

Newsletter Thursday 21st October 2021

Wow! What a term...

The last seven weeks have been incredibly busy and rewarding; it has been lovely to see children so enthusiastic about the return to “normal” and to see the thrill and excitement they get from being able to go on school trips, sing in the choir, visit the local church, go swimming and much more! It was a pleasure today to lead my first “Bartonian” assembly and my congratulations to all of the children who were chosen this term.

Thanks to everyone’s support and consideration, we have managed to keep covid numbers very low all term which means learning and school life have gone on almost unhindered.

Next term looks to be equally as busy and exciting – especially with all of the Christmas activities we will be having in school!

As promised, there is also photo round-up to accompany this final newsletter of the term – see attached.

Today you will also have received a yearly overview calendar with version 1 of plans of special events for you child’s year group for the year ahead. This may be revised and updated over time and can also be found on our website.

Teacher Training Day

A reminder that school is closed to children tomorrow (Friday 22nd October) as it is a teacher training day. Children return to school on Monday 1st November.

Change of term dates: Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

There is an additional bank holiday for the country on 3rd June 2022 to commemorate Queen Elizabeth’s 70th year on the throne. As this date falls in half term, the government have told all schools to schedule an additional holiday day so that teachers and children can also benefit. We had tried to liaise with local secondary schools to agree a date but this proved impossible! Therefore, our school will be closed on Monday 6th June for the bank holiday in lieu.

Secondary School Application Deadline

This is a reminder that the deadline for secondary schools is **5pm on 31st October**. If you have a child in Y6 and haven’t already applied, please do so [HERE](#).

Mrs Craddock leaves us today

After 20+ years of loyal service to the Earls Barton Primary School community, Mrs Jo Craddock has decided to leave work to spend more time with her growing family of grandchildren and pursuing hobbies. She is keen to tell everyone she is not “retiring” but moving on to the next phase of her life! Jo has been an invaluable member of our school community, most recently as our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA), and will be missed by children, staff and families alike. We wish Jo every happiness in her next phase and will still see her around school collecting her grandchildren!

New ELSA

We are delighted to have appointed a new Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) to continue Mrs Craddock’s fantastic work. Miss Tanya Girvan will join us straight after half term and she visited school this week to meet many children and to have a handover

session with Mrs Craddock. Miss Girvan is a trained and experienced ELSA who will be an excellent addition to our pastoral team.

Parents' evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended their parents' evening appointments this week, either virtually via video call or in-person. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive from those who used the School Cloud system. We know those who attended virtual video appointments will have missed the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and see books, but this will be planned in later in the term to coincide with another event.

Harvest Services

Thank you to the Year 1 and Year 3 children who performed so beautifully at All Saints church on Tuesday. Thank you also to the parents, carers and family members who joined us in church and to Reverend Jenny for her warm welcome.

Thanks also to everyone who donated food items to the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough. These have been most gratefully received and put to good use already.

PTA sponsored events

Thank you to the PTA helpers who organised the sponsored bounce in EYFS and KS1 and the sponsored Zumba in KS2. Also, a thank you to Steve Dodds for lending the bouncy castle for the bouncing. Children thoroughly enjoyed the events. Please remember to send the sponsorship money in after half term. Thank you.

Year 2 Art Exhibition

A reminder about the Y2 'Great Wave' art exhibition. This will be displayed in the KS1 Hall on Friday 5th November from 3:45 till 4:00 if you would like to view your child's artwork. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 2 Remembrance Day village walk

On the afternoon of Thursday 11th November, Year 2 will be visiting the war memorial in the village as part of their work on Remembrance Day. To enable this to happen, we will need some parent helpers to accompany us on the visit. Please complete the very brief form [here](#) to let us know if you are able to help us on this day. Thank you in anticipation.

Year 5 PE days after half term

After half term Y5 won't be swimming, so please can they come in PE kit on Thursdays, as well as Tuesdays.

EYFS PE days after half term

EYFS PE day is changing to Wednesday after half term.

Covid email over October half term

If your child tests positive for Covid over October half term, you can inform the school by emailing this address: covidresults@eb-pri.northants.sch.uk

Letters home this week

Father Christmas letter writing competition

Bikeability form to be returned by 1st November – Y5 only

Harvest festival donation invitation

Rugby letters – selected pupils only

Reminder to book parents' evening

Doodle Trials – Beech and Thistle classes only

Attachments

Letter from Vice-chair of Governors

Term 1 Photo round-up

New on the website this week

Yearly overviews for each year group