

# Barns Green Primary School

## Newsletter

06.12.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been busy with rehearsals for our Christmas Concert. We are really looking forward to sharing some fantastic singing with you on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a first for the staff and pupils of Barns Green and it has been wonderful to hear singing resonating through the corridors this week.

You may also have heard about the intrigue and deception that has filled the school this week, please don't be alarmed!!

We are currently playing a game of staff Cluedo. Murders are being committed across the school. I myself was a victim just yesterday. I would like to say I died doing my duty, I was in Hedgehog Class and was asked to take a look at a child's book. Of course I was delighted to take hold of the maths book and that was it for me. Mrs Newbold, in Hedgehog Class, with a maths book, by Mrs Hodgson. I was Mrs Hodgson's third victim. Murders are taking place thick and fast and some cunning staff are finding the children to be very good accomplices!



I will provide an update before the end of term.

Have a very pleasant weekend and I look forward to seeing you at the Nativity and Christmas Concert next week.

Tracey Newbold

### Supporting Children's Needs



Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust

At school we work with a whole raft of professionals from other agencies. In my new role as SENDco I met with a member from the occupational therapy team this week. She has shared with us a link to resources that I feel could be of interest to many of you.

## Sensory videos - What is sensory processing? - Sussex Community

Sensory processing is our body and brain's way of receiving, interpreting and acting on information that is received from inside our body and around us in the environment.

[www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk](http://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk)

<https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/resources/patient-resources/sensory-videos/what-is-sensory-processing>

There is a particularly good video looking at calming strategies which may be of interest, however topics such as noise, clothing, tooth brushing, eating and sleeping are also discussed.

Please do take a look.

## Safeguarding

We take our role of safeguarding children incredibly seriously here at school and it has come to my attention that a number of children are accessing content and gaming platforms that are not permitted or advised to be suitable for their age. I encourage you to check parental settings and controls. It is important to abide by legal expectations in this area to ensure that children are not exposed to harmful material.



To support you doing this we are hoping to put on a parent workshop aimed at supporting online safety in the New Year.

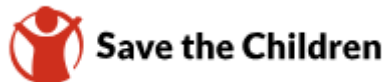
I would however encourage you to take action now, particularly if you have a child in years 5 or 6.

Please see these helpful links:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

We really do need to take this matter seriously.



## Christmas Jumper Day

All children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper alongside their school uniform on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We will be raising money for Save the Children and have set up a just giving page.



[https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240020403?cid=eml-igsignupclaimedpage\\_cjd24\\_001-6071872BB&utm\\_source=SFMC&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=DS\\_STC\\_CJD\\_24\\_SignUp\\_Claimed&mi\\_u=0&mi\\_ecmp=DS\\_STC\\_CJD\\_24\\_SignUp\\_Claimed](https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240020403?cid=eml-igsignupclaimedpage_cjd24_001-6071872BB&utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=DS_STC_CJD_24_SignUp_Claimed&mi_u=0&mi_ecmp=DS_STC_CJD_24_SignUp_Claimed)

Thank you for your support.



## PTA news update

### School nativity

The PTA will be serving tea and coffee along with mince pies in exchange for donations before both performances next week. From 2pm on Wednesday and from drop off on Thursday. Please bring change.

### Barns Green Christmas Tree Festival



The PTA are looking for volunteers to help with the Grotto at the Barns Green Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th December. **The Grotto is now sold out!!** Volunteers are asked to meet and greet families, check them in, make sure Santa is ready and then take the families to the Grotto. Slots are 15 minutes per family with volunteer sessions for hourly slots.

The original sign-up sheets have disappeared, or was it the misbehaving elves..? If you had previously volunteered, please let us know.

### Next meeting

The next PTA meeting is Wednesday 15th January from 7.30pm at the Barns Green Social Club. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as we plan the remainder of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support raising funds for the children and the school.

## **Diary Dates**

### **December**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Christmas concert to parents/carers 2.30pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Dormouse and Hedgehog Nativity 2.30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Dormouse and Hedgehog Nativity 9.30am

- Christmas Jumper Day – in aid of Save the Children

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Muffin day/cake sale for Holbrook Animal Rescue

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Tree Festival and choir performance at Sumners Ponds

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas concert to parents/carers 2.30pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Class parties

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Chartwells Christmas lunch

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Break up 1.30pm

### **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