



Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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DATES

May

1st - bank holiday

4th - INSET – no children in (school a polling station)

8th – 12th Y6 SATs week (all children must be in all week)

12th Year 3 Sleepover – more information and e-mails nearer the time

15th Parent Council 6pm

18th Open Assembly 9.10 am

22nd - 26th Y6 Manor residential

26th – Barnston's Got Talent for summer fair (Y6 will be able to present to SJP when back)

29th -2nd June half term

June

INSET 5th JUNE – children not in

6th - children in

6th - Y2-Y3 transition meeting 3.40 pm

6th - New Intake Parents' Induction Meeting for 2016/17(packs to be given out and meet the teachers) - 6pm

8th Polling day (school closed)

9th - Open Assembly 9.10am

10th - Summer Fair 12.00-3.00pm

12th - Health week

16th Y5 Parent's Manor Evening 6pm

28th - Y4 Conway Residential trip

27th - Y4-5 Transition meeting 6pm

29th - F2-Y1 transition meeting 3.40pm

SPELLING BEE & MATHS BEE

Our federation schools' Y5/6 children competed against each other and the final was won by Thingwall Primary School in the spelling and Gayton primary for the maths. A very well done to our pupils who were a very good sport and entered into the competition with a great attitude and the standard was very high throughout all the schools.



PA FUNDING & OUTDOOR CLASSROOM.

The recent PA events have raised over £1000 – the school staff and pupils are so grateful to the PA and all the parents who got involved. The PA have raised money to buy an outdoor, cedar wooden classroom, with bi-folding doors. The library will be housed in the classroom and the children will be able to read at break times and lunch times – which will enhance the enjoyment of reading throughout the school year. We are waiting for planning permission to be completed before the classroom is installed. Many thanks to all the parent community for supporting events so that this money could be raised – in this financial climate with school budget cuts, it would be impossible for the school to fund such a venture.

ATTITUDES IN SPORT

John Jones recently held an assembly to promote what makes a good sports person, with a competition included and we have had judo and fencing demonstrations recently in assemblies along similar lines. The children really enjoyed the sporting examples, pictures and discussion from Mr Jones' assembly.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER - 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL – 15TH SEPTEMBER 2017.

A Ceildh has been booked for the evening of the 15th – 6.30-9.30pm, along with a manned inflatable assault course, to keep the children entertained. Hopefully the weather in September will be good to us and we can all arrive at 5.30pm with our picnics (tables and chairs provided) – please keep the date in your diary and tell any ex parents/pupils who may be interested.

If any of our present parents are ex-pupils, please advertise this on your face book pages/other social media, so that other ex-pupils may hear about it. Posters will be placed in Heswall shops and the local media asked to advertise the event nearer the time.

SAFE PARKING VIDEO

A Polite reminder to be thoughtful regarding parking around school following the video that the children made at Christmas. In addition, please make sure that you are not blocking any of the drives of the local residents when you park your car as we want to maintain good relationships with our neighbours. Thank you.

PAVING BRICKS AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL

Our governor, Thomas Mair, has been organising 50th Anniversary bricks to replace the uneven paving at the front of school. Parents will be able to purchase messages on their brick that will leave a lasting legacy at the front of the school – we are hoping that you will all agree that this is such a lovely way to commemorate the 50th anniversary with personal messages that will still be there long after we have moved on from Barnston. We will let parents know when the bricks and messages are available – examples will be at the summer fair on the 10th June.



VIRTUAL ICT

The children in Y3/4 and Y5/6 enjoyed their virtual learning recently which was kindly organised by Mr Woods and delivered by our fantastic ICT providers Hi-Impact. See the twitter feed for pictures.

TWITTER FEED

If you are missing out on the school enclosed weekly twitter feed which is for parent eyes only, write to Mr Woods with your details and he will give you a password to access and details to access this.

COMIC RELIEF

A fantastic amount of £157.13 was raised by the Y6 pupils who put on a cake stall for comic relief. Well done to them and thanks to their parents who helped in providing the cakes.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are collecting the above vouchers and would appreciate parents donating as many as possible and asking any relatives that shop at Sainsburys to donate too. The box is in the foyer, please give to your children to place in the box or hand in to the school office – leave on the window ledge if no one is available.

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