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# BARNBY DUN PRIMARY ACADEMY



## NEWSLETTER - Summer Term 2016 - First Half

Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed a great Easter break. Fingers crossed for some lovely Spring sunshine!

### Easter Celebrations and fundraising

Thank you very much to all the parents and family members who attended our Easter church service. The children did their readings beautifully and the singing was wonderful. It was a lovely occasion and as always, your support was greatly appreciated. Dee is looking forward to visiting us in school again soon.

A big thank you also for your kind donations of Easter treats for our raffle. With your support, we raised a fantastic £250.00 for school fund. The Easter discos were a very fitting way to end a busy term. Everyone commented what a fantastic time we all had and how well behaved the children were. Many thanks to those parents who helped to supervise. With your support we had a great time and raised a fantastic £897.00. Thanks as always to Mrs Fenney and Mr Harrison who did the lion's share of the organisation.

**Attendance** Our whole school attendance for the current year stands at a very pleasing 97.9%. I know the vast majority of children are trying their very best to attend every single day.

I set each class the target of achieving at least 98.1% as a class team for the last half term. I was so impressed that 8 out of our 12 classes achieved this—Yr 2 Fireflies, Yr1/2 Dragonflies, Yr 3 Eagles, Yr 3 Caterpillars, Yr 4 Penguins, Yr 5 Toucans, Yr 6 Giraffes, Yr 6 Lions. Each class will enjoy a reward day with activities of their choice.

Many, many children enjoyed receiving their Platinum 100% attendance certificates for the term. Eve Harris and Ethan Stoddart were the lucky winners of Argos vouchers in Arnold the Attendance Alligator's 100% raffle on the last day.

Well done everybody - and most importantly, keep it up!!

### Sports Update

Year 5 'Koalas' entered 'The Year 5/6 Fittest Primary School' Competition and came an AMAZING 18th out of 101 Primary Schools in Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.

Well done Koalas!

**World Book Day** On Thursday 3rd March, we celebrated World Book Day, where the children came to school dressed up as their favourite book characters. The effort that went into the costumes was amazing so thank you for your support. Altogether we raised £225.00. We are now in the process of spending this money on new books for the school, which will be appreciated by everyone. Thanks.

**School Uniform** The children always look super smart in their uniforms and we are very grateful that parents support our policy. Hopefully we will be enjoying some warmer weather and therefore a few polite reminders:

- Leggings, cycling shorts and 3/4 tracksuit bottoms are not considered appropriate for school.
- Flip flops and wedges are not safe footwear and shouldn't be worn please.
- Nail varnish is not permitted.
- Girls' sandals should be an appropriate colour to complement their uniform. I know black sandals are very hard to find, so white or pale pink would be a suitable alternative.
- Children should have a sun hat or cap on the warmest days.
- Children have NEVER been permitted to wear trainers inside school. Shoes should be worn—even in Year 6! If children are wearing trainers, they will be given a pair of black plimsolls to change into. This is not a new policy, but one that some people are forgetting.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Star Pupils** 'Snuggles' and 'Bernard' - our Barnby Dun bears, continue to be popular features of our Monday Special Mentions assembly. They are given to one boy and one girl who have stood out for their special effort, achievement or attitude that week.

Our recent star pupils have been: Ellis Darnborough, Theo Hynes, Charlie Fullerton, Noah Croft, Sam Shipley, Max Hawkins Smith, Matty Munro, Bethany Dixon, Abigail Parry, Sophia Newbury, Emily Wedell and Mia Jacques. These children set a wonderful example to others. Well done everyone, we are proud of you!

**New roof** We are thrilled to have received notification that our bid for funding via the Academies' Condition and Improvement Fund for a partial roof replacement has been successful. Once again the fund was massively oversubscribed with applications from over 1000 academies so we are pleased that mine and Mr Harrison's hard work has paid off.

Although this project will not seem as exciting as the new classroom project, this work is absolutely vital and would otherwise have had to be funded by making significant cuts to many areas of our budget.

We will of course inform parents well in advance of any disruption to normal routines whilst this work is being carried out. Thankyou.

### London Trip

Parents/carers of the children who went on the trip to London in March are invited to see a 'Photo Story' slideshow presentation of the photographs taken on the trip. This will take place on Thursday 14th April at 3.30pm.

**Mornings** Thank you for ensuring your children continue to arrive promptly for the start of the school day. We open our doors 15 minutes early each morning to try and ease the pressure a little and give you the flexibility of dropping children off between 8.30 and 8.45am. We are happy for parents to come into classrooms and help children get settled before you say your goodbyes. We politely ask all parents and child minders to:

- Please keep younger children with you and do not allow them to 'roam' into school areas and other classrooms.
- Once your child is settled, please leave via the classroom door. Classrooms can become very noisy and crowded if adults stand having lengthy conversations together. This then becomes the opposite of what we are trying to achieve.
- If you wish to see your child's teacher, please arrange a time after school. Teachers cannot leave the children unattended as they are arriving to have a conversation with a parent. If you wish myself or a member of the office staff to pass on a message to contact you, we will happily do so.
- In order to adhere with safeguarding requirements, all parents/carers must ensure that they leave by the 8.45am bell.

**Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring a safe and happy start to the school day for parents, staff and most importantly, children.**

**Year 5 Easter Science school** Well done to Leon Perigo, Ben Munro and Lucy Roffe who attended the Hungerhill science school in the Easter holidays. Along with other year 5 pupils from the pyramid of schools, they enjoyed practical activities and experiments to do with food. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day's activities, especially the exciting experiments. I would like to thank these pupils for representing the school and being enthusiastic scientists!

#### Leave of absence during term time

Parents are regularly reminded that it is against the law to keep your child off school without authorisation. Doing so will result in you receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from Doncaster Magistrates' court. Taking an unauthorised leave of absence will also mean from that point I will be unable to authorise any future absences for your child during the remainder of the school year for any reason at all. Unauthorised absences can result in the involvement of the Attendance and Pupil Welfare service and ultimately can lead to prosecution for failing to ensure your child attends school regularly, under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

Parents are strongly urged not to make any plans with regards leave of absence prior to discussion with myself. I will happily make time to discuss this with you. Thankyou.

Kind regards Miss C.E. Robinson Headteacher

**IKEA eco-project** Representatives from IKEA attended our assembly recently to award us the cheque for £1700 that Yr 6 gardeners Harry Walton, Bethany Dixon, Roman Gladwin and Adam Walker secured for us. The project is for developing an allotment with a section for each class and we have purchased a poly tunnel to enable us to grow things all year round. Gardeners can be busy, regardless of weather!

Mr Harrison and his gardeners are very excited to get the project underway this week.

**Term card design** I recently set the children the challenge of designing the picture for our school term cards. Many children entered the competition with creative and beautifully designed pictures. It was very tough to choose one winning design but eventually the winners were Ava Chesney and Kerry Doran in Yr4 Penguins. Darcey Powell and Freya Jordan in Yr5 came a very close second. Many thanks to these four girls for their hard work and others who entered the competition.

#### **Kate Greenaway Literacy Project**

We are once again participating in this very worthwhile project with Hungerhill school students and our Year 3 Eagles. We are sure, as in previous years, it will prove successful in inspiring children to read for pleasure. Again, the project will involve a trip to Hatfield Library and a pyjama party at Hungerhill. Parents will get the opportunity to see some of the children's work as part of the celebration.

#### **Diary Dates**

**Monday 2nd May—School closed for May Day bank holiday.**

• Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May - National Sats tests for year 6 children.

• Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 3pm—class assembly for the Ladybirds.

• Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 3pm—class assembly for the Bears.

**We break for half term on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and staff and pupils return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.**

• Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June—Harrogate Countryside Day.

• Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June—class photos.

• Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm—KS2 sports day (at our sports field by the Old School)

• Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm—Reception/KS1 sports day (at our sports field by the Old School) .

• Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> June—Year 6 Transition days to Hungerhill.

**School is closed to pupils on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June for teacher training.**

• Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June—meeting for new Reception parents.

• Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 10am—KS2 performance for grandparents only.

• Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 6pm—KS2 performance for parents.

• Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10am—KS2 performance for parents.

• Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 6pm—KS2 performance for parents.

• Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July—class swap day. A full day with new teachers and teaching assistants and an opportunity for parents to meet them. after school.

• School closes on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July and re-opens for staff and children on **THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

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