

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a lovely week in school and we are all enjoying the spring sunshine! Thank you to our Reception parents and carers for sending the children into school this morning in their wedding outfits; they all looked so smart! The children loved having their own recreation of a wedding ceremony, including the wedding breakfast at lunchtime!

Our Key Stage Two children were great ambassadors for the school when they attended the Values Festival on Thursday. Mrs Chapman was very proud of the children who participated in a range of activities including volleyball, basketball and archery. The chosen children were a credit to the school and certainly did demonstrate all of our Values – in-line with the aim of the festival!

Our individual Reading winners this week were Libby in Y6 and Freddie in Y2. The class reading winners were Crocus and Beech. Well done and keep reading! Remember you can still exchange your World Book Day voucher for a free book from the selection until 31st March – the vouchers can be used in most supermarkets and large bookstores.

### **Term dates**

School closes next Thursday, 28th March at 3:30pm for the Easter holiday. School re-opens on Tuesday 16th April 2024 (Monday 15th April is a teacher training day.)

### **Attendance**

We have noticed a real dip in attendance over the past few weeks. Please remember that term-time holidays will not be authorised. Children should always attend school if they are well enough to do so. We do insist on the NHS policy of a 48-hour period of absence following the last bout sickness or diarrhoea to prevent the spread of bugs. If a child is on antibiotics, these can be administered in school providing we have signed parent / carer permission. Medical appointments should mean children missing school for the minimal amount of time possible – attending school before and / or after as appropriate.

The school doors open at 8:45am and children who arrive after 8:55am are late. The first part of the morning includes Early Morning Work and establishing the routine for the day ahead, it is vital children are in school for this to ensure they can prepare for the best day possible.

### **Academisation**

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey on academisation. The feedback from all stakeholders will be collated and used as part of the next steps in our decision-making process. Please be reassured there is no pre-determined outcome to this; we are still in the fact-finding and due-diligence stage. Governors are committed to making the best decision for Earls Barton Primary School now and into the future. After Easter, there will be further information shared including some Frequently Asked Questions on academies / multi-academy trusts.

### **Easter Egg raffle**

Thank you to everyone who has donated Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies or other goodies for the PTA's Easter Egg raffle. Donations can still be brought in up until Wednesday 27th March. On this day, Key Stage Two children will have a large raffle in the hall; Key Stage One and Reception hold smaller raffles in each classroom. Children can purchase tickets for 20p each. All money raised goes towards the PTA's current fundraising goals: a KS2 outdoor gym and canopy for the KS1 playground.

### **Reports**

Today, you should have received an email to your personal email address (not via the ParentMail app) containing a link to download your child's end of spring term report. If you click on the link, you will be asked to enter your child's date of birth for security reasons. These reports summarise your child's attainment, progress and effort this term. If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Miss M. Lally

### **Letters home this week**

Sycamore class message

Beech class letter

KS2 carnival performance – Y3-Y6 only

Great fire of London letter – Y2 only

T-shirt for last swimming lesson – Y4 only

Excellent attendance messages – pupils with 100% and over 96% attendance

Change of Caythorpe parents' meeting date – Y3 only

### **Attachments**

Empowerment approach bulletin

Top tips – encouraging open conversations

Easter egg raffle poster