



Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

STAFFING

Please find below the set up for September 2016:

Caretaker – Mr Minton
Cleaner – Mrs Longshaw
Office – Mrs Kimpton and Mrs Pilkington p.m.
1L – Mrs Lewis/Mrs Hollywood
1M – Mrs McElhinney/Mrs Hughes
2D – Mr Dixon/Mrs Durn/Mrs Rogers (4 mornings)
2J – Miss Jacob/Miss Brown/Miss Graham (a.m)
2WH – Mrs Woods/Mrs Hill/Mrs Bradley
2E – Mrs Ellis/Mrs Pilkington a.m
3J – Mr Woods/Miss Murphy
3W – Mrs While/teaching trainee in final year
3P – Mr Pipe
4B – Mrs Birch/Mrs Bates
4N – Miss Nichols/Mrs Collins

Languages Mrs Bradley/Mrs Baker (Teacher & PPA cover in KS2)
Music – Mrs Shuler
Mr Jones – JM Sports level 3 UKCC
Full of Beans F2/KS 1 Coach Phil UKCC level 2
Mr Edwards – Brass and Keyboard teacher
Mrs Wilde – Woodwind teacher

We are sad to say that Mrs Kilduff will be leaving us at the end of the summer term as she may be moving back to Birmingham and we wish her all the very best in her future career – she has certainly been a real asset at Barnston during her time with us. Mrs Ellis, who has been working in Y3/4 for a year will be teaching Y1/2 as the fourth teacher. Mrs Ellis has also worked at Heswall Primary and both schools agree she is an outstanding teacher.



SPELLING BEE

Our Y5/6 children will compete against each other - following this, the winners will enter an inter primary school spelling competition held at Thingwall Primary on 27th April 2016. A list of Y5/6 words likely to be in the spelling competition have been sent out by Mrs Birch – please get involved and inspire your child to take up this challenge. We will be having our own spelling bee when we get back to choose a winner from Y5 and one from Y6.

A MINDFULNESS PARENT WORKSHOP – TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016 AT 6 PM.

This is a chance to hear more about mindfulness and try out some activities. We have had 3 lots of six week sessions with various groups throughout the school to date and year 6 will be accessing mindfulness sessions in the summer term in order to help them to prepare for High School. Come along and see what it is all about. In our next academic year it will take place in all classes as staff have received training in this important aspect of teaching relaxation techniques, building self-esteem and resilience in our pupils. Please ring the school office if you wish to attend.

SCIENCE PARENT AFTERNOON – 20th JUNE 2016 2.30-3.20 P.M.

Continuing our parent sessions where you are able to work alongside your child, we are holding a science afternoon 2.30-3.30pm. Join in and see your child's progress from September until present in Science and how the children use their high level English and Maths skills in Science. Please ring the school office if you would like to participate.

ANTI-BULLYING MORNING 24/3/16.

The whole school participated in an anti-bullying morning which included discussion, debate, scenarios and how we should act/react in certain situations. The children all engaged enthusiastically and could describe effectively 13 types of bullying we don't want to see in Barnston including cyber bullying, homophobic bullying, excluding others, verbal, physical, stereotyping and racism. KS 1 pupils were very confident in their answers and could verbalise how we should behave with each other and what we should do if we see bullying occurring. The Cosmic Crew will be arriving to give an anti-bullying performance in the summer term to the whole school to continue with our anti-bullying strategy.

SAFE PARKING POSTER COMPETITION

The Parent Council have e-mailed out a competition for pupils to ask parents to park safely around the school area. Ten winners were awarded an Easter egg in our final assembly and 2 have been chosen to be made professionally into a poster for the school fence.

PAVING STONES AROUND THE FRONT AND KS 1 AREA

We are in discussion with the Local Authority regarding the Health and Safety of this area and we hope to have the area refurbished very soon. Thank you for your patience and please remind your children before and after school to walk carefully in that area.



CREATIVE DAYS

The children in Y3/4 and Y5/6 enjoyed their learning so much by recently experiencing a Viking Day and a Victorian Day. They all dressed up in period costumes and lots of role play took place during the days. On questioning the children in Y5/6 later, they all said that they preferred modern education to that of the past!!

JUNE 23RD SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR VOTING

On the run up to the European elections, we are going to be encouraging the children to get involved and think about whether they believe we should vote 'in' or 'out' of Europe and as a consequence they will be participating in discussions/debates/assemblies and voting. Please discuss at their level the advantages and disadvantages of being a part of the European Union in the coming month.

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