



Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

4th - Bonfire at Barnston
8th - Open Assembly 9.10 am
9th Flu jab Y1-Y4
15th F2 PSED Workshop 8.50am -10.30am
16th - competitive sports day - come in sports clothes all day
17th Children in Need Day
19th World Toilet Day (Eco Council) Bake sale and assembly
28th Conservation Society 7pm

December

1st - Open Assembly 9.10 am
1st - Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm
4th - F2-Y2 Play dress rehearsal pm
5th - 1.45 Christmas play - 1M, 2J, 2D (ticket only) and
6th same time - 1L, 2WH, 2W (ticket only)
7th - pre-school play dress rehearsal 10 am
8th - pre-school play 10 am in the hall
8th - Christmas lunch for children
19th - Dress rehearsal Y3-6 at 9.30 am
19th - Xmas Play Y3-6 at 6.30 pm (by ticket only)
20th - Xmas Play 1.45 and 6.30 pm Y3-6 (ticket only)
15th - Christmas party - come in party clothes
15th - Y6 Fancy dress 1.30pm (Y6 parents only)
Christmas holiday 22nd to 8th January 2018 inclusive.
Children back in on the 9th January 2018

SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2017

What a fantastic time we had - please look at the pictures on the website, twitter and also an album in the school entrance from next week onwards.



The first phase of the 50th anniversary bricks has been completed and the bricks will be hopefully down before the end of term.

Children enjoyed working with artist Faith Bebbington on 50th Anniversary art before half term – come and view the finished masterpiece in the school entrance.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A display has been placed in the entrance by Miss Nichols with examples of how to make up the boxes and wrap them – please join in and create the best Christmas present ever for children who otherwise would not get a Christmas.

PARENT READING WORKSHOP KS2 – 30TH OCTOBER

Thank you to all those KS2 parents who attended the workshop. Reading is so important to a child's development as it is needed across all areas. We need you to support your child in reading as children should read at least 4 times a week and need adult input in order to comprehend what they are reading. All the reading materials will be e-mailed out to parents and placed on the website.

A new homework reading scheme has been purchased for Y1-6 in order to help parents question their child appropriately in comprehension skills once a week – more information will be sent out with the launch of the scheme.

KS2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

This year we are keeping the traditional play for pre-school and KS1 and KS2 are still putting on a feature length performance at the times stated on the calendar, but this will focus more on different Christmas themes from each class, in order that classes can work on their performance in the afternoons. This will then be put together as a 6 class performance, interlinked with songs and music, meaning that each of the 6 classes can have 10-15 minutes on stage allowing more individuals across KS2 to demonstrate their talents. We hope you will support us in this change.

LION, WITCH AND THE WARDROBE – ANTI -BULLYING PERFORMANCE

Last half term the whole school enjoyed M & M Productions performing the above and the workshop that followed on anti-bullying. Follow up assemblies and circle times continue to address anti-bullying and this half term the children will be looking at the Wirral Anti-bullying charter, what it means to our school and then making the decision to sign the charter. **We have had very few incidents of bullying over the last 5 years, but if you are worried about anything regarding your child then please see your child's class teacher straight away.**



PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRE

The whole school has just completed our latest pupil questionnaire and the responses are very positive. A full analysis of the questionnaire will be sent out to parents in due course. Some of the comments were:

'Do you enjoy school?.....

F2 - 'Yes because it is fun and I learn a lot', Y5 – Yes I get to see my friends and I like to learn new things, Y2 – 'Yes I like all of it.'

Do you feel safe in school?.....

F2 - 'Yes because the teachers look after me', Y6 – 'I feel safe as you have a lot of adults to protect you,' Y5 - 'Yes I do feel safe as the teachers are always there', Y3 - 'Yes as there is somebody on the big gate.' Y4 - 'I feel safe in school because it has high security.'

Who would you go to if you were feeling sad?.....

All pupils named members of staff, parents and friends that they would feel secure talking to and who they would tell if anything was wrong.

What would you do if you saw someone being bullied?.....

F2 'Say stop, tell the teacher or a buddie.' Y2 – 'Help them out and tell the person it is not right and they need to stop, then tell a teacher,' Y4 – 'I would go up to them and say stop it and if they don't listen I will tell a teacher,' Y5 – 'I would go and tell an adult,' Y6 – 'Tell a teacher and stand up for them so they feel better.'

Mrs Pearson

