



# Barnburgh Primary School Newsletter

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For the last two weeks we have enjoyed celebrating Christmas.

Our celebrations started with our Key Stage 1 concert 'Away in a Manger' followed by our Key Stage 2 presentation of 'Carols Around the Tree'. This week we have enjoyed watching our youngest pupils in Foundation perform their nativity. All three concerts were sensational and really added to the magic of Christmas.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michaela Gleadall for organizing raffles at all our concerts. The money raised helped to fund some of the Christmas treats this year.

In addition to our own concerts, we were privileged to be invited to the carol service at St Peter's Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Our school choir attended. They sang two carols to the congregation and shared two readings. The highlight of the evening was watching them sing whilst holding candles. A huge thank you to all parents who supported us and to Mrs Kehoe for leading the choir.

Our Christmas celebrations all reached a climax today. We enjoyed a special whole school Christmas assembly at St Peter's church this morning where we were delighted to be joined by Reverend Kathryn.

Following our visit to church, the children played outside, danced, made cards and decorations and played games. By dinnertime they were all ready for their Christmas dinner. I would like to say a huge thank you to Vonnie and her team for all their festive cooking. It really was delicious!

After a busy Autumn term all that's left for me to do is wish you a very happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018!**

**GOODBYE MRS HANSEN  
GOODBYE MRS DAWSON**

Today we were all very sad to say a final farewell to Mrs Dawson and Mrs Hansen.

You will all be aware of the positive contributions they have made to the school during the time they have been with us.

I am sure you will want to join the staff, governors and children in wishing them both lots of luck as they start the next chapter in their lives.

We have appointed a new teacher for Year 5. Mr Taylor is an experienced teacher who will be joining our team as soon as possible in the new year. In the meantime we are delighted that Mrs Hill has agreed to teach Year 5.

Mrs Dimmana has kindly agreed to support the classes that Mrs Dawson leaves behind. Sadly, she has made the difficult decision to relinquish her pastoral role but will continue to offer her support to individual children and groups of children when needed.

## BARNBURGH BUDDING ARTISTS!

On the frosty morning of 12th December 2017, two 3 tonne limestones took up residence in the playground. Our school had been selected to take part in a unique project “Art of the Dearne”. We were thrilled to be able to spend the whole day working with local sculpture Dan Jones. He revealed the story of the River Dearne and helped students from year 2 to 6 to have a go at carving into the stone and creating part of the lasting art themselves!

The project focuses on the River Dearne which runs through the heart of the Dearne Valley, but is not always easy to see or access and can often be overlooked. To help people find out about the River Dearne and to reveal its fascinating history, Dan has designed a carved sculptural seat which depicts the story of the river as it moves through time.

Once Dan has added all the finishing touches the sculpture will be installed at Brookfields Park in the Dearne Valley, alongside the River Dearne itself. This will hopefully be completed by March 2018 so keep your eyes peeled for updates!



## WHOLE SCHOOL DATES

DATE	EVENT	TIME
09.01.18	School re-opens to children	
27 and 28.02.18	Parent's Evening	Appointments between 15:30 and 18:00
01.03.18	World Book Day (children come dressed as a book character)	
19.03.18	Year 4 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45
20.03.18	Year 6 Express Event Foundation Stage 2 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45
21.03.18	Foundation Stage 1 Express Event Year 5 Express Event	09:00 to 09:45 14:00 to 14:45
22.03.18	Year 1 Express Event Year 3 Express Event	09:00 to 09:45 14:00 to 14:45
23.03.18	Year 2 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45
WC 14.05.18	Year 6 SATs week	
28.06.18	Foundation Sports Day	10:30 to 11:30
29.06.18	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day	Afternoon TBC
09.07.18	Year 4 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45
10.07.18	Year 6 Express Event Foundation Stage 2 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45
11.07.18	Foundation Stage 1 Express Event Year 5 Express Event	09:00 to 09:45 14:00 to 14:45
12.07.18	Year 1 Express Event Year 3 Express Event	09:00 to 09:45 14:00 to 14:45
13.07.18	Year 2 Express Event	14:00 to 14:45