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Dear Parents & Carers

Newsletter – Spring Term 1

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Staffing news

I would like to offer a warm welcome to Mrs Newbold, our new Deputy Head. Mrs Newbold is also our English co-ordinator and will be guiding Barns Green through our work with the National Literacy Trust.

Emails

Please check that you have the correct address for the school in your email software. I have heard via 3rd parties that 1 or 2 emails have not received a response. We acknowledge receipt of emails the same working day we receive them and then aim to offer a full response within 2 working days. If you have emailed the school and not received a reply, then please check that you have sent it to office@barnsgreen.org.uk

League Tables

I have published a summary of various communications I have had with parents on our web-site [here](#)

In brief, the headline figure of 14% of Year 6 cohort is somewhat mis-leading as it includes the extremely subjective Writing assessment. All of our Year 6 test scores were in line with other local schools. We are one of the West Sussex schools whose writing expectations were more stringent than others. We are currently predicting a figure of around 73% for our current Year 6 cohort in Writing, even using our stricter interpretation.

If anyone would like to meet with myself and/or a Governor to discuss this matter over a coffee, please contact the school office.

Parent workshops

This term we will run 2 workshops. One will be on our Calculation Policy and one supporting your child with reading. Part of these meetings will be used to share ideas for different activities at home as requested at our last workshop.

Christmas card recycling

Thank you for your Christmas card donations. This should help us earn our Green Tree Schools Silver Award, a scheme run by the Woodland Trust.

Sportsmark

We were very pleased to hear that we have earned our Silver Games Mark Award. The School Games Mark was launched in June 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

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Swimming

Swimming starts for 10 weeks for children in Year 2, 4 and for some Year 5 pupils. The letter for this was sent out last term. Further copies are available from the school office.

Termly overviews

Next week we will be publishing an overview of the term for each class on the web-site, as well as sending a copy home.

Reading Records

If your child has a reading record, please make sure that it comes into school each day.

Yours sincerely

Simon Simmons
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