



Barnston Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

19th – Xmas Play Y3-6 at 6.30 pm (by ticket only)
20th – Xmas Play 1.45 and 6.30 pm Y3-6 (ticket only)
15th – Father Christmas and Christmas party – **come in party clothes**
15th – Y6 Fancy dress 1.30pm (Y6 parents only)
Christmas holiday 22nd to 8th January 2018 inclusive.
Children back in school on the 9th January 2018

January 2018

8th January staff INSET
9th January children back
10th In school pantomime for all children a.m. in hall
17th – Open assembly 9.10 am
18th RE Assembly 9.10am
30th – 6pm 11+ meeting for year 5 parents and secondary transfer
26th Art day – come in suitable clothes

February

6th – Open Assembly 9.10 am
8th F2 Writing/Physical Workshop 8.50-10.30am
Half term 17th – 25th
26th – Staff and children back in

Y5/6 APPEAR ON THE TV ON 22ND DECEMBER 2017

What a fantastic time we had in London on the 6th December courtesy of Sky Sports Studios. 40 Y5/6 pupils appeared on Game Changers with Sam Quek (a children's version of Question of Sport). Harry and Gigi were very competitive and ended up winning the trophy with Sam Quek – see them and the rest of the children in the audience at 4pm on the 22nd December on SS Mix. Sky Sports e-mailed school following the event to say what wonderful, well-behaved and well-mannered children we have at Barnston.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

75 families contributed to the shoe boxes! Wow how fantastic to make a child's Christmas so special for them. Thank you to all those who lovingly made the boxes and to Miss Nichols for organising the event and transporting them.



KS2 CHRISTMAS FAIR

Another successful fair organised by the PA and the KS2 pupils! Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was great that Santa turned up in our new outdoor classroom. Many thanks to all who came and supported – £3000 was raised on the night.

A huge £6,700 has been raised by the Parents' Association this term. It breaks down as follows:

£2,500 Bonfire Night.

£3,000 Christmas Activity, (Fair etc).

£1,000 Calendars.

£200 Easyfundraising

Thank you so much all who have supported these events to make them successful and to the fantastic PA who work tirelessly behind the scenes.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Our Children worked hard to raise money for this and managed to raise a staggering £1 240 on the day. Well done to the Y5/6 pupils who organised this fundraising.

KS1 PRODUCTIONS

It was so lovely to see how confident our younger children are on stage and how they had managed to learn every single word to all of those songs in the performance A Christmas Bauble. Well done everyone you are wonderful and the teachers are fantastic putting on such a brilliant production in just 2 weeks of afternoons only!! Thank you for coming and supporting.

Y5/6 EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

Y5/6 became curators of their very own museum! They worked hard on making artefacts, display boards of information and activities with a live, interactive mummification demonstration making very clever use of ICT. Many parents/guardians visited the museum and commented that they had gained a great deal of historical knowledge and understanding from the Egyptian period by attending the museum. Well done Y5/6!

CLUBS THIS TERM

Many clubs have run successfully this term: Football x 3, Street Dance, Gymnastics x 2, Free Dance, Drama x 2, Running Club, Chess & Scrabble Club, and German Club x 2. Well done to the older children who run Free Dance, Creative Club and a Drama Club for younger pupils at lunchtime.

CHRISTMAS

It can be described as being a bit like marmite, you either really love it, or you get caught up in the speed and stress of it all and end up hating it! For children, however, it is a most magical time of the year and to see them skipping down the corridor, sharing their excitement with you, enjoying the singing, the food, the fairs, Santa visiting, writing to Santa, anticipation of Christmas day and the very many innocent comments that the younger ones make in passing, all make it a great privilege to work in a school environment! Enjoy every moment of Christmas with your children and I hope you all manage to relax and unwind.

From all the staff, many thanks for your continued support this term.
Mrs Pearson

