



Barnston Primary School



'a health promoting school'

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NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2014

OCTOBER DATES (Please transfer to your calendars - whole year on the website)

1st & 7th - New intake for 2015/16 show around at 9.30 a.m.
8th - Open Assembly - all welcome for birthdays in October and any certificates awarded at 9.10
10th October Art Day - **wear own clothes suitable for art work**
13th - Scholastics book fair all week in the entrance hall 3.30 onwards
14th - Conservation Society in hall 7pm
15th & 16th - October Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm (**letters for appointment times have gone out**)
22nd - Parent Council 6pm in hall and PA meeting 7pm in the Glegg Arms
23rd - Barnston's Got Talent to see who will perform in the X-mas Fair - **non-uniform all day - donate £1 for Claire House**
24th INSET - **children not in**
Half term 27th-31st

NOVEMBER DATES

8th - Bonfire at Barnston (look out for PA info on blue or orange paper)
10th - Open Assembly 9.10 am
26th - competitive sports day – come dressed in own sports clothes all day
26th - Conservation Society 7pm

OPEN ASSEMBLIES

These are on the school calendar on the website and VLE – all parents are welcome if it is your child's birthday that month, or to see your children receive any awards that they have gained outside of school (place them on the stage first thing with a note if an explanation is needed)



ENTERPRISE & SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL AND MORAL ASPECTS OF LEARNING

The 2 above are our school drivers in the curriculum and we will be giving parents regular updates. We are very proud of our children and how enterprising they are! Last week a group of Year 6 children led by a named pupil prepared an Anti-Bullying assembly full of dance, posters, drama and a speech by a named pupil. In addition, a named pupil has set up an Animal Rights Club and prepared an assembly with power point and posters for the whole school to inspire them. A named pupil leads a team of Year 6s who develop the display boards in the main corridor reflecting Social, Spiritual and Moral issues in order to inform others and a named pupil and another named pupil (all named in parents' copy and VLE copy) lead dance clubs for younger children. WELL DONE EVERYONE.

FORMER PUPIL REACHES THE TOP

A former Barnston pupil (named in parent version) has been appointed Head of House at his High School (named in parent version) and we and his family are very proud of this achievement! Well done.

CHILDREN'S BOOK APPEAL

Mr Dixon is leading on developing a library area using Scholastics funds and School Budget and has bought a good stock. However, to improve it further, we are appealing for any books in good condition that your children don't read anymore (letter from Mr Dixon coming out soon with details). We want to create a library that is available to children throughout the day and at lunch and break times, not just lesson times, to inspire the love of free reading.

PARENTS' EVENINGS & CHILDREN'S TARGETS/NEXT STEPS

As informed in previous newsletters (April last mentioned), **the Old National Curriculum Levels no longer apply in Y1, Y3/4 and Y5. The teachers, therefore, will be reporting at Parents' Evening regarding 'Next Steps' that your children are working on in Reading, Writing and Mathematics** and how well you child is working within these. Each child (not Y2 and Y6 as they are still on the Old Curriculum this year and will have levelled targets) **will have a Next Steps Booklet, which will be shared with parents.** The next steps are based on the programmes of study from the New National Curriculum September 2014. Schools across the country have been asked by the government to develop their own assessment system, as they have not produced a National System for Assessment. **This is, therefore, work in progress and may be modified throughout this first academic year**, as we strive to make sure that it is a system that is effective and continues to have an impact on children's learning, whilst informing parents appropriately of their child's progress each term (final term will be included in the children's final reports).



NEW SEN(D) CODE OF PRACTICE SEPTEMBER 2014

This code removes School Action and School Action Plus from schools and Individual Education Plans, therefore, if your child has any specific educational needs and targets, picked up by the school or through liaison with parents, **that cannot be differentiated and taught within class to the New National Curriculum**, Personal Target Plans will be written by your child's teacher and shared at Parents' Evening with a copy given to parents (as we did in the last system).

Please note that Mrs Hill, as our SENDco is out on maternity leave, therefore I will be taking on the role in her absence. Please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any concerns or worries. **All our SEN information has been re-written and up-dated on the website** to comply with the new code of practice.

Thank you for all your support so far this term, particular thanks to the PA for the time given at the New Parents' Coffee morning held this week.

S J Pearson

