

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The end of spring term 1 is rapidly approaching and we are pleased with how we are making progress against our School Development Priorities.

Our three main priorities for this year can be summarised as:

- Improve outcomes in reading and writing
- Embed the “Empowerment Approach” so that children’s behaviour improves
- Introduce a coaching model for all subject leaders

Senior leaders, staff and governors keep these priorities under constant review and at the forefront of our mind to ensure that EBPS is constantly moving forward and improving what we provide for children and families here.

We are really pleased with the implementation of our new approach to writing using “Ready, Steady, Write” and hope you will be pleased to see the children’s writing in their books during parent-teacher meetings next week. We are also pleased that we are seeing a big improvement in children reading at home more frequently so thank you for your support with this.

Where parents / carers have been invited in to join children for a “Coaching Plan” or for those children on an after school “Coaching Programme.” We are really starting to see the positive impact of this close partnership between home and school on helping children to develop the skills necessary to be “pro-learning and pro-social” members of our school and society.

Celebration Assembly:

Well done to all of our “Stars of the Week” and other certificate winners today. The winning class in EYFS / KS1 was Daisy class and randomly-selected individual winner was Arlo in Reception. In KS2 the winning class was Poppy which had 92% of children reading 5-times at home which is fantastic (and the remaining 8% read 4 times at home!) The individual winner was Billy in Y3.

We also announced to the children the house point totals today... it is very close at the top! The winning house team will have their termly reward time of a games afternoon next week.

Parent-teacher meetings:

This will be held next week and for every class there is a face-to-face and online option; the in-person evening is on Tuesday. Some of wonderful School Councillors will be acting as tour guides for the evening to show you to your child’s classroom. If you have not booked yet, there are still some spaces available – please book via School Cloud.

Y3/4 Tag Rugby team in the County Finals:

A very special well done to our tag rugby team who made it all the way to the County Finals which were held this week. The team represented the school superbly and played some great rugby. They came fourth overall with an impressive tournament track record of 4 draws, 2 wins and just 1 game lost. Well done the team and thanks to Mrs Chapman and the parents who came to help supervise and support the children.

Building work:

We are waiting to hear final timelines and the appointed contractor for the upcoming classroom extension. Phase 1 (relocating the car park) could happen as early as the Easter holidays and I will keep you updated as soon as more information is confirmed.

A reminder that we break up for February half term on Friday 16th February at 3:30pm, returning on Monday 26th February at 8:45am.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Miss Lally

Meet the Northamptonshire SEND Team:

Please see the attached flyer. The events are free – children do not need to have an EHCP or diagnosis, every parent / carer who would like to find out more about SEND is welcome to attend.

“Stay Connected” parent information:

See below for the online newsletters (Sways) from our local area.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/EZxl6KdU6wBYJNx3?ref=Link>

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/XjtmGhfsKgBFTcOa?ref=Link>

Letters home this week:

Y6 PSHE curriculum – Y6 only

Invitation to be a parents evening guide – KS2 school councillors only

Secret award invitation – Bartonian award winners only

EY reminder to wear party clothes on Thursday – EY only

Y1 trip to Woburn Safari Park – Y1 only

National children's mental health week

Attachments:

Online safety – monkey

SEND – Meet the team flyer