

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an incredibly busy week in school with multiple trips, visits and opportunities for the children to extend their learning beyond the classroom. HUGE thanks to the staff who joined the Year 3 and / or Year 4 residential this week, this is a huge undertaking, enormous responsibility and comes with very little sleep! We are so proud of our children who have demonstrated all of our school values whilst on their residential; from conquering fears of heights, to teamwork for raft building, accuracy for archery and resilience in staying away from home or just trying new food – we are proud of each and every one of them.

Year 5 also visited Compton Verney art gallery to launch their new history topic of the “Shang Dynasty” and they really enjoyed the experience of being in a gallery, handling artefacts and creating their own clay pots to replicate the Chinese pottery they explored. The children were commended on their excellent behaviour by the gallery staff.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 4th May (which is also the day of the Year 1 trip to Woburn Safari Park!)

Kind regards,

Miss Lally

Staff farewell

Today, Sunflower class and Year 4 said farewell to Mrs Turvey who is leaving Earls Barton after working here for nine years in various roles from parent helper, office administrator to teacher! We would like to thank Mrs Turvey for her hard work and dedication to the school community over this time and wish her well as she takes up a new role as a customer adviser in a public library – helping children and adults develop and extend their love for books! Good luck Mrs Turvey, we hope you will be very happy in your new role.

Fundraising heroes

A special mention to Alfie in Y1 Crocus class for his fantastic fundraising efforts for Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH). Alfie underwent two open heart surgeries at GOSH and he and his mother have been part of a challenge to walk 60 miles in April. Alfie exceeded his target and was up to 60.16 miles on 23rd April with 7 days to spare, but he is going to keep walking! This is an amazing achievement for any 5-year old, but especially one who has recently had major surgery! Very well done Archie: you fundraising superstar!

Tilly in Y3 is also helping to organise a fundraising day on Sunday 8th May to raise funds for the Skylark Children’s ward at Kettering hospital. See attached flier if you are able to attend and support this cause. See attached flier.

Talent show

Also, a remind the School Council are organising a children’s Talent Show on Thursday 26th May one for each Key Stage. Children can enter individually or in small groups and can showcase any talent they wish. There is a £2 entry fee to participate and will be a voluntary donation (suggested 50p) to watch the Talent Show final assemblies. “Auditions” will be held in classes during the week commencing 16th May with the 2 or 3 acts from each class with the most scores in a blind vote

performing in front of the whole key stage in the Talent Show finals. The School Council have organised this all themselves and all money raised will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Attendance launch “Spring into school”

As of next Tuesday, we are relaunching our attendance and punctuality systems to try and drive improvements in both aspects, now that covid cases are almost at zero in our school. Please see attached for more information.

Children should be in school before 8:55am every day. After 9:00am their absence is classed as “unauthorised” for the morning session. We will now be monitoring attendance and punctuality on a two-week cycle and supporting those families who need help to ensure that children are in school, on-time, every day, ready to learn. Regular lateness affects children’s progress and also their confidence, resilience and self-esteem as no child likes walking into class late and not knowing what to do or having missed the start of lessons. Please make every effort to ensure children are in school on-time.

Letters home this week

Recorder groups performance – Recorder groups only

Summer music recital, advance warning – Senior choir and children having music tuition

Phonics information sessions – YR and Y1 only

Library visits - Buttercup class only

Violet Class message – Violet class only

Homework – Well-being week 1

Daffodil residential staffing message

D&T topic message – Y6 only

Y6 swimming and PE days – Y6 only

Attachments

Pacesetter summer term clubs

Primary online safety newsletter

Tom the Tale Teller poster

Tilly fundraising