



Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that the 2016/17 dates are on the website within 'useful information' – term dates. The 2017/18 and 2018/19 term dates will be on soon, please note the inset dates have not yet been chosen for these academic years.

September

5th – staff and children back in
12th Parent Council – 6pm
22nd – M&M Treasure Island performance – Y2
22nd – Phonics and reading workshop KS 1 6pm
23rd – Open Assembly September birthdays and awards 9.10 a.m – all parents welcome – put any awards on the stage in the hall
25th Roman Day – all Y3/4
27th F2 settling in meeting for parents 6pm (classrooms)

October

3rd & 10th at 9.30 a.m New intake show around for 2017/18 – book in at school office 342 5229
4th – Maths KS1 Parent workshop 6pm
5th – Open Assembly – all welcome 9.10 am
10th – Scholastics book fair all week in the entrance hall 3.30 onwards
11th – Writing Parent workshop KS1 6pm
14th October Art Day – wear suitable clothes
12th Conservation Society in hall 7pm
19th & 20th October Parents' Evening to see your child's progress 4-7pm – crèche in the hall
21st – Barnston's Got Talent – wear own clothes
Half term 21st -30th Oct
31st Oct – staff and children back in

HEALTH WEEK

The children enjoyed a range of healthy activity and healthy eating and they particularly enjoyed new experiences such as archery. Many thanks to all those who were involved, but a particular note of thanks from Mrs McElhinney to Mr Formela for organising the fire engines, Mrs Withe for the healthy food and Mrs Langford for her Science work on skeletons.



POKEMON GO AND STAYING SAFE

I am sure you are aware of Pokemon Go. The latest craze that is sweeping the UK.

Pokemon Go is a game that uses real world maps to find Pokemon (make believe creatures). It uses GPS to locate you in the game map and let you move around in 'Augmented reality' (the real world enhanced by technology).

You may have seen in the news accidents caused by people not paying attention to what they are doing because they are looking at the game and not where they are going. This is an obvious issue, however, please consider the following points when allowing your child/ward to use Pokemon Go.

1. PokeStops are locations where you can collect free gifts. These are set places and some are quite secluded. For example Arrowe Park. These could be used by Predators that are looking to meet/harm young people.
2. Gyms, like PokeStops, are set places where you can battle and train your Pokemon. As well as the danger already mentioned above. When in battle your user name shows up. Make sure user names do not identify you, or give away personal information.
3. Thieves have also realised that PokeStops and Gyms attract lots of people carrying smart phones. A number of people have been mugged while playing Pokemon Go.

Finally the game uses mobile data if you are not in range of a WIFI hotspot. Be aware this can add up over time.

ROALD DAHL 100 YEARS SINCE HIS BIRTH

We will be celebrating Roald Dahl's writing in the autumn term, working in collaboration with Irby, Thingwall, Pensby, Gayton and Heswall Primary schools. Our first exciting event is a trip to BFG with Y1-Y6 (current F2-Y5) on Friday 16th September 2016. This will cost £7.50 including the coach (much cheaper than an adult and child ticket) - we will all dress up as our favourite Roald Dahl character and there will be a book token prize for the winner in each school. So get reading as many Roald Dahl books as you can over the summer and be inspired and excited by his genius!!

ATTENDANCE

Well done to all those children who gained the 100% attendance gold certificates. Attendance is so important to your child – see attendance matters information on our website.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

May I use this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support and to wish you a lovely summer break with your children. We bid farewell to our fantastic year 6 as they go off to new horizons and send them and their families off with all our love and well wishes. Year 6 you have been superb and we will never forget you!

Mrs Pearson