



BARBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL

READING CHALLENGE

All children are invited to take part in our reading challenge! We would like to see photos of them reading in the most unusual places possible. Photos can be brought in or emailed to admin@barby.northants.sch.uk by Thursday 24th October.

LIFE EDUCATION BUS

All children have spent time today on the Life Education Bus where they have explored the importance of kindness, discussed friendships and talked about who to talk to if they feel unhappy or worried. KS1 met Harold the Giraffe & his friends and enjoyed interacting with visual learning resources, videos & songs. KS2 discussed the body & how it works, friendships & their influence and how choices & behaviours can affect dreams & aspirations. The positive feedback from the children shows what an incredibly worthwhile visit this is!

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

I would like to remind parents that taking holidays in term time is not an authorised absence. All holidays taken in term time are reported to the Local Authority and penalty notices are issued by them. More importantly, the time your child misses at school creates gaps in their learning which means they then have to work at a faster pace to fill them when they return. Please consider this when you are taking decisions about your family holidays.

SQUIRRELS SUPER HERO DAY

On Wednesday 23rd October children in Squirrels class are invited to dress up as a 'hero' for the day. This could be a Superhero, a heroic figure or a real life hero from our services such as the police or fire service.

MORNING DROP OFF

Now that children are settled, could we please ask that children in KS1 & KS2 say goodbye to parents at the classroom door before entering the school independently. We are keen to encourage children to build their independence and put away their own belongings. This should also help us to ensure the school day begins smoothly. At the end of the school day could we also ask that parents do not walk through the main school building. This is to ensure we are following safeguarding regulations. If you need to speak to the school office however, please enter by main reception.

KS1 NATIVITY

We have changed the evening performance of the KS1 Nativity from 11th December to 12th December. This is due to the Santa Run taking place in Barby the 11th.

- Thurs 24th Oct School Closes for Half Term
- Tues 12th Nov Parents evening 3.30-7pm
- Thurs 14th Nov Parents evening 3.30-5pm
- Mon 25th Nov Bikeability Year 5 & 6
- Mon 25th Nov Flu Immunisations Year R-6
- Mon 9th Dec Scholastic Book Fair in School
- Tues 10th Dec KS1 Nativity 9.30am & 1.45pm
- Weds 11th Dec Children's Christmas Lunch
- Weds 11th Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- Thurs 12th Dec KS1 Nativity 6pm
- Mon 16th Dec Pantomime in School
- Fri 20th Dec School Closes for Christmas

COMMUNITY GOVERNOR

Our school is part of Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (the Trust) and the Trust has just recently completed a comprehensive review of governance. Consequently we are now in a position where we would like to recruit a Community governor and a parent governor to join our Academy Governance Committee. In order to find out what the role entails, please click on the link to the document entitled 'The Role of the Academy Governance Committee'. <https://www.pdet.org.uk/userfiles/files/Governors%20handbook/New%20Governance%20docs/Role%20of%20the%20AGC.pdf>

Community governors reside in the general vicinity of the academy or have active links with the local community and/or church; have suitable skills and background and are appointed by the Directors of the Trust, acting through the Trust Governance Committee.

Parent governors are elected and we will be sending out a letter with all the information in this respect.

Being a governor is an incredibly worthwhile and rewarding experience and we do hope that you will consider applying in order to support our school.

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

Pitsford are the winners of our house points this half term and will therefore have non uniform day on Thursday 24th October. Well done Pitsford!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars Of The week this week
Niamh in Squirrels, Bella in Foxes, Isabel in Badgers & Owen in Oaks