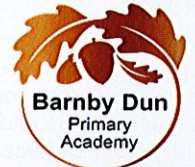


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NEWSLETTER - Summer Term 2019 - First Half

Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed a great Easter break and the beautiful weather!

Fundraising A big thank you for your kind donations of Easter treats for our raffle. Thanks to your generous support we raised £256. The children had great fun doing their 'Bunny Hop for Bluebell Wood' and buying the Easter novelties. We raised a wonderful £802 for this fantastic charity.

Healthy Learning, Healthy Lives Award

At Barnby Dun we believe that it is important that we give all children the best start in life and do everything we can to support their health and wellbeing. How well we do this will affect how they learn, develop and prosper. In 2018 a new accreditation for education settings was launched to replace the previous Healthy Schools' Award, which as a school we held for several years. The new Healthy Learning, Healthy Lives Award provides a framework to ensure that learning environments support health and wellbeing. The Award is divided into four sections: Healthy Eating, Physical Development, PSHE and Emotional Health and Wellbeing. Each section has a tight criteria a school must meet in order to become an accredited school. Over the past year we have been working hard building on our existing good practice to meet the Award criteria in each area. I am delighted to inform you that in April we successfully achieved the Award and became a Healthy Learning, Healthy Lives accredited school. The accrediting team commented on the very high standard of the application which showed the commitment of the whole school to support health and wellbeing. We are the ninth school in Doncaster to achieve the award. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Croft for leading this project over the past two years and supporting all staff in working towards successfully achieving this award.

Doncaster SHINES Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Awards

During the spring term we were very surprised and delighted to discover we had been nominated by a member of the Healthy Learning, Healthy Lives team for one of the Doncaster SHINES Children and Young People's health and wellbeing awards. In total there were over 70 nominations across the ten award categories, which were shortlisted down to just three nominations for each award before going to an external panel to select the winner. We were overwhelmed to win the award for the schools' category. Our school was nominated for its work and commitment to being an eco-school. We are very lucky as a school to have a wonderful site manager, Mr Harrison, who runs our gardening clubs and has been key in the development of our eco-school projects. Miss Metcalfe has also worked really hard this year with her Eco-committee on a number of Eco-projects. Please see the school website for the full nomination statement.

Visit from Rosie Winterton MP

We recently enjoyed a visit from our local MP, Rosie Winterton. She had a tour of the school and classrooms, met all the children and spoke with myself and Miss May about some of the challenges of school leadership and increasing pressures on school budgets.

There is a lovely photo on our website front page of her with some of Mrs Jevons' Owls.

School Uniform The children always look super smart in their uniforms and we are very grateful that parents support our policy. Hopefully we will be enjoying some warmer weather and therefore a few polite reminders:

- Leggings, cycling shorts and 3/4 tracksuit bottoms are not considered appropriate for school.
- Flip flops, wedges or sandals with heels are not safe footwear and shouldn't be worn please.
- Nail varnish is not permitted.
- Girls' sandals should be an appropriate colour to complement their uniform. I know black sandals are very hard to find, so white or pale pink would be a suitable alternative.
- Children should have a sun hat or cap on the warmest days.
- Children have NEVER been permitted to wear trainers inside school. Shoes should be worn unless there are medical reasons agreed with myself. **If children are wearing trainers, they will be given a pair of black plimsolls to change into. This is not a new policy but one that some people are forgetting- especially year 6!**

Thank you for your continued support.

Star Pupils

'Snuggles' and 'Bernard', our Barnby Dun bears, continue to be popular features of our Monday Special Mentions assembly. They are given to one boy and one girl who have stood out for their special effort, achievement or attitude that week.

Our recent star pupils have been: Kian J, Zach N, Ben J, Coen J, Jake P, Franklin H, Gracie P, Georgia H, Chloe P, Lydia M, Bella G and Charlotte E.

These children set a wonderful example to others. Well done everyone, we are very proud of you!

PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER It is that time of year again when I start planning staffing and new classes for September. As always, we will start with friendship groups, also taking into account teachers' knowledge and observations of the children. If parents have any thoughts they wish to share with me regarding classes for September please catch me first thing in a morning or give me a quick ring/message via the school email, as soon as possible. I am more than happy to discuss your thoughts with you. I would like to make clear however that whilst parents' opinions will be taken into consideration, at times it is not possible to keep certain children 'apart'. Children have to accept that all friendships have ups and downs and they will not necessarily get on fantastically well with everyone all of the time!

Once new classes have been finalised these will not be altered upon parental request. Thankyou for your support.

Mornings

Thank you for ensuring your children continue to arrive promptly for the start of the school day. We open our doors 15 minutes early each morning to try and ease the pressure a little and give you the flexibility of dropping children off between 8.30am and 8.45am. We politely ask all parents and child minders to:

- Please keep pre-school children with you and do not allow them to 'room' into other classrooms or around the site.
- Ensure that the pirate ship and tyres are not used by children as they are arriving.
- All KS2 children must enter their classroom independently and get organised themselves for the school day. Parents should not enter these classrooms. Staff in KS1 are also encouraging their children/parents to do the same.
- If you wish to see your child's teacher, please arrange a time after school. Teachers cannot leave the children unattended as they are arriving to have a private conversation with a parent. If you wish myself or a member of the office staff to pass on a message to contact you, we will happily do so.
- In order to adhere with safeguarding requirements, all parents/carers must ensure that they leave by the 8.45am bell when the gate will then be locked. Parents are not permitted to walk through school and exit via the main security door.

Absence during term time

Parents are regularly reminded that it is against the law to keep your child off school without authorisation. Authorisation for absence is only given if the school agrees the reason given is valid. Authorisation will not be given for very minor illness and certainly not if there is reasonable belief that the reason given is not genuine. Doing so will result in you receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from Doncaster Magistrates' court.

Taking an unauthorised leave of absence for a holiday will also mean from that point I will be unable to authorise any future absences for your child during the remainder of the school year for any reason at all.

Low attendance and/or unauthorised absences can result in the involvement of the Attendance and Pupil Welfare service and ultimately can lead to prosecution for failing to ensure your child attends school regularly, under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

Kindest regards Miss C.E. Robinson Headteacher

Leave of Absence Parents are strongly urged not to make any plans with regards leave of absence prior to discussion with myself. I will happily make time to discuss this with you over the phone/in person. All parents should make requests at least six weeks in advance. Unfortunately, given the amount of paperwork and time it takes to process an application, I cannot do this at short notice. Thank you for your co-operation.

Term card design I recently set the children the challenge of designing the picture for our school term cards. Many children have entered the competition with creative and beautifully designed pictures. We eventually chose a very worthy winner- Jocelyn from the Year 5 Koalas.

Term cards will be sent out later in the summer term.

Kate Greenaway Literacy Project

We are once again participating in this very worthwhile project with Hungerhill school students and our Year 3 Armadillos. We are sure, as in previous years, it will prove successful in inspiring children to read for pleasure. Again, the project will involve a trip to Hatfield Library and a cheerleading event at Hungerhill. Parents will get the opportunity to see some of the children's work as part of the celebration.

Diary Dates

Monday 6th May—School closed for May Day bank holiday.

Week beginning 13th May - National Sats tests for year 6 children.

We break for half term on Friday 24th May and staff and pupils return on Monday 3rd June.

Wednesday 5th June—Reception trip to Butterfly House.

Thursday 6th June—class photos.

Tuesday 11th June—Countryside Day at Harrogate.

School is closed on Friday 14th June for teacher training.

Monday 17th June—KS1 trip to Conisborough Castle.

Monday 17th June—KS2 sports day at 1.30pm.

Tuesday 18th June—Koalas and Kangaroos' trip to Bradford.

Tuesday 18th, Wed 19th and Thurs 20th June—Year 6 Transition days to Hungerhill.

Wednesday 19th June—Reception/KS1 sports day at 1.30pm.

Thursday 27th June 5.30pm—meeting for new Reception parents.

Monday 8th July 9.30am- KS2 performance for grandparents.

Tuesday 9th July 6.00pm—KS2 performance for parents.

Wednesday 10th July 9.30am—KS2 performance for parents.

Thursday 11th July 6.00pm—KS2 performance for parents.

Tuesday 16th July—class swap day. A full day with new teachers and teaching assistants and an opportunity for parents to meet them after school.

Thursday 18th July—Years 5 and 6 trip to Lyceum theatre.

School closes on Friday 19th July and re-opens for children on **TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER.**

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