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# Barnby Dun Primary Academy NEWSLETTER



Spring Term 2017- Second Half

**Welcome back!**

**We hope you have had an enjoyable half term break. Let's hope some lovely spring sunshine is coming our way soon.**

## **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

Thanks to the many family members who have joined us for our recent class assemblies. They have been great fun! We have appreciated your support and the children have certainly done you proud. The Year 4 Leopards are looking forward to their assembly this week (2nd March), Our Reception Butterflies and Bluebirds will do their class assemblies in June, we will give you plenty of notice when a date is set.

## **Special Mention**

I would like to thank a group of our year 6 pupils: Niall Scholey, Sophia O'Sullivan, Ben Munro and Jayden Waite who, along with Mr Harrison, made a successful bid to secure funding from Ikea for an Eco-project we are planning. They pitched their idea against other Doncaster schools and we are thrilled to have been chosen as winners. They really did a fabulous job. With this funding, we will be developing a new pond area in Barnbywoods for all children to enjoy.

## **'Learning Powers'**

We have recently launched our four Learning Powers with the children and held a competition to design superhero characters to embody these essential skills/qualities. Our very worthy winners are:

Resilient Rick—Daniel McNaught

Independent Imogen-Caitlin Burton-Miller & Bella Yates

Collaborative Chloe-Grace Brooks

Evaluative Eric-Dannyel Ticala

Look out for our superheroes in all classrooms and around school!

## **3.30pm collection**

This half term is another extremely busy one with all teachers being involved in after-school Sats booster classes for our oldest children. It is imperative that Reception to Year 5 children are collected promptly at the end of the day from their classes so teachers can get to where they need to be, without delay.

If parents are going to be late/held up unexpectedly, we would appreciate a phone call so office staff can gather your children and wait with them for you to arrive. Please be aware that the office staff leave at 3.45pm. Thank you 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: Sam Croft, Charlie Hall, Lexie-Belle Redfern, Leon Perigo, Luca Palmer, Alfie Reed, Ashton Gracey, Owen Oldfield, Oliver Bull, Tyler Twynham, Josh Sleath, Tommy Plevy, Lewis Thaxton, Evie Sleath, Monica Dias, Abbie Smith, Skye Hunt, Connie Richardson, Maddison Randle, Natasha Kozlowski, Robyn Jackson and Charlotte Lyall.

Well done, we are very 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. Punctuality is vitally important as it sets the tone for the rest of the day's learning.

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 just a 'little unwell' or if a sibling or another child's parent comes and tells us they are absent. 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. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Sporting News

There have not been any competitions recently, however, the children still continue to enjoy their afternoon with Doncaster Rovers. Last half term it was the Sharks and Turtles turn, where they practised multi-skills and learnt to work as a team. Over the next few weeks, Year 1 Jellyfish and Year 5 Meerkats will take their turn.

Upcoming competitions for this half term are:

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March KS1 Dance Mat Competition
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March Year 3/4 Basketball Competition
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April Year 3/4 Handball Competition

### Parents' evenings

Our Spring term parents' evenings will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 3.40-7.00pm and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 3.40-6.00pm. Appointment sheets will be up in classes this week. If, due to work commitments, these dates/times are not suitable, please contact us and we will do our best to see you at a different time. We do like every child/parent to have an appointment so we can share information about your child's progress, well being and targets for improvement. We look forward to seeing you.

### Easter Service

Our KS2 Easter Service will take place in church with Reverend Dee, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. 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.

### New website

[www.barnbydunprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.barnbydunprimaryacademy.co.uk)

We are very excited about the recent launch of our new-look website! We hope that everyone will find the new format to be much more user-friendly, particularly for those wishing to access it via a mobile device. Our site is continually being updated with all the day-to-day information that parents/carers might need—for example school holiday dates, school meals, after school clubs, etc. It also features a new 'photo gallery' and events calendar. It is very much a 'work in progress' so please look out for regular updates. If you should have any comments regarding our site (especially if you find something that is outdated, or find a link that does not work) please do not hesitate to leave a comment on our blog page, or contact Miss Austin in the school office.

### 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!

On the last day of the half term, we held Arnold the Attendance Alligator's golden ticket raffle for those children who had managed to attend every morning and afternoon session for the full seven weeks. Our first place winners were Lauren Haslewood and Abbie Smith. They received a book voucher to recognise their 100% attendance. Several others won chocolate treats. Well done to all children who managed to avoid all the bugs and have 100% last half term, that is a great achievement.

When we returned after Christmas, I set each class the challenge of achieving at least 98.1% collectively for the half term. Some were very close but only the Year 3 Owls achieved this aspirational target. They will soon enjoy a reward day with activities of their choice.

This half term, 98.1% is again the target for every class. We will track the progress of all classes in our weekly assembly and no doubt children will be determined to achieve this, especially if they narrowly missed out last time!

Children with attendance below 96% will be tracked on a daily/weekly basis by myself and the Education Welfare Officer.

### DISCO

Our popular school discos will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. A letter with details and a ticket request form will be sent out shortly. Thank you.

### THE BEAK

Please check the notice board at the front of school for information about forthcoming events at the BEAK Children's Centre. Alternatively, please telephone 01302 892000.

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

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