



# Barnston Primary School

'a health promoting school'

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

## SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that the 2016/17 dates are on the website with INSET days clearly marked on the home page calendar. 2017/18 and 2018/19 dates are in **'term dates'**, **not on the calendar**, so you can plan ahead.

### September 2016

28<sup>th</sup> Sept individual photographs in the morning from 9 a.m. F2 first through to Y6

### October

3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 a.m. New intake show around for 2017/18 – book in at school office 342 5229

4<sup>th</sup> – Maths KS1 Parent workshop 6pm

5<sup>th</sup> – Open Assembly – all welcome 9.10 am

7<sup>th</sup> – Y 3/4 photographs (on a trip 28<sup>th</sup>)

10<sup>th</sup> – Scholastics book fair all week in the entrance hall 3.30 onwards

11<sup>th</sup> – Writing Parent workshop KS1 6pm

14<sup>th</sup> October Art Day – wear suitable clothes

12<sup>th</sup> Conservation Society in hall 7pm

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October Parents' Evening to see your child's progress and books 4-7pm – crèche in the hall

21<sup>st</sup> – Barnston's Got Talent – wear own clothes

Half term 21<sup>st</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> Oct

**31<sup>st</sup> Oct – staff and children back in**

### November

5<sup>th</sup> - Bonfire at Barnston (look out for PA info on orange/blue paper)

8<sup>th</sup> – Open Assembly 9.10 am

9<sup>th</sup> Y6 WW2 trip

9<sup>th</sup> Flu jab Y1, 2, 3 (parental permission gained by NHS)

16<sup>th</sup> – competitive sports day – come in sports clothes all day

### ROALD DAHL DAY

Thank you all for dressing your children up fabulously on this day. H C was the overall winner picked out by the cinema staff. The children and staff all enjoyed the trip out and many pupils told me they had enjoyed reading and watching many Roald Dahl stories.



## **BARNSTON TWITTER**

If you look at the website you will see that we have started tweeting. Keep looking out from October onwards for tweets from the class teachers during the working day. I'm sure parents will love seeing their children looking so happy and working so hard. Many thanks to Laura Higginbottom for setting this up and to Jon Woods for training the staff.

## **LETTER FROM THE QUEEN**

Yes the queen replied to our children's lovely letters wishing her happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (well her lady-in-waiting did!). Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the letter and card - C B was the overall winner of the letters to the queen, well done! Also a big well done to everyone who joined in and wrote to the queen – commemorative mugs were handed out as prizes.

## **CLARE HOUSE ASSEMBLY**

The children often choose Clare house as a charity they wish to raise money for, therefore Miss Nichols has arranged a special assembly taken by them on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Some of the older children will then be holding a cake stall on the 30<sup>th</sup> September in order to raise money for the charity. **Please send your child in with money on this day – a reminder will be texted out on Thursday.**

## **DEFIBRILLATOR IN SCHOOL ENTRANCE**

Staff have just had up-dated training to use the defibrillator. Could you all please pass the word around the local community that the school has a defibrillator, so that if anyone nearby gets into difficulty they know to come to the school – it may save a life! We will advertise this on the website and in the local shops.

## **ECO CLUB ARE PLANTING**

The club are planting outside the main entrance next week - spring, summer bulbs and bedding plants for the autumn and winter. They have been also working very hard on recycling and had a visit from the local authority last week to provide further efficiency hints. Thanks to Mr Pipe for leading on this.

## **EQUALITY AWARD**

We are working very hard to gain this award and the final International School's award. Miss Nichols is leading in this area and involving all the pupils, with the older children taking a lead in assemblies, playground surveys and pupil voice.

## **PARKING PLEA**

Parents and neighbours remain upset regarding parking across drives and dangerous parking that endangers our pupils' lives. **WE APPRECIATE THAT PARENTS ARE BUSY AND TIME IS SHORT – BUT IT IS NOT WORTH A LIFE BEING LOST. PLEASE TAKE CARE AND HAVE CONSIDERATION.**

## **2016 SATS RESULTS**

There have been minor adjustments from re marks and these are on the website for you to view. The school will be holding assessment meetings this term in order that parents may further understand assessment without levels, based on the new government expectations and the new 11+ assessment format introduced this September by the Local Authority.

Mrs Pearson

