



**Barns Green**  
**Primary School**  
Newsletter

25.10.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent/teacher consultations this week. I do hope you found them informative and that you will be able to support your child with any next steps. This is a really good time to act upon the advice given, with the majority of the year ahead of us there is plenty of opportunity to make rapid progress.

Friday will be Miss Harris' last day at school as she begins maternity leave and prepares for the arrival of her baby. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her hard work and dedication and wish her all the very best for the exciting time that lies ahead. We will all definitely miss her!

As most of you are aware I will be stepping in to fulfil the SENDCo role whilst Miss Harris is away. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any specific concerns regarding your child and possible SEND.

From the start of next term we look forward to Mrs Callaghan starting in Squirrel Class, where she will be working Monday – Wednesday accompanied by Mrs Nicholson on a Thursday and Friday. I am certain that the children will enjoy getting to know their new teachers and I look forward to our school community benefitting from Mrs Callaghan's experience and expertise.

This has been a busy and productive last eight weeks. We have accomplished much and have lots to feel proud of. I wish you all a happy and peaceful half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**.

Warm wishes,

Tracey Newbold



### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who is planning to help out at the Spooktacula this evening. Events like this are time consuming to run and I know so much effort goes into making them a great success for all involved. Our children really do benefit from the fundraising, especially when school budgets are incredibly tight. The new chromebooks are making a massive difference to the delivery of the curriculum and benefit children throughout the school.

In agreement with the PTA this event is being run solely by parents and carers. I do hope the event is a big success and thank you for your support.

## Our youngest children

Well done to all the children who joined in Reception at the start of September. It is wonderful to see how well you have settled into school life. You are already looking very grown up, making great behaviour choices and making the most of opportunities for learning!

## Pumpkins



Well done to everyone who took part in our pumpkin design competition, it is wonderful to see so much creativity on display!

Thank you once again to the PTA who provided the prizes.



## Headlice and Threadworms

Please use half term to be on the lookout for these troublesome critters as we do have cases within the school community.



## Attendance

Our attendance figures across the school are still looking very good for this half term, standing at 96.94%. This means that the vast majority of our children are attending well.

We do have a small number of children who miss school regularly and this really does have an impact upon their progress and attainment. Quite bluntly, if children miss days regularly they will struggle to keep up with their peers and risk not being where they need to be with reading, writing and maths by the end of the year. Please help us to support your children by ensuring that they do not frequently miss days off school.



## **Chartwells Christmas meal**

The Christmas lunch for the children will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We will not be taking cash orders for this. If you would like your child to have a hot Christmas meal, please place your order on the Chartwells system. Chartwells have advised that any pre-ordered meals for this day will need to be re-booked. If your child does not want to have a hot meal they are welcome to bring in a festive packed lunch. If you are not on the system yet, please ask Mrs Coxon to resend you the activation code for your child.

## **Diary Dates**

### **November**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Children back to school

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – 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)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - Drop and Read session in Dormouse and Hedgehog 8.45-9.15am

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Fox Class Bikeability week starts

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Multiskills Festival at The Weald

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Drop and Read session in Dormouse and Hedgehog 8.45-9.15am

### **December**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Messy Church in community room

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Drop and Read session in Dormouse and Hedgehog 8.45-9.15am

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Quicksticks Hockey Year 5 + 6 event at The Weald

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Splash assembly

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Break up

### **January**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Children back to school

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> – PTA Winter disco

### **February**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

### **July**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Summer Fete