



Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2016

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2017

9th January staff and children back in

10th In school pantomime for all a.m. in hall

13th – Open assembly 9.10 am

24th – 6pm 11+ meeting for year 5 parents

27th Art day – come in suitable clothes

February

7th – Open Assembly 9.10 am

Half term 20th – 24th

27th – Staff and children back in

March

6th Parent council 6pm

9th Competitive Sports day – children come in sports wear

21st – Open Assembly 9.10am

20th - Scholastics

22nd and 23rd Parents' Evening 4-7pm to look at your child's progress - crèche in the hall

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

The productions so far have been absolutely fantastic – well done to all staff and pupils for all their hard work in such a short period of time. The productions were of such a high quality and the clear message helps us to reflect on how fortunate we are and how we should see Christmas as a time to give to others. I am so proud of all the children, as all 293 had a role on stage and sang beautifully.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Fair was a wonderful example of community all coming together on a Friday evening. **A staggering £3070** was raised on the night!! Thank you for all coming, giving and getting involved and many thanks to all the PA, Mr Minton and Mr Dixon for working so hard on the organisation of this brilliant event.



CHRISTMAS PHOTOGRAPHS

I am sure you will all agree that the Nativity photographs were wonderful and of high quality once again. Many thanks to Mrs Calder for all her time and hard work and for her very generous donation to school funds.

JOHN JONES – SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Just to inform parents that John Jones is now running his own company Ace Sports, as he has made the decision not to renew his contract with JM sports and to start up his own business. This means that the school will work directly with John for our PE/Games provision and he will provide a selection of after school activities for parents and pupils to choose from. Full of Beans will still continue to deliver musical theatre after school on a Tuesday in the hall and Soccer for School will still continue with their football clubs.

BARNSTON – AN EQUALITY SCHOOL

We are continuing with our Equality Award and International Schools Award which both promote acceptance, tolerance and respect for all within our school community and beyond. The children are given lots of opportunities to discuss and debate and PSHE have equality and diversity high on the agenda. Through RE lessons and assemblies the children celebrate 6 different religions and in assembly we celebrate major events in all religious calendars e.g. the birthday of Guru Nanak, Diwali, Sukkot, Eid and Christmas Day are events we have looked at in assemblies this term. **If we have any parents who would be willing to share their knowledge of a particular faith in an assembly, (Barnston church tend to cover Christianity, so 1 of the other 5 religions would be preferable), please let the school office know – Mrs Pearson would take the assembly and introduce you for a slot.**

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Another term is nearly over and the staff and children are really grateful for all the support and help that parents have given from parent readers, PA events, donating generously for PA events, Parent Council with honest and open feedback to help improve opportunities for children, supporting fundraising for charities, trips, giving up your time attending Parents' Evenings and Christmas activities. Your support makes all the difference – thank you for the partnership you give to us.

From all the staff, we wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year. **See you on the 9th of January 2017.**

Mrs Pearson
Head teacher

