

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our first full week back in school of this academic year and it is lovely to see a return to some semblance of normality! We have had the uplifting joys of singing assembly, before school clubs, after school clubs, Y5 swimming lessons and lunchtimes playing with wider groups of friends and children enjoying lots of new learning.

A huge, warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families who joined us this week. It has been lovely to see the children so settled and happy already and enjoying getting to know their classroom, teachers and the school environment.

Thank you all for working with us to ensure a smooth, prompt beginning of the day and for getting your children into school before 8:55am. The end of day collection time is also much improved now that we have spaced out the classes more. It remains important we stay vigilant and work together to keep our school operating and to keep COVID out and I thank those who are helping with this.

A few notices / reminders for the week ahead:

Hot Chocolate Friday:

I had the pleasure of having my first "Hot Chocolate Friday" with the children chosen (1 from each class) who have shown our term's focus value of EXCELLENCE all week. It was a delightful time spent learning more about the children and their week in school.

This is something I will do every Friday afternoon.

Communication with parents / carers

I am aware there is a large volume of information which is sent home via various electronic and paper forms. We are working towards becoming a paperless school and streamlining our communication channels so it is easier for you to keep track of everything.

Please be patient whilst we ensure everything is working and we collate all of the information which will be shared via ParentMail and on our school website. This newsletter will be sent weekly on a Friday along with any relevant attachments.

The school Twitter feed (@EarlsBartonPri) and Facebook page remain places where we will share and celebrate key whole school highlights and GDPR-compliant photos. Please do follow us on social media and help to share the wonderful work we do here! Please note, staff will not reply to messages on these forums and all emails should go to the office.

Helping others

I received a lovely letter from Maisie in Year 5 asking if the school could organise a collection to help those affected by the crisis in Afghanistan. We are seeing if there are any local charities who are collecting items and will provide further information soon.

Return of Little Amal sponsorship money:

Before the summer holidays our children took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for and awareness of the refugee crisis. If you have any more money to send in, please do so next week and we will hope to share the total raised next Friday. Thank you.

COVID-update

We do have a couple of confirmed (PCR test) cases of Covid-19 in school at present. As per the updated government guidance, we are not closing the affected classes / year groups. It remains vital that children practise good hygiene measures and regular hand-washing. We would also remind parents to keep your children at home if they have any of the main three Covid symptoms (high temperature; new, continuous cough; loss of smell / taste) and to book a PCR test and to stay at home pending the result. Work will be provided via Microsoft Teams for children who are isolating.

PE lessons

We have a range of sports and activities on offer this term:

- Swimming resumes next week for Y4 and continues for Y5
- An external cricket coach is working with Y5 & Y6
- A national gymnastics coach is working with Y2

Clubs

We are collating a list of our clubs available to children this term and will be sending details and electronic sign-up sheets via Microsoft Forms. Please look out for this and complete the relevant form for the club(s) your child wishes to attend this term.

On offer will be a range of sport, gardening and music clubs for the children to enjoy.

Change to coming into /leaving school for Crocus class

As of Monday, Crocus class will use a different door to enter and leave school each day. This is to reduce the number of parents waiting in the Early Years outdoor area which is getting too crowded. Crocus class only should now walk up the pathway from Broad street with all other families using the vehicle driveway where the orange barriers are placed - this will ensure no vehicles enter via this route.

Parking

We know the parking situation in the village and outside the school is far from ideal, however we politely request that everyone parks safely and with consideration to the hundreds of children who enter our gates every day.

Staff are not parking wardens nor police officers and I would hope everyone can put the safety of children as a priority. If we continue to have persistent offenders breaking the law, we will ask the PCSO or police to attend and issue fines in the hope this will act as a deterrent.

Reminders from the Highway Code Rule 238:

You MUST NOT wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates. – outside of our school this is from 8.30am to 5pm.

Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs. You MUST NOT wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.

Single yellow lines mean no waiting during the time specified on a nearby sign – outside of our school this is from 8.30am to 5pm.

Drinks:

Now that Covid restrictions are allowing children to eat their lunches in the hall, please ensure you send a separate drink for your child to have with their lunch. Water bottles are generally kept in the classrooms at lunchtime.

Please remember to name bottles of water and juice /squash for lunches. There are classes where several children have the same bottles, so it is easy for them to get muddled, which is obviously not ideal! The external water fountains can be used to refill water bottles only (we are not allowing children to drink directly from them at present).

Lost property:

Despite it being early in the term, we already have a large quantity of lost property. If items are named, they are returned to pupils, otherwise they are kept in a basket outside the school office. Please feel free to come and check the basket if your child has lost items of uniform and other clothing. At the office, we also have some keys, glasses and jewellery. Please visit the school office if you think they are yours.

Please find attached the following:

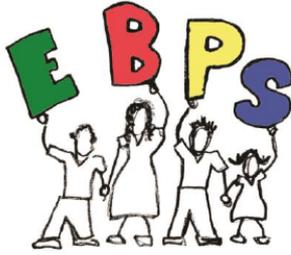
- Accelerated Reader Letter
- All Star Sports Club Flyer
- Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts, Saturday Centre Information
- Pacesetter Taster Flyer
- Term dates for this year

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Miss M.Lally

Headteacher



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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child will be bringing home a reading book that they will refer to as their 'AR book' reading book.

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a programme designed to focus on your child's comprehension ability. Many children have excellent decoding skills and as a result read complex texts, however, we have found that comprehension skills are not always at the same level. AR addresses this, so please bear in mind that the book they are reading is to help with their understanding, rather than their word reading.

The Accelerated Reader Program allows them to select books that match their comprehension skills, whilst still challenging them. When they have finished the book, they will take a short, electronic quiz to assess their understanding of what they have read. This enables us as teachers, to have meaningful discussions with pupils about their reading, what they have learnt and how we can help them develop.

We have found that the children love quizzing on the books they have read which incentivises them to want to read more.

Children will be reading and quizzing at school regularly, but we would also encourage as much reading at home as possible to support this (the school's expectation is at least 5 times a week). When listening to your child read, we would encourage you to ask questions to help with their understanding.

We would encourage children to read any book they want, not just their AR book, however, you can find out whether books at home or from the library have a quiz attached to them by visiting www.arbookfind.co.uk – children can then quiz on these at school should they wish.

Accelerated Reader has proven to be engaging for the children and informative for teachers.

If you have any questions about Accelerated Reader, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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All Star Sports will be returning with our Sports Clubs!

The sessions will run on a weekly basis and be packed with fun development games, challenges along with matches, tournaments and much more! Our sessions are tailored to ensure each child develops their ability in terms of skills and techniques, along with self-confidence and social skills. During the session's children will get the opportunity to work towards winning our "Player of the Term" awards.

Club	Day	Time	Cost
Dodgeball (Year 1-2)	Monday	8:00am – 8:45am	£4.00 per session
Football (Year1-2)	Wednesday	8:00am – 8:45am	£4.00 Per Session
Football (Year 3-6)	Wednesday	3:30pm – 4:30pm	£4.50 Per Session

13 Sessions

First Session: W/C 13.9.21 Last Session: W/C 13.12.21

Signing up couldn't be easier!

Simply text your child's name, year group, club and school to 07899 906026 and make payment to book your child's place!

Payment for the full 13 sessions must be made before the start of the first session.

Payment Method 1: Bank Transfer (Account Number: 11609672 Sort Code: 09-01-29 Ref: Childs Name, School, Sport)

Payment Method 2: Cash or Cheque (Handed directly to the coach).

By signing up you consent to the statement below.

I wish for my child to attend All Star Sports Clubs at Earls Barton Primary School. I give permission for All Star Sports coaches to administer any medical treatment thought necessary. I agree that All Star Sports cannot be held responsible for any loss/damage to any property brought to the sessions. **I agree to provide a term (5-6 weeks) paid notice to cancel my child's place in the club.** I agree All Star Sports coaches have the right to remove any children for poor behaviour.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Ryan Pietrangelo
All Star Sports



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Music and performing arts group lessons, ensembles, activities and events. For anyone age 3 upwards, on Saturday mornings in a venue near you.



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FREE TASTERS!

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MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

8AM - 8.45AM
YEARS 3-6

ATHLETICS

WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

8AM - 8.45AM
YEARS 3-6

GYMNASTICS

THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

8AM - 8.45AM
YEARS 3-6

**FREE TASTERS AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS TO CHILDREN NOT CURRENTLY BOOKED ONTO THE CLUB.
SPACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE AND CONFIRMED BY US.**

To book your free taster, text **TOM** on **07749 432818** with:

- 1. CHILD'S NAME**
- 2. CHILD'S YEAR**
- 3. THE SCHOOL NAME**
- 4. THE CLUB YOU WISH TO BOOK**
- 5. ANY MEDICAL ISSUES**





Term Dates 2021_2022

Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
Term 1	Friday 3 September 2021	Thursday 21 October 2021
Term 2	Monday 1 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
Term 3	Wednesday 5 January 2022	Friday 11 February 2022
Term 4	Monday 21 February 2022	Friday 1 April 2022
Term 5	Wednesday 20 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Term 6	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022

School will be closed for INSET days on:

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022