



Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that the 2016/17 dates are on the website with INSET days clearly marked. **23rd June is an additional INSET given to us by the LA last week due to the European Referendum.**

March

3rd World Book Day – all dress in favourite characters
9th Conservation Society 7pm
9th Competitive Sports day – children come in sports wear
15th Y5/6 Philharmonic/Liverpool cathedral trip
15th F2 Parent Writing/Physical workshop 9-10.30am
16th March Y3/4 Viking Day – dress as Vikings
18th – Open Assembly 9.10am
22nd Y5/6 Victorian Day – dress as Victorians
23rd and 24th Parents' Evening 4-7pm to look at your child's progress - crèche in the hall
25th -28th bank holiday
30th March Y1/2 Pirates day – dress as pirates
30th March school disco – see PA letter/e-mail
Thursday 31st last day in school for pupils

April

1st INSET - no children in school
4th -15th Easter holidays
18th first day back for pupils after Easter break
21st – Open Assembly
21st – Conway Meeting 6.pm for Y4 parents and children
22nd – Art Day – wear suitable clothing
27th Competitive Sports Day – come in sports wear
28th April – drama production (drama student parents only) at 6.30pm



May

Off school Monday 2nd (bank Holiday) and Thursday 5th May (INSET as polling station)

4th Manor meeting for parents of Y6 in the hall at 6pm

9th May-13th May Y6 SATs week – please send your children in all week or inform school immediately they are ill so a timetable variation can be applied for.

13th May Y3 sleepover in school

17th May Parent Council

18th May Open Assembly 9.10

23rd -27th Y6 to the Manor residential

28th May to Tuesday 7th June half term

Children back in school Tuesday 7th June 2016

NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK – W/C 1st FEBRUARY

The children really enjoyed looking at favourite stories and many thanks to those parents who came into school and read their favourite stories to the classes.

INTERVIEWING EXPERIENCE

In the summer term we would like parents to volunteer to be interviewed about their profession by our older pupils. The aim of this is for pupils to practice asking open-ended, rather than closed questions as a life skill, whilst also gaining a range of knowledge and understanding regarding different career paths and working life in the real world. **If you would be interested in helping on the afternoon of Thursday 19th or Friday 20th May 2016 in the morning, please ring the school office. Thank you those who have already volunteered but we do need more please.**

IMPROVING THE WEBSITE – ANOTHER REMINDER

We are hoping to improve the website by placing images of children participating in the wide variety of our curriculum experiences on the home page. This would be like the image flyer in the foyer and would be updated throughout the year. We also plan to set up a twitter feed so that teachers can tweet interesting moments in class to the front page of the website as well as tweeting any important admin information in addition to texts and e-mails to parents. Your co-operation in signing your permission for this at Parents' Evening would be much appreciated.

SPRING TERM REPORTS ON PROGRESS

As promised, you will receive a spring report which highlights your child's progress to date. These will be given out at parents' evening by the teacher so that they can explain them to you or answer any questions you may have. You will also have the opportunity to look at all your child's work to date in order to see the progress in their books.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

It was so lovely to spend the breakfast period with so many of you and to see families having such a fantastic time at this breakfast event! Many, many thanks to all the PA who organised and volunteered to make this such a huge success. The atmosphere and community spirit was wonderful.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

An absolutely fabulous assembly was written, rehearsed and led by a group of Y6 pupils who involved some of the Y3/4 pupils in drama, dance, drumming and sharing the history and tradition of Chinese New Year. The parents and school of the Y6 pupils were very proud of them all.

SAFER INTERNET WEEK AND STRANGER DANGER

The whole school used the '2016 Safer Internet week' materials to discuss and debate what safe use looks like and danger signs to look out for. The F2/Y1/2 had special assemblies on stranger danger awareness using materials adapted to their age group. Please continue to partner with us in taking every opportunity that arises to emphasise the real dangers in these two areas to your children.

ONE WAY SYSTEM AND PARKING

The Parent Council continued to discuss unsafe parking at the beginning and end of the school day and how this puts our children in real danger. Please keep to the one way system (e-mailed out again with this newsletter) and take care to park safely, as we don't want children's lives endangered for the sake of saving 5 minutes.

Mrs Pearson

