

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a lovely week back in school, starting with our teacher training day on Tuesday and continuing with the children who have returned to school buzzing and excited for the summer term which is ahead!

In school, Y3 have had a brilliant “wow” day becoming Roman soldiers marching in formation with their own shields. Y2 were busy being detectives on Wednesday following the clues from Pirate Pete and today had a fantastic Great Fire of London experience day. Reception children have loved their story of the “Very Hungry Caterpillar” and are excited to see what new visitors they will have in school next now their chicks have returned to the farm.

We have a very busy week next week with lots of trips and activities going out of school:

-Y6 swimming starts on Monday

-Y3 and Y4 go on their residential visits to PGL Caythorpe

-Y5 are visiting Compton Verney gallery to launch their Shang Dynasty topic

Please note this means there will be lots of coaches in and around school on most days next week – please park carefully and considerately to ensure the safety of all children. Leave yourself plenty of time to get your child into school on-time, there are fewer parking spaces available now building work has started on the former church opposite the school on Churchill Road.

Kind regards,

Miss Lally

Showing our school values

We know that several families in the village are hosting Ukrainian families and there may be some Ukrainian children joining our school in the near future. Now is the time for our children to truly be able to show their values and demonstrate their compassion, kindness and empathy following all the work we have done previously on refugees and following the journey of “Little Amal”. We have also offered the school as a venue to English-language classes for any Ukrainian refugees who would like lessons. We would like our school help and welcome the families in any way we can so please do contact me if you have any other ideas or suggestions.

Contacting school

A reminder is attached of the process / order for contacting school. Please always speak to the class teacher in the first instance; class teachers are available on the door at the end of the day for a very quick chat or can arrange a meeting / phone call if a longer discussion is required. If the class teacher has been unable to help, your next point of contact should be the phase leader or inclusion leader. Whilst we have no Deputy Head, the next port of call after both of these is for the concern to come to me. Please appreciate that in a large school of 467 children I cannot meet with all parents and I do not always know the required details relating to every child’s learning and behaviour so the class teacher are best placed to help.

PTA

With their hugely successful fundraising efforts to-date, our wonderful PTA have confirmed they now have enough money to fully fund a mud kitchen area for the Infants playground and an outdoor science classroom for Key Stage Two! We will order these now and hope to see them installed before June! Our PTA would love to have more support, even if you are not able to attend regular meetings but can be called upon to help with fundraising events (discos, fetes, sponsored events, etc.) please do contact them via email on: earlsbartonps.pta@outlook.com With the current low numbers on the PTA, they will not be able to run a summer fayre this year. Their next meeting is on **Monday 9th May at 2:30pm. ALL WELCOME**

Hot Chocolate Fridays

Children selected for Hot Chocolate Fridays this term will be those who have impressed their teachers with their effort and progress in their presentation and handwriting. This will continue to be one child per class based on those who truly deserve the award and not every child may be selected for this privilege this year; some deserving children could be chosen twice if their teacher feels they truly deserve it each term for whatever the criteria is.

Stakeholder group

I would like a stakeholder group of parents, community members, local businesses, governors, children and any other interested party to come together to discuss and agree what we would like to see included on an EBPS Passport initiative which I want to launch before the summer holiday. It would be great to have a diverse range of ideas and opinions! If you are interested, please contact the office and we will have our first meeting on Thursday 19th May at 2pm.

Reception and Year One Phonics

A reminder that parents and carers of children in Reception and Year One are invited to join us to see how phonics is taught in school. You will visit your child's classroom to see phonics lessons in action and also hear a little about how we teach phonics in school and how you can help at home.

-Reception session 9:00am on Thursday 5th May

-Year One session 9:00am on Thursday 12th May

Letters home this week

Curriculum overviews

Y3 and Y4 residential reminders – Y3&4 only

Science on Sycamore – Sycamore class only

PE change days - Year 5 only

Great Fire of London reminder – Y2 only

Before school football club – EYFS only

Parent Governor Election letter

Special book request – EYFS only

Brass project – Sunflower class only

Attachments (Please note that the school doesn't endorse external providers)

EBPS Communication Pyramid

Pacesetters free tasters

Piano classes in EB