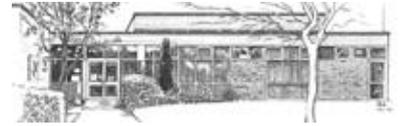




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Dear Parent(s),

NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY BONFIRE NIGHT

Many thanks to **the entire PA**, led by Natalie Park and Andy Nolan, who worked so tirelessly once again to make this community event so successful. It was a fantastic family night and £1000 more than last year was made to benefit our pupils. One neighbour visited school on Monday and donated £10 saying that he had seen the most wonderful display from his garden and he felt he should contribute!

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Hill has had her baby – baby Beatrice was born recently and we send our love and congratulations to her and Mr Hill!

Mrs Platt has decided to retire at Christmas after 20 years of providing assistance, love and support to all the children and other members of staff. The governors and I thank her for all she has contributed over the years to the school and wish her all the very best in her retirement.

In addition, Mr Swindles has also made the decision to leave Barnston after 12 years of dedication and commitment to the school and our love and very best wishes go with him in the future. If you wish to express your thanks to Mr Swindles, please send items into the school office.

Mrs Noakes our teacher in 1M on a Friday from September, has left Barnston to take on a full time job at St George's Primary and we wish her all the best in her new role. Ms Mallon has now committed to replacing Mrs Noakes, after a few weeks of liaison with Mrs McElhinney and we welcome her and her very high standards, into the Barnston team.

COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING 3/12/14 – MEET AT SCHOOL 6.30-7.30PM

Come and join the choir and brass students in presenting traditional carols in the community. We will sing on the green, outside the shops on the green and then walk to the Clegg to sing to customers there. A letter will go out to those involved, but all are welcome.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you all for getting behind the day and supporting Children in Need. We raised over £1000 (some sponsorship still coming in) and all the children enjoyed sharing in the special assembly. Many thanks to Miss Nichols for organising the sponsor event and assembly and to Mrs Ashworth for organising the sale of Pudsey memorabilia and his visit.

Y1/2 READING EVENING 18/11/14

Thank you to all those parents who gave up their evening to come to this. Parents I have spoken to said it was very informative and the resources were fantastic. If you couldn't make the meeting, information will be e-mailed out to you. Many thanks to Mr Dixon for organising this and for the KS 1 teams' input.

Mr Dixon is organising a number of reading challenges throughout the year – thank you to all those who got involved with the 'read to your pet and send photographs in'. The photographs have been displayed in the library if parents wish to see how successful the challenge was.

COMPETITIVE SPORTS DAY 26/11/14

The children absolutely love the sporting events and the competition involved in the sports days (they should come in sports gear all day). In the summer term parents will be invited to a KS1 and a KS2 competitive sports day.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Please check the website calendar for dates and timings. The children have started the music for the productions, incorporating all the elements of music into the sessions of singing.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 12/11/14

This will be available to all children free of charge in F2 and KS 1 and letters will be sent out to KS 2 to make it available to all at a cost of £2.30. Please note that it is a full Christmas lunch with turkey and all the trimmings and that gravy will be optional.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S J Pearson

