

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are three weeks into term now and the children are getting into the stride with learning and routines, for some children it is definitely a “shock to the system”! All of the staff are working incredibly hard to ensure our high expectations for learning and behaviour are met, whilst supporting those children who need some additional help re-adjusting to a full and busy school day. This week has seen Thistle class brass lessons continue with children taking their instruments home to practice; please do support their endeavours as we may have the next budding brass player in our midst! It has been lovely to see the new Reception classes settle in and enjoy playing and learning with new friends as they have all been in full-time for this week. We also had a visit from our Police Community Support Officer (Gareth Cross) who enjoyed touring the playgrounds and saying “hello” to all of the children so they know he is a friendly face and that the police and PCSOs are people the children can go to if they ever needed help.

Covid numbers within our school are staying pleasingly low thanks to the support of you at home and the vigilance of staff and children in school. With numbers remaining in the single figures, we have decided to cautiously continue with events (albeit with limited numbers) and permitting visitors in school. We will ensure our hygiene measures are enforced and all events will take place in well-ventilated spaces.

### **Meet the Headteacher events**

It has been lovely seeing and speaking to so many of you informally on the gate each day and I would thank you for making me feel so welcome. I am aware that for some parents who do not do the “school run”, I may not get the opportunity to meet you therefore I am holding some “Meet the Headteacher” events where I will share a short presentation for my vision for the school and will happily answer any questions you may have. The times and dates are below and we are using EventBrite to allow you to book your space so we can ensure limited numbers.

\*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am

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\*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am **for Reception parents only as this is an Early Years specific focus session held jointly with Mrs Sturman**

Please book your space here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/earls-barton-primary-school-35021686673>

### **Y3, Y4 & Y6 residential trip meetings**

A reminder to parents of children in Y3, Y4 and Y6 we are holding information evenings to share further details of the residential planned for the summer term. I will also share my presentation for the vision of the school and will be available to answer any questions you may have in case you cannot attend the events above.

\*Y3 & Y4 residential meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 6:30pm

\*Y6 residential meeting: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 6:30pm

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### **Y1 and Y3 Harvest celebrations**

We are delighted that Years 1 and 3 will be joining All Saints church and Reverend Jenny for a harvest celebration on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** where the children will perform some harvest songs and poems and present their food donations which will be given to The Daylight Centre in Wellingborough. We would appreciate donations of non-perishable items from all year groups for the food bank which can be brought into school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October or Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. A full list of the items they would welcome can be found here:

<http://www.daylightcf.org/foodbank/foodbank-donations/>

Parents and carers of children in Years 1 and 3 are welcome to join us in the church.

-The Y1 service is at 10am

-The Y2 service is at 11am

### **PTA AGM**

Our dedicated PTA is holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm in the school Zone room (near the office). All welcome! New members especially welcome from our newest Reception families to ensure the excellent fundraising efforts of the PTA can continue.

### **PTA Clothing Collection**

Remember that our PTA have continued to raise money to support our school, even during school closures. You can continue to help them by bringing in any unwanted clothing, shoes, linen and handbags to put in the blue PTA clothing recycling bin. Thank you.

### **Healthy Lunches**

This is just a reminder that as part of being a healthy school, we ask that sweets and chocolate confectionary are not included in pupils' packed lunches. Please encourage children who are ordering the free universal infant school meals (in Reception, Y1 & Y2) to eat their school meal, we have found that sending them in with a packed lunch as a "back-up" means most children will not even try their school meal!

### **Saints Tickets**

I am delighted to inform you that we are again working in partnership with Northampton Saints as a partner school. The partnership offers our children, staff and parents many benefits alongside some coaching that will take place in school after half term.

One of these benefits are discounted tickets for all staff and parents to all games at Franklin's Gardens (except Tigers and knockout matches). The partner schools discount code for tickets this season is **"SITS2122"**. **Please feel free to use this code if you wish to purchase tickets for the Saints at any point this season.**

### **Tucasi payment system**

Those who have not registered / activated their Tucasi payment account will have received a letter and QR code this week. Please activate this to ensure you can pay for any school trips, snacks, etc. as the office is aiming to be a cashless office as soon as possible.

Fliers:

- 1 – Half term holiday clubs from Northampton ESCO
- 2 – NMPAT "Endangered Instruments" offer
- 3 - How to apply for Reception / Y6 place

4 – PTA AGM flyer

Letters:

None this week