



Barns Green
Primary School
Newsletter

04.10.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all friends and families who attended the informative phonics / early reading session yesterday and a special thank you to Ms Friedli for her work preparing the meeting. It was lovely to see so many of you there and I feel confident that your support will have a real impact upon your children's progress developing reading.

Ultimately our aim is for all children to love reading, enjoy books and read fluently by the time they leave Barns Green. Discussions with the children and our recent test results (100% of year 6 pupils passing their reading SATs for the past two years – an enviable result) indicate that we are going a long way towards meeting our ambition. This is undoubtedly achieved through a strong partnership with parents and I thank everyone involved.

In light of yesterday's session if anyone would like to witness a phonics session please let me or the school office know and we will arrange some times to enable this to happen in a way that does not increase stress and workload for teachers and children alike!

I believe that we are a kind, nurturing and compassionate school, where relationships between staff and the community are built upon trust, understanding and a shared vision for all our pupils. I am proud to lead such a school. The relationships that we develop here are in my experience quite unique and are central to ensuring that all our children feel safe, achieve and thrive both socially and academically. This does not happen without considerable effort, we are indeed like the proverbial swan, calm on the outside but paddling furiously underneath. Once again we are always grateful for any help and support you may be able to offer.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the autumn sunshine.

Warm wishes,

Tracey Newbold

Choir and Singing

The children are thoroughly enjoying our new singing assemblies with Mr Chalk. It is wonderful to see their engagement and enthusiasm now that they are led by an expert! He is making all the difference.

Please do encourage your children to attend choir on a Thursday lunchtime.

After next Thursday we will be practising for the Christmas tree carol concert at Sumners Ponds and we will only be able to involve those children who have committed to attending practice!

We are also happy for year 2 children who wish to be involved to come along.

I urge you to encourage your children to come along and try it out!

Behaviour

I can see a real difference in attitudes and behaviour this week with children exemplifying our values of respect, responsibility and compassion. This is pleasing to see.

Student Leadership

Our older children are running some excellent clubs this term and their leadership is a credit to their maturity and sense of community – another of our school values!

Attendance

Our attendance for the month of September is excellent standing at 97% for the whole school.

Fox and Hedgehog classes share the very best attendance – 98%. Please do ensure that your child attends regularly – it really does make all the difference.

Photographs for Website

We are investing in a new school website (much more on this to come at a later date.) As part of this process we are having a professional photographer come into school on Friday 11th October to take photos of the school in action.

We will not be photographing children we do not have permission for. Please ensure that **ALL children are smartly dressed in their full school uniform** on this day. Fox class have been asked to bring their PE kits to school in a bag and will change in school for PE. Squirrel class will not be having PE on this day.

There may be some changes to the timetable on this day, which we will speak to the children about.

The new website is an exciting development for the school and an important next step!

After School club change

Book Club will be changing to become more of a child care club. Reading will still be a feature, but children will be able to engage in other quiet activities on offer such as colouring, board games, iPads, television. If you would like your child to attend this club, please contact the office.

Headlice

We have had a case of headlice in school. Please check your children regularly for this, and treat appropriately.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

The sign-up sheets for the parent/teacher consultations will be going up in the foyer on Monday afternoon. Please make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Mrs Newbold



Year 6 have been learning about the civil rights movement during Black History month.



Learning with our friends in Dormouse Class



Offer Class – Discovering land art

Diary Dates

October

Monday 7th – Year 5 + 6 Lifesavers

Messy Church in community room

Wednesday 9th – Year 3 + 4 Multiskills Festival at The Weald (details to follow)

Thursday 10th – 6 weeks in session Yr R - 2.15pm

Friday 11th – Flu vaccination

Friday 18th – Drop and Read session in Dormouse and Hedgehog 8.45-9.15am

Wednesday 23rd – Parent/Teacher consultations

Thursday 24th – Parent/Teacher consultations

Friday 25th – Break up for half-term at 3.30pm

- Halloween event after school

November

Monday 4th - INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 5th – Children back to school

Wednesday 6th – Year 5 Performing Arts Day at Christ's Hospital (selected children)

Cross Country event Year 3/4/5 + 6 at The Weald (details to follow)

Monday 11th – Fox Class Bikeability week starts

Wednesday 20th – KS1 Multiskills Festival at The Weald

December

Monday 2nd – Messy Church in community room

Monday 9th – Quicksticks Hockey Year 5 + 6 event at The Weald

Wednesday 4th – Splash assembly

Friday 20th – Break up

January

Monday 6th – Children back to school

Monday 13th – Winter disco

February

Friday 14th - INSET day (no children in school)

July

Friday 4th - INSET day (no children in school)

Saturday 12th – Summer Fete