

Welcome back!

It has been a lovely first three days back in school; the children have been wonderful (despite the heat!) and have already got to grips with our new school rules, behaviour approach and started some fantastic learning!

It has been especially lovely to welcome our newest Reception children into school who have all settled in beautifully and begun to make friends and learn about life in Earls Barton Primary School.

Our new school rules for this year are: Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe – hopefully your children have told you this already! Our five school values of Self-belief, Honesty, Respect, Excellence and Kindness remain the same. We will continue to encourage and reward children with House points (now collated via Class Dojo), bronze, silver, gold awards, Bartonian Awards, Hot Chocolate Fridays and other incentives. What has changed is our more punitive yellow and red card system has been replaced with the “Empowerment Approach” system – which you can learn more about next Wednesday! Please see attached invitation.

### **New year safeguarding and data procedures**

To keep children safe, we need to ensure that we have up-to-date contact information (addresses, emergency contact numbers, etc.) it is vital that if anything has changed you update us in school straightaway. We have also tightened our procedure with regard to end of day collection – please ensure you provide a password / “code” word for any adult who is collecting your child. You can do all of this on the short form [here](#). The data you provide will be kept confidentially by the school office and on our secure SIMS database. Class teachers will have an end of day password list kept securely in each classroom.

We also have to re-obtain annual permissions for using SeeSaw and other social media channels. Details to follow.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Well done to the 60+ children from our school who completed the Summer Reading Challenge; we are waiting to hear our position on the schools’ leaderboard! Please remember to pop to the library if your child has completed the challenge but not yet had this confirmed with a certificate.

Our first “spotlight” for extra house points will be reading at home which is something we really need to work on to help our children improve their reading skills. Further details to follow! For now, please keep noting in your child’s planner every time they read with an adult at home – our aim is five times per week. Further detail will be sent in a letter on Monday.

### **Extra-curricular clubs**

Children in Y1 – Y6 have been sent a letter detailing the clubs available in school. We do not offer clubs for Reception children in this first time whilst they are settling in.

Happy Hols is open daily before and after school for children from Reception to Year Six with some places still available. Please contact Wendy Bell to book your child’s place.

### **Curriculum Forecasts**

Next week you will be sent your child's curriculum forecast for the term ahead so you can see what they will be learning in school and support this through conversations, learning and reading at home.

### **Parking / traffic**

I have witnessed some dangerous, illegal and inconsiderate parking in the first two days of school which puts your children at risk. Please park legally and considerately at school drop-off and pick-up. Be considerate of our neighbours and households near the school as well as the safety of children. I have asked the local PCSO and traffic wardens to attend again and to issue enforcement notices for anyone who parks on the yellow lines or the zebra crossing.

### **School bags and equipment**

Please note that, as part of the uniform policy, children should bring anything they need into school using their green book bag. The use of a backpack and pencil case is a privilege for Y6 pupils, in preparation for moving onto the next phase of their education. We are sorry but the school only has space for book bags in other year groups, where they are kept in drawers in the classrooms. Other than in Year Six, children should not bring their own pencil case or stationery items to school as this causes problems and is a distraction from learning. All equipment required is provided.

A reminder that only water should be put in children's NAMED water bottles so they can stay hydrated throughout the day – not squash. Refills are available in school at appropriate times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please access 'Families@ magazine [here](#). It contains ideas for activities and offers.

Wishing you a lovely weekend – make the most of the extended summer weather!

Kind regards,

Miss Lally

### **Letters home this week**

Welcome back message

Y2 recorder club – Y2 only

Continuation recorder clubs – Current recorder players only

School clubs – Y1-Y6 only

### **Attachments**

Empowerment Approach invitation