

Dear parents and carers,

Due to the England men's football team getting through to the Euros final and the fact we want the children to enjoy cheering them on in their late kick-off, we will again support children having a lie-in and coming to school slightly later. Until 10am on Monday, we will accept children and mark them as "Late" - rather than an unauthorised absence for the morning session. Arrivals after 10am will be marked as unauthorised for a half day.

If England win, we would like to invite the children to come to school on Monday in red, white or blue (including their favourite football kit if they wish) to celebrate the win.

We all wish our team lots of luck and success for another great game... dare we dream of a win?!

### **Talent show**

A reminder of mufti day (own clothes can be worn by all) next Friday for our school council talent show. All donations on the day will be given to the School Council's third and final charity of the year: Animals in Need.

### **Reading**

Thanks to everyone who came to the Key Stage One "Book on a Blanket" event yesterday which was another success with a high turnout.

We would like all school books (library, AR and phonics books) returned please for stock-taking purposes but please keep reading at home over the summer! The Earls Barton library are visiting next week to launch their "Summer Reading Challenge" so there is access to lots of free, quality books in the library for children to borrow.

Winning class in Key Stage Two was Poppy class (again!) so I had to make 24 hot chocolates as their prize for so many consecutive wins! The individual winner was Tiana. In Key Stage One / Reception the winning class was Clover and the individual winner was Owen.

### **Individual Liberty Day**

Last Friday every class took part in "Individual Liberty Day" which is one of the fundamental British Values we promote in our school. Parts of the day were discussing books linked to this theme. In Key Stage Two, children also learnt the life story of individual people who have fought for Individual Liberty in various ways. Every class produced pieces of art which reflected their focus book.

Miss Bartholomew has been busy, with a team of helpers, setting up this artwork in Earls Barton Methodist church in the form of an art gallery. Every class in school visited the gallery

today and we warmly welcome all parents and carers who wish to visit with your children after school to do so. The gallery will remain open from 3:30 – 5pm.

### **Music clubs finished for the year!**

A reminder that all school-led music clubs (choirs, recorder clubs) have now finished for the year. Thanks very much to Mrs Levell for her dedication in leading these activities all year.

### **Year 6 Performance – Extra tickets available!**

Following allocations of extra tickets requests for the Year 6 performance on Thursday 18th July, there are tickets still available for the 9.15am performance. If you would like to book up to two more tickets per family for the morning performance only, please book these via ParentMail. All are welcome.

You need to go to “Payments” then “Shop” - the tickets are free, but this is the only way we can allocate them fairly. We are sorry, but there aren’t any more tickets available for the evening performance, which is a sell-out!

### **Lunches**

From September 2024 Kingswood Catering will be modifying their packed lunch option on the menu. To improve sustainability, reduce waste and to become more environmentally friendly, Kingswood Catering will no longer be providing packed lunches in disposable packaging.

The packed lunch option will be served on plates together with salad ingredients and children will be offered either the pudding of the day or some fruit.

Packed lunches for school trips will continue to be packed in bags. However, from September 2024, assuming every child will have their own drinks bottle, the packed lunches will no longer contain bottled water.

We fully support this initiative and it is very in-keeping with the aims of our Eco-Council who do a great job recycling the brown bags every day but can now turn their attention to other eco-initiatives!

### **Summer activities**

Please visit our [community page](#) on the school website for a myriad of ideas for activities and clubs over the summer, most of which are FREE! There are dozens of flyers there, so if you are stuck for ideas over the summer, please look. A reminder that the school is happy to share these but does not endorse any external providers.

## **VACANCY IN SCHOOL**

We have an advert out for a lunchtime supervisor working 11:45 – 1:15pm daily in term-time only. Please see our website if you are interested.

Wishing you a lovely weekend! Come on England.

Miss Lally

## **Letters home this week**

Class photos coming home today

Supporting EBPS – volunteer invitation

Book returns, please – EY, Y1 & Y2 only

Y6 performance tickets available (9.15am only) - Y6 only

Football and school attendance tomorrow

PE days for the rest of the term – Y5 only

EY farm trip updates

Final call for Y2 sleepover

Individual liberty day gallery invitation

School council message – mufti day