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Self-belief, Honesty, Respect and Kindness

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Introduction to our Chair of Governors



Hello. My name is Nick Chapman and I am proud to be a governor of Earls Barton Primary School and currently the chair of governors. My wife and I have lived in the village since 1980 and both our children attended the village schools, as they were then. They have both chosen to remain in the village despite having both married people from outside Earls Barton. I am also a parish councillor and am involved in a fair few local groups and activities and am now retired.

Being a governor is voluntary and unpaid. We don't run the school on a day to day basis. That is the job of the head and all the staff and we do not interfere in that.

What we do have though, is a duty to try to help our school to do the best it can for the children it serves. The best is not limited to getting the top academic achievements. That is, of course, incredibly important for your children's future but school is so much more. It is a place where children blossom. They develop social interactions, meet children from different backgrounds and cultures and develop other skills, both creative and physical. We need all this to take place in an environment where those children are safe, and feel safe, and where they can trust the adults to have their best interests at heart at all times.

The way in which governors do this is by building strong relationships with the school staff and engaging with the school in as many areas as possible. We advise. We look at the achievements and progress of children across the school curriculum areas, monitor the well-being of the children and staff, the upkeep of the site. Above all we challenge any areas where we feel that results or performance is less than it might be for whatever reason. We meet regularly throughout the school year and receive reports on all aspects of the school but by far the best impressions are those made when visiting the school

Where necessary governors can undertake training to help them do their work as there are a lot of training courses out there. I spent all my working life as a civil/highways engineer, mainly on local highways and later on road safety engineering and road safety education and I cannot overstate the importance of appropriate training for the job in hand.

So that is me and how I see the work of being a school governor. Please feel free to speak to me or other governors. We can be contacted through the school office.

WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2020

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day is fast approaching and this year's theme is 'Share a Book'

Children are invited to come in pyjamas or onesies (school shoes please) and bring their favourite book.

Parents will be invited in to share stories with their children during the morning - more details to follow.

We look forward to sharing a story with you.

Dates for next term

February	24th	Term Starts	All
March	5th	World Book Day	All
	6th	Ash Class Assembly ... 9.15am - 9.30am	Ash
	13th	Daffodil Class Assembly ... 9.15am - 9.30am	Daffodil
	18th	Curriculum in Action: Maths ... 9.00am - 9.40am	All
	20th	Crocus Class Assembly ... 9.15am - 9.30am	Crocus
	26th	Y6 Wellbeing Workshop ... 9.15am - 11.15am	Y6
	27th	Buttercup Class Assembly ... 9.15am - 9.30am	Buttercup
	23rd - 26th	Y5 Bikeability	Year 5
April	2nd	Y5 Samba Drumming Concert	Year 5
	3rd	Term Finishes	All

Lost Property



This term the lost property is piling up again. Please feel free to come and look through the un-named uniform, lunch boxes, water bottles, woolly hats, plimsolls and single shoes(!?).

Unfortunately at some point it will all have to be disposed of, so please come to the school office before the end of term. We also have 2 pairs of adult glasses, we would be pleased to reunite with their owner.

Year 6 WW2 History

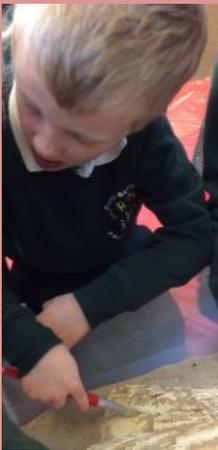
We were lucky enough in Year 6 to have a visit from Mr. Sharman on Friday who brought in his fabulous WW2 collection of memorabilia. He spoke to the children about Ration Books, armour, commemorative medals & coins and gave them the opportunity to ask questions as well as handle some of the artefacts. The children also experienced the sounding of an air raid siren at close range and talked about what happened in the village school when they heard that terrifying sound. Year 6 would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Sharman for coming and sharing his amazing collection with us.



Dino Day in Early Years



Buttercup and Daisy class had a fantastic time learning about different dinosaurs and fossils! The children had the chance to uncover the different bones and fossils with special brushes and then tried to match them to the pictures. It was great fun and we learnt so much!



Weekly Attendance:

Congratulations to **Snowdrop** class for being awarded attendance Ted last week, with 98.1% attendance. The runners up were Primrose class with 97.9%, followed by Daisy class with 95.7%.



In KS2, attendance winners were **Thistle** class with 98.9%. The runners up were Pine class with 98.1%, followed by Sunflower class with 97.4%.

Well done everyone!



Congratulations and a big **THANK YOU** to Mrs Turvey for winning the school some TAG Rugby equipment. She entered a competition with Premiership Rugby and has won tags, cones, balls and more for the school.

Library Car Park:

The library car park will be having some work done from Monday next week, which means that some of the parking spaces won't be available. Please be mindful that some people with mobility issues need to park close to the school, so unless you absolutely need to park that close, please leave some extra time and park somewhere else next week.

This week a parent reported seeing a car reverse into the railings at the entrance to the school, whilst children were arriving. **PLEASE** drive and park considerately near the school, for the safety of everyone.

Thank you.

Contact Us:

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