

Barford St Peter's Newsletter

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Help needed for
Bonfire Night
10th November and
11th November for
the clean up!

Friday 19th October 2018

BARFORD BASE CAMP

Help needed for FABS KS2
Disco on Thursday 25th
October

WELLIE WEDNESDAY

We are so lucky to have Mrs Powell to run Wellie Wednesday. Already the children have created a Mud Kitchen, Barford Bug Village, which has the bypass running through it and our magnificent Basecamp, which is situated at the bottom of the field. Mrs Powell is teaching the children the outside rules on how to use all of the facilities independently and to encourage them to have a love of nature. We have some amazing plans for the future which we will be sharing during the year. The main aim is to give the children ownership of the area and this is being achieved by involving them in the planning stage.



FABS NEWS: DISCO AND FIREWORKS

A reminder that the FABS bonfire and fireworks evening is on **Saturday 10th November**. Tickets are available from the village shop or from Michelle on the school playground. FABS have worked really hard planning the community event but they are still looking for volunteers to help on Saturday night and with the clear up on Sunday morning. Please speak to FABS or sign up on the rota on the front doors. Thank you. A reminder that **Thursday 8th November** is a non-uniform day in return for a donation of chocolate for the tombola.

E SAFETY: YOUR CHILDREN AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Keep up to date with the constantly changing world of social media: Tumblr, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, WhatsApp, and more. Take a look at the following link from the NSPCC; an informative place to find out the pros and cons of each of these social platforms for various age groups.

[Understanding Social Media](#)

SPELLING

We have been reviewing how we teach spelling and after much research have purchased 'No Nonsense Spelling'. This was recommended as it has a proven track record to improve spelling standards at KS2. It is a structured and rigorous approach that has clear progression through blocks of short sharp teaching. Rather than having ten spelling words to learn it works by teaching children a variety of strategies, knowledge and skills that enable pupils to learn. We are very excited that this system will suit the children and become evident in aspects of their written work.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE

A reminder that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 5pm on **Wednesday 31st October 2018**.

END OF KEY STAGE SATS INFORMATION EVENING

Thank you to parents who attended the SATs information evening. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Stock, Mrs Smith and Mrs Carson for organising and preparing the information to share with the parents and carers.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We would just like to say the biggest thank you for your support during the Macmillan Coffee Morning: we made an amazing £406.65 for this wonderful charity.

MENTAL MATHS SHOOTOUT

We are always striving to raise standards in mental maths. During the week beginning the 12th November we will be holding our 'mental maths shoot out' where children will answer questions as quickly as they can. Rapid recall of number bonds and times-tables are crucial and form the foundations that we build upon when teaching children how to use and apply their knowledge to mathematical problems. The rounds for the 'Shoot Out Competition' will take place in the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week and the final round will be held on Thursday 15th November during Gold Award Assembly.

You can help your child by practising from the list below:-

Reception - Recognising numbers to 20

Year 1 Number bonds to 10

Year 2 Number bonds to 20

Year 3 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 times tables

Year 4 2,3,4,5,6,8

Year 5 All of the tables to 12

Year 6 All of the tables to 12