



Barns Green Primary School

Newsletter

11.10.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Well, this was the week that we have all been working towards...

On Monday morning we received the call from Ofsted to say that His Majesty's Inspectors would be visiting the school on Tuesday and Wednesday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff and all the children for their dedication and determination to ensure that this was a positive process. It was certainly robust, not a stone was left unturned! Our children were such strong ambassadors for the school and many of them had the opportunity to share their learning and thoughts with the inspectors.

Thank you to everyone within the community who also supported us throughout this process. Your kind words and thoughts meant a great deal to everyone.

Provisional outcomes have been shared with the school governors and staff, however these are subject to quality assurance and we have to wait for the official report to be finalised before I am able to share them with the wider community.

In the meantime we keep going... today we have a professional photographer in school taking photos of children, staff and our environment in preparation for our new website. We are so lucky with the weather!

Everyone here is looking forward to the weekend!

Warm wishes,

Tracey Newbold

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.

Choir and Singing

Next week will be our cut off point for those children attending choir. We are unable to accept new entries beyond this as the children work towards the Christmas tree festival concert.

Mr Chalk has asked me to confirm that those children attending choir will be asked to perform at Sumners Ponds on Saturday 14th December. We will ask children to arrive at 2:30pm ready for a performance at 3pm. It will probably last around half an hour.



It will be important to commit to this process and we ask for all choir members to attend, so do please support us and put this date into your diaries. See further information below.

Sports Festival

Mrs Nicholson and Miss Woods accompanied year 3 to The Weald on Wednesday afternoon where the children enjoyed participating in a number of different events.

The 6th of November is the annual locality cross country, it would be great to be practising for this at home!



Six Week in Meeting

On Thursday Mrs Al-Tarafi met with our new Reception parents to celebrate how the children were settling into school life.

Our youngest children have made a very positive start to their school journey and it was wonderful to hear about how much progress they have already made in a short period.

These early years really are the foundation of all we do at school and are such a vital springboard to a successful future.

Polite Notice -Parking

Earlier in the week I was saddened to witness some inconsiderate and illegal parking on corners and double yellow lines. This parking is dangerous and puts children and families at risk. We have reported this to Operation Crackdown. The police have promised that they will increase their vigilance at pick up and drop off in order to safeguard everyone.



Air-raid drill!



First aid with Little Lifesavers



Pneumatics!



Christmas Tree Festival

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted to announce Barns Green's first ever Christmas Tree Festival! Join us on December 14th and 15th, 2024, at Sumners Ponds Café for a festive celebration of community spirit, creativity, and charitable giving.

Experience uniquely decorated trees by local groups and businesses, each telling its own story from traditional to contemporary themes. Vote for your favourite and enjoy live performances, Santa's Grotto, and lots of festive fun for all ages. Barns Green Primary School will be decorating and entering a tree, and the Grotto is being run in partnership with the PTA - with all proceeds going to the school. The school choir will also be performing on Saturday 14th December, from 3-4pm.

All proceeds support local causes, thanks to our generous sponsors; Sumners Ponds, Sigma Homes, Treetop Design and Print, Barns Green Village Shop, Limpio Ltd, Miller Robinson Accountants and Ben Baxter Construction Ltd.

Online ticket booking via Eventbrite is essential, for both the tree display and grotto (these are two separate events, next to each other). So secure your spot via the links below soon, to avoid disappointment:

*Festival: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1024685861997?aff=oddtcreator>
Grotto: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1024847716107?aff=oddtcreator>*

For more details, visit our Facebook page or email bgchristmastreefestival@gmail.com.

With warm regards, The Barns Green Christmas Tree Festival Committee

Barns Green Bunnies

This will be starting after half-term on the 8th November in the community room from 9-10.30am. This is for all pre-school aged children. Suggested donation £2. For more information please contact Katy at katywolfhealth@gmail.com

Chartwells – change of menu Tuesday 5th November

Chartwells have advised us that we will be on their 'Holiday Return Menu' on Tuesday 5th November, and parents will need to re-order any pre-bookings made for this date. This menu will be:

- Jacket potato with baked beans/jacket potato with tuna mayo
- Sweetcorn and beetroot salad
- Jelly and custard

Spare clothing

If you have any KS1 sized socks or pants/knickers you would be happy to donate as spares to Dormouse class we would be grateful!



PTA news update

Halloween Costume & School uniform sale

Thank you to everyone who came to look and buy uniform and halloween outfits this week, our first fundraising of the year has already raised over £100! With more Halloween costumes donated we plan to run another soon and will keep you posted on dates.

Halloween Spooktacular fun afternoon – Friday 25 October after school.



This event is a short afternoon of fun and games, with classic party games including a lucky dip, ring toss, donut on a string and more.

AM: Children are invited to come to school in Halloween outfits. Please no face paints and scary masks.

AM: We are holding a pumpkin decorating and art competition, please bring your creations with you.

PM: After school fun afternoon of games. Children to be collected from school as normal and join the fun through the main school entrance.

We are in need of volunteers in order to help run the Halloween spooktacular fundraising. Please please volunteer just 30 mins of your time, we need help to set up, run the stalls and clear away. Hopefully all the children will enjoy a spooky afternoon of fun. Sign up sheets are now outside the school reception.

Christmas cards

The children have been busy this week creating their Christmas card design as part of PTA school fund raising. These will be back to us after half term, watch this space.

We are always looking for new volunteers, if you would like to join, our **next meeting is Tuesday 12 November 7.30pm at the BG Social Club** and we would love to see you there.

Barns Green Primary School PTA presents:

HALLOWEEN FANG-TASTIC FUN

WHEN: FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

FREE ENTRY
Hot Dogs £1

AM: Children are invited to come to school in Halloween mufti.
Please no face paints or masks
We are also holding a pumpkin decorating and art competition, please bring your creations with you.

PM: After school the fun and games begin 3.20 - 5pm
Children to be collected from school as normal and join the fun through the main school entrance

Let the ghouls roll and join for an afternoon of fun and games and win a prize (or two!). Games priced from 50p to £1.

Games include:

- Pumpkin trick or treat
- Ghost throw
- Eye ball pong
- Donuts on a string
- Mystery boxes and more!

Diary Dates

October

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

Tuesday 22nd – Squirrel Class Parent/Teacher consultations

Wednesday 23rd – Parent/Teacher consultations

Thursday 24th – Parent/Teacher consultations

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

- PTA 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

Friday 31st – PTA Winter disco

February

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

July

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

Saturday 12th – Summer Fete