



Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2015

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

2nd – Open Assembly 9.10 am
4th – Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm
7th – F2-Y2 Play dress rehearsal am
8th & 9th – 1.45 F2-Y2 Christmas play **and 9th same time**
10th – pre-school play dress rehearsal 10 am
11th – pre-school play 10 am in the hall
11th – Christmas lunch for children
15th – Dress rehearsal Y3-6 at 9.30 am
15th – X-mas Play Y3-6 at 6.30 pm (by ticket only)
16th – X-mas Play 1.45 and 6.30 pm Y3-6 (ticket only)
17th – Christmas party – come in party clothes
17th – Y6 Fancy dress 1.30pm (Y6 parents only)
Christmas holiday 21st to 4th January 2016.

January

4th INSET no children in

5th children back in school
7th In school pantomime for all a.m in hall
15th – Open assembly 9.10 am
20th – 6pm 11+ meeting and Secondary Transfer for year 5 parents
22nd Art Day – come in suitable clothes

CHILDREN IN NEED

Well done to everyone – staff, children and parents for raising a staggering £1269 for children in need. This took a lot of effort on your part and we appreciate you all for getting involved. The children enjoyed researching needs across the world – each class taking a different country to focus on and presenting their writing boards to each other in a final assembly where Pudsey himself appeared! Many thanks to Miss Nichols for all her hard work in co-ordinating this event.



ECO BRONZE AWARD

Our school has its own Eco group with representatives from each year group running this and Mr Pipe facilitating where needed. The bronze award has been given and the Eco group are now working hard on the Silver award, which we hope to gain by the end of this school year. The children in the Eco group will work to inform all children in school of the values gained from being Eco minded – leading on assemblies, projects and information gathering. Many thanks to Mr Pipe for his willingness to take this on.

BARNSTON BONFIRE NIGHT

Around £3000 was raised by the PA at this event and it certainly went off with a bang! Many, many thanks for supporting the event by giving time, energy and participating. Unfortunately, I couldn't make it this year as it was my son's 18th birthday, but I will certainly be making it a main event next year on the calendar! Thank you to all the dads who worked so hard on the bonfire, fireworks and made sure that the correct risk assessments and health and safety checks were in place before and after the event. The PA is such a support in providing wonderful extra resources for all pupils and we are very grateful for the generosity of all our parents.

Y3/4 ROMAN DAY

This event was a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed the role play and many activities organised throughout the day. Well done to the Y3/4 team for all your hard work in organising this event.

MONTHLY BULLETIN

Since September, the older pupils have started to write and edit their own monthly bulletin for children to make all pupils aware of issues happening around the world, thus increasing the children's empathy for others and their appreciation of what they have. The bulletin is checked for suitability of content by Miss Nichols before it goes out and is very professional in its layout and content. Well done to those Y6 pupils who are leading in making others aware of the wider world!

ENGLISH PARENT COFFEE MORNING AND WORKSHOP TO SEE PROGRESS

30 parents participated in the 'English through the keyhole' event and the parent feedback stated that they didn't realise how high the expectations were on their children in English, particularly the younger pupils. Other parents said it was wonderful to be able to spend an hour in an English lesson with their child in order to see what was expected and the progress that they made.

Don't forget the KS2 evening workshop for parents next week!

Y5/6 EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

The children have organised and made the artefacts/replicas, display boards and even a talk on mummification - where a demonstration of the process will take place!! The Y5/6 parents have been invited along to the museum, where the pupils will be the curators! All the children will be participating in this event – showing off their communication skills and knowledge acquired during this topic. Thanks to Mrs Birch and her team for organising this wonderful event.

Mrs Pearson
Headteacher

