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BARNBY DUN PRIMARY ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER - Summer Term 2017 - 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. Mrs Pearson did a wonderful job with the singing rehearsals, as always.

A big thank you also for your kind donations of Easter treats for our raffle. With your support, we raised a fantastic £261.50 for school fund. The Easter discos were a very fitting and fun 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. Thanks as always to Mrs Fenney and Mr Harrison who did the lion's share of the organisation. With your support we had a great time and raised a fantastic £876.50. The money we raised at the discos will go towards buying new outdoor learning equipment for our Reception classes.

Attendance The vast majority of children are trying their very best to attend every single day and we are very grateful that parents share our high expectations.

I set each class the target of achieving at least 98.1% as a class team for the last half term. I was impressed that 6 out of our 12 classes achieved this— Turtles, Peacocks, Owls, Leopards, Zebras and Gazelles. 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 and others had done superbly well to achieve gold and silver.

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

WEBSITE www.barnbydunprimaryacademy.co.uk

Our exciting new website is proving very useful for parents! It contains all of the day to day information you might require for your child such as current school meal menus and termly costs, school holiday dates, newsletters, after school clubs, safeguarding information, curriculum and transition information. It also includes an events calendar which is regularly updated with the dates and times of all forthcoming events in school, and a lovely photo gallery. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding our website, please contact Miss Austin in the school office.

SPECIAL MENTION

I would like to acknowledge the generosity and kindness of Jess and Layla Watson in year 1. The girls decided one weekend to make craft items and sell them on a stall at their house to raise money for the Doncaster Lions. What a thoughtful thing to do; we are proud of you girls.

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, wedges or sandals with heels 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 unless there are medical reasons shared with myself. **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.**

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: Alfie Dunn, Isaac Edgington, Leon Perigo, Ethan Miller, Jayden Waite, Charlie Hargrave, Logan Gross, Sophia O'Sullivan, Isabel Edgington, Deone Vorster, Scarlett Birstow and Laila Newton.

These children set a wonderful example to others. Well done everyone, we are proud of you!

PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER It is that time of year again when I start planning staffing and new classes for September. As always, we will start with friendship groups, also taking into account teachers' knowledge and observations of the children. **If parents have any concerns or thoughts they wish to share with me regarding classes for September please catch me first thing in a morning or give me a quick ring, as soon as possible. I am happy to discuss your thoughts with you. Once new classes have been finalised and children informed these cannot be altered.**

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.

Absence during term time

Parents are regularly reminded that it is against the law to keep your child off school without authorisation. Authorisation for absence is only given if I agree the reason given is valid. Authorisation will not be given for very minor illness and certainly not if there is reasonable belief that circumstances are not genuine. Doing so will result in you receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from Doncaster Magistrates' court. Taking an unauthorised leave of absence for a holiday 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.

Low attendance and/or 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 over the phone/in person. Thank you.

Kind regards Miss C.E. Robinson Headteacher

IKEA eco-project Representatives from IKEA attended our assembly recently to award us the cheque for £1401.95 that Year 6 gardeners Jayden Waite, Niall Scholey, Sophia O'Sullivan, Josh Sleath and Ben Munro secured for us. Our latest Eco-project is developing a pond area in Barnbywoods and the gardeners will be cracking on with this project once their Sats tests are done! (Please see website for photo!)

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 Ester Jayet-Laraffe and Jess Rollin. Many thanks to these 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 Owls. 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

Friday 28th April— Year 5 Meerkats to I-Max museum.

Monday 1st May—School closed for May Day bank holiday.

Week beginning 8th May - National Sats tests for year 6 children.

Wednesday 17th- Friday 19th May—Years 3/4 overnight residential at Austerfield.

We break for half term on Friday 26th May and staff and pupils return on Monday 5th June.

Wednesday 7th June—class photos.

Thursday 8th June—Reception trip to the Butterfly House.

Tuesday 13th June—Countryside Day at Harrogate.

Thursday 15th June 3pm—class assembly for the Butterflies.

School is closed to pupils on Friday 16th June for teacher training.

Monday 19th June 1.30pm—Reception/KS1 sports day at the Old School field.

Tuesday 20th, Wed 21st and Thurs 22nd June—Year 6 Transition days to Hungerhill.

Thursday 22nd June 3pm—class assembly for the Bluebirds.

Friday 23rd June 1.30pm —KS2 sports day at the Old School Field.

Thursday 29th June 5pm—meeting for new Reception parents.

Monday 10th July 9.30am—KS2 performance for grandparents only.

Tuesday 11th July 6pm—KS2 performance for parents.

Wednesday 12th July 9.30am—KS2 performance for parents.

Thursday 13th July 6pm—KS2 performance for parents.

Monday 17th 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 21st July and re-opens for children on

TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.

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