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Barnby Dun Primary Academy NEWSLETTER



Spring Term 2015- Second Half

Welcome back!
We hope you have had an enjoyable half term break.

Staffing update—exciting news!

Congratulations to Miss Goodall (Year 5 Dinosaurs) who got married on St Valentine's Day and has become Mrs Ronan. Congratulations also to Mrs Pedder (Assistant Head/Year2 Owls) and Mrs Johnson (Teaching Assistant in Year 3 Squirrels) who are both expecting babies. We are looking forward to welcoming back Miss Connor after Easter who taught here before leaving us to travel around Australia.

Anti-bullying Charter Mark

Like many Doncaster schools, we are working towards meeting the standards to be awarded the Local Authority's Anti-Bullying Charter Mark.

On Tuesday 27th January, seven children visited Edenthorpe Hall to participate in some 'peer mentoring' training. The children learnt all about how to manage negative situations on the playground and the impact a good peer mentor can have. As always, the children we took with us set a great example for the school. These children were: Amber Elworthy, Ella Smith, Olivia Jackson, Ben Saxton, Oscar Trowbridge, Alice Wilkinson-Leigh and Thomas Brookes. Their task over the coming weeks will be to feedback to the other playground leaders.

Our anti-bullying ambassadors have been working hard to establish themselves and their roles within school. We have now assigned ambassadors to Key Stage Two classes and they are using their social and empathy skills to support children with any issues in the playground.

On a similar note, thank you for your positive comments about Safer Internet Day. Year 1—6 took part in age-appropriate activities based around this year's theme—'Let's create a better Internet together'. We are glad you felt this was worthwhile.

Clubs

Please could we politely remind parents/carers collecting children from after-school clubs to be on time. We know sometimes traffic can be unpredictable but it is unfair on staff who have their own family commitments and work to do in the evenings, if the same parents are regularly 15+ minutes late. Thankyou for your co-operation.

Star Pupils

Congratulations to the following children who have recently been chosen as Headteacher's Star Pupil of the Week. They were presented with a special certificate in assembly and looked after one of our Barnby Dun bears for that week. A very well done to: Abbigail Parry, Amii Pegrum, Emily Bairstow, Ashlea Rawlings, Olivia Jackson, Maddi Nixon, Harris Hayter, Thomas Atkins, Jack Vincent, Thomas Brookes, Morgan Green and Adam Walker. Well done, we are proud of you!

Attendance

Thank you very much for ensuring your child is here by 8.45am, ready to learn and start each new school day.

Thanks also for adhering to our procedures if your child is unable to attend school. Parents/carers should report their child's absence by telephone, answerphone message, or in person at the school office preferably by 8.45am, but definitely by 9.15am at the latest. A full explanation of why they are absent is required so it can be recorded in our book. An authorised absence cannot be given if a child is a 'little unwell' or if a sibling or another child's parent comes and tells us they are not here. If your child is away for more than one day, it is essential that you contact us each morning to update us, so a decision can be made if the absence can be authorised. If a child has been off for three days and we haven't had a conversation directly with parents, our procedure is to ring home and ask for an update and an indication of when they will return. **Absences in excess of three days will only be authorised if children have been to the doctors and have been prescribed medication.** Thank you for your co-operation.

Sporting News

It has been a busy half term for competitions this term! Our year 5 Netball team were successful at a recent competition - thank you to Becky Oliver, Thomas Atkins, Abbie Stanbridge, Sam Shipley, Luke Manson, Josh Julian, Olivia Jones, Emily Wedell, Lucy Rawson and Bethany Dixon. A mixture of year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed an afternoon of athletics at Hungerhill, well done to Sam Shipley, Luke Manson, Roman Gladwin, Thomas Atkins, Ella Holliday, Kelsey Brooks, Grace Beesley, Becky Oliver, Abigail Stanbridge, Holly Barron, Maddie Barron, Ellie-Mai Johnson and Molly Worsfold. We are very proud of our year 6 boys football team who came 2nd out of 24 teams at the Doncaster Rovers Football tournament. A huge well done to Lewis Drury, Luke Anderson, Luke Frisby, Kyle Frisby, Kyle Richards, Tom Rich, George Edwards, Jack Batty. Key Stage One also participated in a multi skills tournament. Well done to (Year 1) Jude O'Sullivan, Monica Dias, Eva Dudley, Jessica Sharpe, Emily Cheetham, Imogen Stokoe, Mackenzie Carroll, Pippa Reddish, Ben Gibson, Mallika Pasik-Davies, (Year 2) Isabella Goodchild, Ruby Hancock, Luke Atkins, Evan Warrener, Max Green, Sam Croft, Harry Beaglehole, Oliver Bull, Oscar Smith and Riley Trowbridge.

Thank you to the parents for your support and help with transporting the children to and from all the different venues. Thanks also to Miss Jones and Mrs Bailey, our PE leaders.

Easter Service

Our KS2 Easter Service will take place in church with Reverend Dee, on Thursday 26th March at **10.45am**. We hope you can join us. Any parents willing to walk with us to church and help supervise the children would be welcome. Please see class teachers.

End of the school day

I became concerned at the end of last half term about a number of children running up the grass banks, along the walls and near the car park at the end of the school day. Over half term we were contacted by a local parent whose eighteen-month old daughter was knocked over outside the Spar by one of our children running past, one day after school. I have spoken to the children today about behaving sensibly as they leave school and make their way home and staying close to the adult who is with them.

Kind regards,
Miss C.E. Robinson. Head Teacher.

Vouchers

We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers and used postage stamps for Kidney Research. There are collection boxes near the office/main entrance. In the past we have received some wonderful equipment in exchange for these vouchers, so your support again would be very much appreciated.

Top Attendance!

The class with the highest attendance for the half term were Year 5 Monkeys, for the second time this year, with an amazing 99.6%. As always it was a very closely-fought battle to be the best.

'Arnold the Attendance Alligator' held his raffle for those children who had 100% attendance for the six week half term. Lucky winners of the £20 Toys r Us vouchers were Max Garbutt and Harry Beaglehole, with several other children winning chocolate treats. Well done everybody!

Sponsored Penalty shoot-out

Our school council sponsored penalty shoot out was a great success! Thank you to those of you who took part and to Mrs McCaw and school council for organising this. We have raised a wonderful £345.50 so far for new books in school. Please could any remaining sponsor money be brought into school by the end of next week, 6th March. Thank you for your support.

Individual winners of the shoot-out were: Harris Hayter, Kyle Frisby and Isabella Moran. DRFC signed footballs were won in the raffle by Luke Atkins and Brynley Sims and signed shirts were won by Jensen Duke and Tomas Saul.

THE BEAK

Please check the notice board at the front of school for information about forthcoming events at the BEAK Children's Centre.

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