



Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2015

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2015

- 23rd – a.m. Anti-bullying performance whole school and workshop after Y5/6
- 24th – 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
- 29th – F2 settling in meeting for parents 6pm (classrooms)

October

- 1st & 7th – at 9.30 a.m. New intake show around for 2016/17 – book in at school office 342 5229
- 8th – Open Assembly – all welcome 9.10 am
- 8th – National Poetry Day – bring your favourite poem
- 9th – Art Day – wear suitable clothes
- 12th – Scholastics book fair all week in the entrance hall 3.30 onwards
- 14th – Conservation Society in hall 7 p.m.
- 14th & 15th – Parents' Evening to see your child's progress 4-7 p.m. – crèche in the hall
- 23rd – Barnston's Got Talent for X-mas Fair – wear own clothes
- 26th - 2nd Nov – Half term

November

- 2nd – INSET – **children not in school**
- 3rd – children back in
- 7th – Bonfire at Barnston (look out for PA info on orange paper)
- 9th – Open Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- 25th – Competitive Sports Day – come in sports clothes all day
- 25th – Conservation Society 7 p.m. in the hall



DATES AND POLICIES ON THE WEBSITE

Please keep checking the calendar on the website weekly, as events are added. Any text prompts will be just before an event as a final reminder. Dates will also be added to newsletters as previously requested by the Parent Council.

FRENCH IN RECEPTION AND YEAR 1/2

Spanish is taught in KS2. Miss Plant, a language specialist, will be introducing some basic French to the reception classes and Mrs Baker our KS1/2 specialist to the Y1/2 classes on Thursday afternoon. This is to give our children confidence in speaking languages, so that by year 3, they will already have had a taster before the more formal structure of languages commences. Japanese club continues to be available after school.

WORLD DEMOCRACY WEEK

Many Y5/6 pupils led an assembly with posters, bill boards and power points to emphasise to the younger children the importance of democracy and how in some countries people were not given the opportunity to have their say. This was followed by a demonstration of democracy the next day with House and Vice- Captain speeches and the whole school voting Year 6 pupils into the positions. Well done Y5/6 – your research on world democracy was very impressive!

OPEN ASSEMBLIES

All parents are welcome as it is an opportunity to see the many achievements of our children (place any certificates etc. on the stage with the child's name and a labelled explanation) and celebrate birthdays each month.

ANTI-BULLYING PERFORMANCE 23/9/15

We aim to promote acceptance, care and consideration throughout the school year and this whole school performance will prompt class discussion throughout the week in circle times, providing children with the opportunity to be reminded of our school expectations throughout the academic year.

PARENT COUNCIL – 21st SEPTEMBER 6PM

We need you to be involved in our school, so that we can work effectively together on behalf of our children. Come along to the AGM in the hall at 6pm.



CHILD PROTECTION/ PREVENT DUTY

Many of you may have heard in the news this summer about the government's Prevent Strategy to counteract extremism and radicalisation (see pamphlet e-mailed out to explain in more detail). The government have issued a statutory Prevent Duty to schools from September 2015 and as a school we have responded to this duty. Please contact the school immediately if you have any child protection concerns relating to Prevent or other area of safe-guarding. As the designated safe-guarding and Prevent lead, all concerns should come directly to me. If I am off-site, then please contact Mr Dixon as the lead in my absence.

Yours sincerely,

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