

Dear parents and carers,

Thanks to everyone who came to Sports day for your support in cheering your children on and for the many kind words and comments we have since received. Taking 440 children aged 4 – 11 off-site to complete a whole school sports day is a huge logistical challenge and has taken months of preparation. With no school field, we have to be creative and ambitious in offering our children these experiences, which I believe are the foundation of primary school and form a core memory – I certainly fondly remember my lower school sports days in the “orange” team!

We were delighted to award every child in Air house their gold medal in assemblies yesterday and hope that they wear them with pride!

We were constantly checking the weather forecast and ground conditions for Wednesday and we made the decision it was safe to proceed with sports day, with our thorough risk assessment and mitigating measures in-place. There was no alternative date possible for Wollaston, the youth Club and the Parish Council (due to the general election, which bizarrely, had less notice than our Plan B sports day!) and we knew there would be hundreds of disappointed children and parents if we had cancelled. I was saddened to learn that 5-6 people telephoned the office and were incredibly rude to office staff about this decision – rudeness to any staff in our school will not be tolerated and is not in-keeping with our school values.

Individual Liberty Day

Today the children took part in "Individual Liberty Day", which was a celebration of our right to be ourselves! It was really lovely to see the children so happy in themselves and to hear them talk so eloquently about what makes them who they are. Throughout the day they have had performances from senior choir, heard from and been interviewed by ambassadors and completed some stunning art projects which we are excited to share with you at our gallery. Stay tuned for updates!

Reading

Well done to Snowdrops class in Key Stage One and Poppy class in Key Stage Two. Individual reading winners this week were Layla in Crocus class and Mason in Daffodil class .

A reminder for Key Stage One (Years One and Two) parents / carers: you are invited to join us for “Book on a Blanket” next Thursday, 11th June at 2:45pm. This session will start with a short talk from Mrs Warren (reading leader) in the Infants hall before going outside to read with your child(ren). Younger siblings are very welcome. Please remember to bring a

blanket to sit on and a favourite book to read. This replaces ERIC time for Key Stage one on this day.

Happy Hols – September bookings

We are delighted with our continued partnership with Happy Hols before and after school clubs. This will continue next year with a couple of slight changes as the current hall door will not be accessible during the build. Wendy and her team have come up with a way to workaroud this, whilst continuing to provide their excellent level of care and supervision for the children. Further details will follow.

September is already looking very busy at Happy Hols with two days of each week full already! If you require breakfast or after school care for your children from September, please see the attached flier from Happy Hols and be sure to contact Wendy Bell quickly to try and secure your place.

Y3 and Y6 residentials for 2025

We are still very low on numbers for these two residential trips and, currently, neither trip is financially viable for us to run. The deadline to pay the deposit for the Y3 residential to Caythorpe is today and PGL are chasing up our numbers to secure the booking. If your child is currently in Year Two and you want them to attend, please pay the deposit ASAP. With only 19 children currently signed-up, this trip cannot proceed.

The deadline for the Y6 residential deposit payment is next week. Only 27 children have paid this which, again, is not financially viable to run with the cost of transport to Dorset. If you would like your current Y5 child to attend, please pay the deposit next week.

PTA discos

Thanks again to our dedicated PTA and DJ Chappers who led the KS1 and Reception discos last night, and to staff who stayed to help. The funds raised at all of the discos are being used to make improvements to our playgrounds over the summer holiday.

Summer holiday activities

We have been sent various fliers for summer holiday camps and activities. These are all placed onto the community page of our school website for your perusal if required. See here:

[Community Page \(earlsbartonprimary.org.uk\)](http://earlsbartonprimary.org.uk)

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Miss Lally

Please find a link to Families Magazine [here](#) for articles, offers and ideas.

Letters home this week

Class photo order deadline is Monday

Individual liberty day reminder – YR - Y4

Sports day reminder

Y1 Tupperware container please

EYFS West Lodge Farm trip reminder

Book on a blanket Y1 & Y2

Classes next year

Wollaston transition visit – Y6 Wollaston leavers only

School health and well-being survey – Y4, Y5 & Y6 only

Attachments

Happy Hols September booking details

Love of early writing

Oak summer clubs schedule