !



## Year 5 and the Kitchen Staff invite you to an "Old Folks' Luncheon"

(not the most flattering title!!)

Weds 20th Nov 12.30 for 12.45pm

So grandparents, come along for a free lunch (much of the preparation, and service by the children)

to be followed by a short performance by our school choir and board games with the children.

Contact the school office to book your places... limited to 100

## HOLIDAY

### CLUB :

Advance

Notice—Little

Earth Holiday

Club is open in the Christmas Holidays... however, due to when Christmas and New Year falls, it is open just for 3 days : Mon 23 Dec; Thurs 2nd Jan; and Fri 3rd Jan. You can book on line, or in the school office. Prices are £24 for a full day (£27 for 2 year olds). If you want all 3 days the rate is £60 (£70 for 2 year olds)

## Noticeboard

## THIS WEEK

**Monday** : Classes 3 & 4 opened up their doors to a new lick of paint—much fresher and smarter!

**Tuesday** : Hazel, the Lollypop Lady led a road safety session in Little Earth

**Wednesday** : Malcolm Lord came into school—see article

**Thursday** : The Oaks choir led whole school assembly—as usual, they were wonderful

**Friday** : Phase 1 (fencing and fascia boards) of the security upgrades finished. Next week the CCTV is being installed; followed close in the future by the new secure gating system installation.

## NEXT WEEK

**Sunday** : Haka families to meet at the Shay—2.30pm

**Monday** : Class 4 trip to the Colour Museum

**Tuesday** : Class 3 trip to the Colour Museum; Year 4 start their 'Upbeat Kids' health & fitness sessions

**Wednesday** : Chris Pickup, our external school adviser, is in school all day looking at performance, data and the impact school improvement measures; PTFA Wrapping day from 9am

**Thursday** : Class 11 assembly for parents

## NOTICES

**Monday 1th November : Little Earth and Nursery Fees due.**  
**Wednesday 13th November : PTFA's 'Big Wrap' (9am—11.30am and / or 12.30pm—2.30pm). Meet the other volunteers to help wrap pressies for the Christmas Secret Shop and have a natter over coffees and biscuits !!**  
**The more the merrier**

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