



# Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

## JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that the 2016/17 dates are on the website with INSET days clearly marked.

#### February

8<sup>th</sup> – Open Assembly 9.10 am

**Half term 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>**

**School starts back Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

#### March

9<sup>th</sup> Conservation Society 7pm

10<sup>th</sup> Competitive Sports day – children come in sports wear

18<sup>th</sup> – Open Assembly 9.10am

**23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening 4-7pm to look at your child's progress** - crèche in the hall

**25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> bank holiday**

31<sup>st</sup> March drama production 6.30 pm (drama students' parents only)

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> last day in school for pupils**

#### April

**1<sup>st</sup> INSET no children in school**

**4th-15<sup>th</sup> Easter holidays**

**18<sup>th</sup> school opens again for pupils**

21<sup>st</sup> – Open Assembly

21<sup>st</sup> – Conway Meeting 6.pm for Y4 parents and children

22<sup>nd</sup> – Art Day – wear suitable clothing

27<sup>th</sup> Competitive Sports Day – come in sports wear



## ART DAY

The children really enjoyed the theme of 'locality and environment' participating in experimental art experiences in the morning, before moving on to producing set pieces in the afternoon. They examined the artist Hundertwasser as an inspiration. Many thanks to Mrs Lewis for organising this. **Do pop in and see the display of the pupils work in the hall.**

## ROBOT WEEK

The whole school spent a week working with Hi-Impact learning how to programme at their age appropriate level – F2 enjoyed their own day with the robot the previous week. Thanks to Mr Woods for organising this.

## NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK – W/C 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

Join in with the school by coming and sharing your favourite children's story with your child's class. **This is an opportunity for you to come and see your child's progress in other subjects also on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2-3.25pm (F2 separate family workshop at the same time). Ring the office to let them know you intend to join us to share a story.**

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> or Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in the morning, please ring the school office.**

## IMPROVING THE WEBSITE

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.

Mrs Pearson

