

Barford St Peter's Newsletter

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YEAR 1 ASTOUNDING ASSEMBLY

Friday 4th May 2018

Thursday began with a wonderful assembly from Year 1. They delighted us with acting, singing, storytelling and sharing some very interesting facts about the United Kingdom. They actually sang a song in Welsh. Well done year 1, it was fantastic!

BANK HOLIDAY

A reminder that **Monday 7th May is a bank holiday and the school will be closed.** School will resume as normal on Tuesday 8th May.

E-SAFETY TIP FROM MRS SMITH

Keeping Under Fives Safe Online:

Children love using technology and are learning to navigate websites, online games and consoles, and touch screen technology like iPads and smartphones from a younger and younger age. This advice contains top tips for parents and carers for keeping children aged five and under safe online.

www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-under-fives-safe-online

MADAGASCAR – A MUSICAL ADVENTURE JR.

Three of our pupils, Tallulah, Hannah and Sophia performed in **Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR.** at the Royal Spa Centre in Leamington Spa with the Pauline Quirke Academy. The show was filled with lots of uplifting songs and performances from all who took part. This was a huge opportunity for the pupils, and the academy and parents are extremely proud of the amazing job they did. Well done girls!



KEY STAGE 1 and 2 SATs and PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

- KS1 SATs tests are administered during May.
- The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May 2018.
- The Phonics Screening Week commences Monday 11th June 2017.

STAY & PLAY DATES

Reception: Wednesday 23rd May 2.15pm
Monday 9th July 2.15pm
Pre-School: Tuesday 22nd May 9.00-10.00am
Tuesday 17th July 1.30-3.00pm (end of term celebration fun afternoon)

ATTENDANCE

Our most recent attendance figure at Barford was 97.8%. The best year group was year 5 with an amazing 100% for w/c 23rd April 2018. Well done!!

CLOTHING DONATIONS

Elaine Fielding, our school cleaner, would like to say a **huge** thank you for the clothes and other donations that were brought into school. The children in Gambia were absolutely delighted to receive such wonderful gifts.



YEW TREES

We would like to say a huge thank you to Steve Haynes, a Tree Surgeon, and his team, and also Carl Aspinall, John Murphy and Peter Wilson. They cleared away the Yew Trees that were overhanging the Early years artificial grass area. The children were unable to use the lovely area as the berries from the tree could have made them poorly.

HARRIETT HEWITT TRUST

On Monday 23rd April we held a special assembly in memory of Harriett Hewitt a past resident of Barford. Wendy Barlow, Ann Mcdermott and Ann Fawcett led an assembly about the links with the Hewitt Family to Barford.

In 1928, Caroline Hewitt founded a scholarship for a promising pupil of Barford School whose parent's circumstances precluded the expense of a higher education. The gift was in affectionate memory of her mother, Harriett. The only condition of the trust was that the scholar, for the time they had the scholarship, would place a wreath of primroses on Mrs Hewitt's grave on the 23rd of April each year.

For many years we have used the funding to support every child in school through Welly Wednesday. However this year we decided to re-establish the annual placing of a posy of primroses on the grave of Harriett Hewitt in Barford churchyard. Miss Caroline Hewitt returned from America each year to visit her mother. Caroline died in 1961 having given so many pupils a great love of the theatre and particularly of Shakespeare; she is buried alongside her mother in St Peter's churchyard. After the assembly Year 5 took the primroses to Harriett's grave.



SAFETY NOTICE

Please do not walk up and down the drive with your children as this is solely for the use of cars and any disabled parents/carers. Entry into school is through the Beehive Gate. Thankyou



FABS

Some of the summer events are well underway but our Chair of FABS, Michelle Bunn, really needs some more volunteers. Michelle is always on the playground at the beginning or end of the day. Even if you can only spare a small amount of time she would appreciate your support.

AFTER SCHOOL PROTOCOL

A very important reminder that parents/carers collecting children from after school club, **MUST NOT** go back into school or to the classrooms. This is a safeguarding and health and safety issue. We have many after school clubs where children may be getting changed, and also staff are working or holding confidential meetings in classrooms. It is not appropriate for a parent/carer to walk in unannounced. It is essential that we know who is in school at all times. If you need to re-enter school then you must sign in at the office or ask one of the Inspiration members of staff to accompany you. Thank you

SCHOOL FIELD

We are planning to enhance the bottom of the field. Already Mr Jones, one of our parents, has trimmed and reshaped the willow structure. However, we would also like to place 30 seating logs and have a fire pit installed to further enhance our Outdoors Curriculum. We have been given some tree trunks and now require a parent/carer with a chainsaw to cut the wood. If you are able to help please let me or the school office know. Thank you!



Our Eco Council having been discussing ways to improve the school environment considering the impact modern day living has on the wider environment. This week they are checking each class to see which is the tidiest and which disposes of litter most effectively, but more importantly which class is best at turning off the lights.

PRE-SCHOOL

Pre-School would welcome donations of broadsheet newspapers for their painting easels.