



Discovering the best in all

14th January – 18th January

Diary

Monday 14 th	Swimming	Yr 2+4 (and some Yr5)
	PTA Meeting 7pm	Community room – all welcome
Tuesday 15 th	Able Writers Day	Yr 3+4 (participating children have been informed)
	Messy Church	
Wednesday 16 th	Tag Rugby Festival - The Weald	Yr 5+6 (participating children have been informed)
Thursday 17 th		
Friday 18 th	Jeremy Quin MP visiting school	

Happy New Year

It was a delight to be greeted at the gate by so many smiling faces on Monday morning. I hope you all had a restful Christmas break.

Welcome

Welcome to Miss Bargman, a 3rd year Student Teacher, who will be working with Squirrel Class this term. Mrs Aitken remains responsible for learning in Squirrel Class and is your main point of contact.

Topic Webs

Today you should receive a copy of this term's topic web, outlining the areas your child will be covering.

PTA

A separate mailing has been sent out from the PTA detailing last term's success. Thank you to all for supporting their activities. We are all conscious of how tight household budgets can be and I hope the detail in the PTA's mailing gives you an idea of how your support will have a positive impact on the children.

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Science Equipment

We were very excited to take delivery of some new Science and Maths equipment this week. This was a result of the DNA Day and a very generous donation of £700. Thank you to Michelle Ogle for organising this event.



Staffing Update!

Children gave a very warm welcome to our latest 'member of staff' this week. Barnaby (known as Barney) is a 9-year-old Golden Retriever. He comes to us through Canine Concern as a 'Read to Dog'. Some of you may remember Branston, who undertook a similar role a few years ago. Initially Barney will be visiting us on Wednesday & Thursday afternoons. More information about his role can be found here:

<http://www.canineconcern.co.uk/get-involved/read-to-dogs/>

World Book Day

Early Warning - We will be holding a dress up as a book character day on Thursday 7th March. The best costumes are often the cheapest and easiest. The following week the Book Fair will be in school and your child would benefit more from having a book bought than a costume!

Perseverance

This half term's value is Perseverance - persistence in doing something despite difficulty. In assemblies we will be exploring Professor Steve Peters' theory of our Inner Chimp. His TEDx talk (for adults) can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-K11D5NPJs>

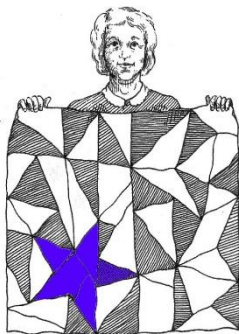
Jeremy Quin meeting

This meeting was delayed for a week due to the busy schedule in the House of Commons at the moment. The Governors and I plan to share our successes with Jeremy, while highlighting the challenges that Barns Green and other small schools face as a result of the new school funding formula. Forward projections show that we can sustain our current services over the next 3 years, but we are very conscious that we have reduced our 'non-essential' expenditure to a minimum. At Barns Green we are determined that we will continue to offer a rich, varied curriculum that challenges pupils of all abilities.

Fitbits

A number of children are wearing smart watches, which track how many steps they take in a day, etc. Please note that the school is not responsible for such equipment.

Maths Challenge



Did you find the Christmas Star?

This week's challenge: We are finally reaching the end of the Christmas chocolate in the staff room. This week's challenge is inspired by the chocolate! Let's assume you have a chocolate bar made up of 20 segments. What is the minimum number of snaps required to break the bar into 20 individual pieces?

The number of children attempting the challenge has increased, so this term I will be taking names for a raffle for all children attempting the challenge. A mathematical prize will be awarded to 1 lucky mathematician at half term!

School Office

The office will be closed for part of Wednesday morning as Mrs Coxon is at a meeting. Please ensure that any late lunchboxes, PE kits, etc. are placed in the box by the main entrance. Thank you!

Star of the Week - (w/e – 14/12/18)



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Payment Reminders

Club payments due – last term

We have several parents who have still only paid for the first half of the Autumn Term clubs. If your child attended one of the following clubs and you have only paid for the first half-term (£24), please pay for the second half term by the end of January:

Lego
Football
Music
Multisports
Art (Wednesday and Thursday)
Gymnastics

There are still some outstanding payments due for the following:

Swimming – Years 2+4
PGL – Year 5 + 6 - December instalment for some.

Please make payment as soon as possible, or speak to Mrs Coxon in confidence if this is a problem.

School Gateway access - reminder

If you are unable to access the school gateway, please can you email Mrs Coxon with the specific problem that you are having (even if you have already mentioned this to her) and she will endeavour to have everyone able to use the Gateway this term.

Bikeability – Year 6

Please return your consent slips by the 25th January. If slips are not returned in time the Bikeability team are not allowed to let your child participate in the sessions.

Simon Simmons
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

January

Monday 28th – Bikeability week Yr6 Respect Responsibility Perseverance
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February

Friday 15th – Break up for half-term
Monday 25th – Children back in school

March

Monday 4th - Book week begins

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Thursday 7th – World book Day
Tuesday 12th – Parent Teacher Consultation
Thursday 14th – Parent Teacher Consultation

April

Friday 5th – Term ends at 1:30pm
Tuesday 23rd – Term starts

May

Monday 6th – Bank Holiday
Monday 13th – KS2 SATS week
Monday 20th – Walk to school week
Friday 24th – Break up for half-term

June

Sunday 2nd – Wednesday 5th - PGL Residential trip
Monday 3rd – Children back in school
Friday 21st – Sports Day (tbc)

July

Wednesday 10th – Memories assembly
Thursday 11th – End of Year performance
Friday 12th – INSET
Tuesday 23rd – Term ends at 1:30pm