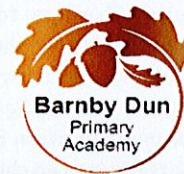


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# BARNBY DUN PRIMARY ACADEMY



## NEWSLETTER - Summer Term 2018 - First Half

Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed a great Easter break. Fingers crossed for some lovely Spring sunshine!

### Easter Celebrations and fundraising

A big thank you for your kind donations of Easter treats for our raffle. The children were very excited as they eyed up the 'chocolate mountain' in the hall and patiently waited for the tickets to be drawn. Thanks to your generous support we raised £255. It is much appreciated.

### Discos

Our summer discos will be held on Thursday 3rd May. Reception/KS1 from 5.30 to 6.30pm and KS2 from 6.45 to 8pm. Letters with ticket requests will be sent home with children next week. We look forward to a fun-filled evening!

**Attendance** The vast majority of children are trying their very best to attend every single day and we are very grateful that parents share our high expectations.

I set each class the target of achieving at least 98.1% as a class team for the last half term. I was impressed that the Year 2 Lions and Year 1 Tigers achieved this. Each class will soon enjoy a reward day with activities of their choice.

Many, many children enjoyed receiving their Platinum 100% attendance certificates for the term and others had done superbly well to achieve gold and silver.

Well done everybody - and most importantly, keep it up!!

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

Our exciting new website is proving very useful for parents. It contains all of the day to day information you might require for your child such as: current school meal menus and termly costs, school holiday dates, newsletters, after school clubs, safeguarding information, curriculum and transition information. It also includes an events calendar, which is regularly updated with the dates and times of all forthcoming events in school, plus a lovely photo gallery. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding our website, please contact Mrs Ronan in the school office.

### IKEA eco-project

Thanks to the hard work of year 6 pupils Jamie Munro, Elijah Maxey, Abbie Jackson and Joseph Dixon and Mr Harrison, we have been successful in securing £1400 from IKEA for our latest Eco project. Our keen gardeners are already making a start— even in the wet weather!

**School Uniform** The children always look super smart in their uniforms and we are very grateful that parents support our policy. Hopefully we will be enjoying some warmer weather and therefore a few polite reminders:

- Leggings, cycling shorts and 3/4 tracksuit bottoms are not considered appropriate for school.
- Flip flops, wedges or sandals with heels are not safe footwear and shouldn't be worn please.
- Nail varnish is not permitted.
- Girls' sandals should be an appropriate colour to complement their uniform. I know black sandals are very hard to find, so white or pale pink would be a suitable alternative.
- Children should have a sun hat or cap on the warmest days.
- Children have NEVER been permitted to wear trainers inside school. Shoes should be worn unless there are medical reasons shared with myself. **If children are wearing trainers, they will be given a pair of black plimsolls to change into. This is not a new policy but one that some people are forgetting.**

**Star Pupils** 'Snuggles' and 'Bernard', our Barnby Dun bears, continue to be popular features of our Monday Special Mentions assembly. They are given to one boy and one girl who have stood out for their special effort, achievement or attitude that week.

Our recent star pupils have been: Skye Hunt, Maddison Taylor, Abbey-Leigh Dutton, Amii Pegrum, Leighton Snodin, Alex Mawson, Joseph Dixon and Jack Collins.

These children set a wonderful example to others. Well done everyone, we are proud of you!

**PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER** It is that time of year again when I start planning staffing and new classes for September. As always, we will start with friendship groups, also taking into account teachers' knowledge and observations of the children. If parents have any concerns or thoughts they wish to share with me regarding classes for September please catch me first thing in a morning or give me a quick ring, as soon as possible. I am more than happy to discuss your thoughts with you and hopefully set your mind at rest. Once new classes have been finalised and children informed these will not be altered and no further discussions with parents will take place in the final week of term. Thankyou for your support.

**Mornings** Thank you for ensuring your children continue to arrive promptly for the start of the school day. We open our doors 15 minutes early each morning to try and ease the pressure a little and give you the flexibility of dropping children off between 8.30am and 8.45am. We are happy for parents of younger children to come into classrooms and help children get settled before you say your goodbyes. We politely ask all parents and child minders to:

- Please keep pre-school children with you and do not allow them to 'roam' into other classrooms.
- Once your child is settled, please leave via the external classroom door. Classrooms can become very noisy and crowded if adults stand having lengthy conversations together. This then becomes the opposite of what we are trying to achieve.
- KS2 children should enter their classroom independently and get organised themselves for the school day. Parents should not enter classrooms when children have started their morning work as this causes an unfair disturbance.
- If you wish to see your child's teacher, please arrange a time after school. Teachers cannot leave the children unattended as they are arriving to have a conversation with a parent. If you wish myself or a member of the office staff to pass on a message to contact you, we will happily do so.
- In order to adhere with safeguarding requirements, all parents/carers must ensure that they leave by the 8.45am bell.

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring a safe, happy start to the school day for parents, staff and most importantly, children.

#### Absence during term time

Parents are regularly reminded that it is against the law to keep your child off school without authorisation. Authorisation for absence is only given if the school agrees the reason given is valid. Authorisation will not be given for very minor illness and certainly not if there is reasonable belief that circumstances are not genuine. Doing so will result in you receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from Doncaster Magistrates' court. Taking an unauthorised leave of absence for a holiday will also mean from that point I will be unable to authorise any future absences for your child during the remainder of the school year for any reason at all.

Low attendance and/or unauthorised absences can result in the involvement of the Attendance and Pupil Welfare service and ultimately can lead to prosecution for failing to ensure your child attends school regularly, under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

kindest regards Miss C.E. Robinson Headteacher

**Leave of Absence** Parents are strongly urged not to make any plans with regards leave of absence prior to discussion with myself. I will happily make time to discuss this with you over the phone/in person. All parents should make requests at least six weeks in advance. Thank you.

**Term card design** I recently set the children the challenge of designing the picture for our school term cards. Many children have entered the competition with creative and beautifully designed pictures. It will be a tough decision to choose just one winning design. We will let you know who the winner is soon.

#### Kate Greenaway Literacy Project

We are once again participating in this very worthwhile project with Hungerhill school students and our Year 3 Polar Bears. We are sure, as in previous years, it will prove successful in inspiring children to read for pleasure. Again, the project will involve a trip to Hatfield Library and a cheerleading event at Hungerhill. Parents will get the opportunity to see some of the children's work as part of the celebration.

#### Diary Dates

- Thursday 3rd May—discos
- Monday 7th May—School closed for May Day bank holiday
- Friday 11th May—Year 3 and 4 trip to Cresswell Crags
- Week beginning 14th May - National Sats tests for year 6 children
- We break for half term on Friday 25th May and staff and pupils return on Monday 4th June.
- Tuesday 5th June—Countryside Day at Harrogate
- Wednesday 6th June—class photos
- Thursday 7th June—Reception trip to the Butterfly House
- Thursday 14th June—Butterflies' assembly for parents
- School is closed to pupils on Friday 15th June for teacher training.
- Tuesday 19th June—KS1 trip to The Deep
- Tuesday 19th, Wed 20th and Thurs 21st June—Year 6 Transition days to Hungerhill
- Wednesday 20th June—Reception/KS1 sports day at 1.30pm
- Thursday 21st June—Bluebirds' assembly for parents
- Friday 22nd June—KS2 sports day at 1.30pm
- Thursday 28th June 5.30pm—meeting for new Reception parents
- Monday 9th July- Years 5 and 6 trip to York to see Romeo and Juliet
- Tuesday 10th July 6.00pm—KS2 performance for parents
- Wednesday 11th July 9.30am—KS2 performance for parents
- Thursday 12th July 9.30am—KS2 performance for grandparents
- Thursday 12th July 6.00pm—KS2 performance for parents
- Tuesday 17th July—class swap day. A full day with new teachers and teaching assistants and an opportunity for parents to meet them after school
- School closes on Friday 20th July and re-opens for children on **TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER.**

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