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Barnby Dun Primary Academy NEWSLETTER



Spring Term 2018- Second Half

Welcome back.

We hope you have had an enjoyable half term break. Let's hope some warmer days and lovely spring sunshine are 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. We are looking forward to several class assemblies this half term— Panthers (22nd Feb), Pandas (1st Mar), Polar Bears (8th Mar), Penguins (15th Mar) and Wolves (22nd Mar). 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: Jamie Munro, Elijah Maxey, Abbie Jackson and Joseph Dixon who, along with Mr Harrison, are working on a bid to secure funding from Ikea for an Eco-project we are planning. They will pitch their idea against other Doncaster schools and we are hopeful they will be successful and work can start soon.

Shakespeare Week and World Book day

We are really excited to be taking part in 'Shakespeare Week' starting on the 26th February. To kick it all off the author Chris Connaughton will be coming into school to deliver a series of workshops. All classes will be looking closely at William Shakespeare, his life and his wonderful variety of plays. World Book Day also coincides with Shakespeare Week on Thursday 1st March. The children are being invited to dress as their favourite book character and will take part in a range of exciting activities that day. The school has also registered for a competition which involves collectively reading for a 100 million minutes! Look out for a letter explaining this in your child's bag soon.

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/are 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: Amellia Markham, Maia Abdelmessih, Isabel Edgington, Elah Rodgers, Jessica Sharpe, Jack Jones, Ashton Carroll, Owen Lyall, Hudson Gross and Eli Moran.

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

Thankyou to parents for supporting our participation in recent pyramid sporting events.

Congratulations to our year 5/6 Football team who made it all the way to the quarter finals of the Kids' Cup—they played well in very cold, wet, snowy conditions and represented the school admirably. Well done to Harry Beaglehole, Alfie Davies, Oscar Smith, Connor Pollard, Elijah Maxey, Joseph Dixon, Brynley Sims, and Riley Trowbridge.

Congratulations to our year 3/4 basketball team who won the pyramid competition at Hungerhill School on the 23rd January. Well done to Ethan Stoddart, Scarlett Birstow, George Goodchild-Pask, Matty Munro, Beau Cheesewright, Louisa Dixon and Abbey-Leigh Dutton.

Congratulations to our KS1 dance team who won the pyramid school 'dance off' competition at Hungerhill School. Well done to Grace Wilkinson-Leigh, Daisy Abbott, Layla Jacques, Layla Gibson, Blake Winslow, Harriet Stewardson, Maia Abdelmessih, Harry Salter, Evie Sleath, Emily Brown and James Hughes.

Office reminders

Please ensure that children arrive at school prepared for the whole school day with PE/swimming kits, gardening clothes, musical instruments and homework etc.

All monies should be sent into school on Monday morning in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name **and** class. Payment envelopes are available at the school office, priced at £1 for 20 envelopes. Thankyou.

Website

www.barnbydunprimaryacademy.co.uk

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 photo gallery and events calendar. All important newsletters can be found on here.

It continues to be 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 contact Mrs Ronan in the school office.

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 five weeks. Our first place winners were Charlie Hargrave and Abi Green. They received a 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; this 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. Year 1/2 Panthers, Year 2 Lions, Year 3 Polar Bears, Year 4 Wolves, Year 5 Pandas, Year 6 Chameleons and Year 5/6 Monkeys 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

We are hoping to organise a disco in the near future and will let you know when arrangements are finalised. Thank you.

THE BEAK

Please check the Reception entrance display 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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