

Dear parents and carers,

I think it's safe to say summer has arrived! Please support your child in keeping cool and staying safe in the sun by:

- providing a named water bottle daily (water only – no squash / juice)
- providing a named sun-hat daily
- putting sun cream on before school
- allowing your child to wear cool clothes (black t-shirts are not part of school uniform) and leaving their jumpers / Y6 hoodies at home on hot days!
- administering hayfever medication if needed at home

### **Reading**

Our class reading winners this week were Snowdrops and Poppy class. Individual reading winners, chosen at random for reading 5 times at home, were Princess (Y1) and Arthur (Y4). Well done all and keep reading!

### **Music recital**

I am very much looking forward to our annual "Summer Recital" next Friday showcasing our talented musicians and singers to a large audience. Children who are performing have received a separate email and invitation to book tickets. This is always a lovely evening.

### **Transition day**

On Monday, children will spend most of the day in their new classes. You will shortly receive an email detailing your child's teacher and class for September 2024. Some year groups (current YR, Y1 and Y5) are having the classes "shuffled" / mixed-up, whilst some year groups (current Y2, Y3 and Y4) are remaining in their existing class groups. These decisions are made on a year-by-year basis depending on the needs, well-being and interests of the majority of the children. It is always a very complex process and one in which lots of staff have been involved and considered carefully. Class and teacher decisions are final and will not be changed at this stage.

Before the summer holiday, we will send home an online "book" for you and your children to review together over the summer so they are clear on their teacher, classroom, door, equipment needed, timetable, PE days, etc. This will be shared in school and can also be re-referred to over the summer to ease any anxieties about the return to school.

Also, in early September there will be the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and attend a welcome meeting by the phase leader. Dates TBC soon.

Good luck to our Y6 children in North Northamptonshire schools for their transition days next Monday and Tuesday! (Remember: West Northamptonshire schools have their transition day on Monday 8th July).

### **New staff**

I would like to extend a warm EBPS welcome to three new teachers who are joining us in September and who will all be in school on transition day. Miss Beddie, Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Stafford have all written a brief introductory paragraph for you which is attached to this week's newsletter. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to our school community.

### **Departing Staff**

We say farewell and thank you to two teachers who are finishing their contracts at EBPS this summer. Miss Brown (Y5 Ash) and Mrs Crasto (Y1 Violet) joined us on temporary contracts for the summer term only and we are grateful to them both for their hard work and dedication to their classes during their time with us. I would like to wish them both well for the future.

### **Sports Day**

Please do take time to read the Sports Day message which was sent out earlier this week and the afternoon's programme which was attached. The weather forecast looks perfect for sports day so we are hoping for a successful event. This will be helped if all spectators can follow the rules we have implemented for the safety of all 450 children. Thank you in advance for helping to make the event a happy memory for all children of their primary school sports day.

The originally planned back-up date of Thursday 4th July is no longer possible due to the general election and the youth club being used as a polling station.

### **Residentials**

We recently sent out details to current Y2 and current Y5 children for their residential trips for next year. So far, the responses to both have been very low and the residentials will not be able to go ahead with current numbers (each below 10!)

We surveyed Y5 parents and had an overwhelming majority vote for the 5-day residential to Dorset but this is not matched by the current replies.

If you would like your child to go on the Y3 or Y6 residential next year, please complete the form and pay the first deposit as soon as possible. If we do not get sufficient interest and deposits paid before July, both residentials are at-risk of being cancelled.

### **Discos**

Finally, thank you to our PTA and staff who stayed late for the Key Stage Two discos last night. These were great fun and enjoyed by all! The macarena was a classic favourite, along with a 90s dance track which has made a resurgence and “Sweet Caroline” as a finale to wish England luck in the Euros on Sunday!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing all of the children on Monday for the excitement of transition day.

Miss Lally

Please find articles, offers and ideas in Family First magazine [here](#).

### **Letters home this week**

Individual Liberty Day – YR – Y4 only

Sports day arrangements

Class photographs

Y2 sports and fun run event – selected Y2 pupils only

Y2 DT parents’ tasting session

Y2 Big Sleepover reminder

Library story telling event

EYFS ERIC time cancelled this week

Clarinet reminder – Thistle class only

EYFS farm trip payment reminder

Sports day lunch order reminder

### **Attachments**

Introducing new staff June 2024

Online safety – gambling

PTA disco flyer – EYFS and KS1

Classes and teachers for September 2024