



# Barns Green Primary School

## Newsletter

10.01.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a great start to the New Year, hearing the wonderful news that our end of key stage 2 results place us in joint second place when compared to all primary schools across West Sussex. There are 280 primary schools and so this is an incredible achievement. An achievement that reflects the hard work and ambition of the whole school community.



As always, there has not been a moment to waste this week and all classes have started their new topics and learning. Today you will receive topic webs, please do look through them and continue to use the knowledge organisers to discuss learning. The use of knowledge organisers for pre teaching really can make a difference to children, especially those who find aspects of learning tricky. They will come to school reassured and confident when they hear the words and knowledge associated with the learning in class.

It is wonderful to start the New Year in such a strong position, Ofsted out of the way and recognition of what we are striving to achieve here at school. An environment where all our children flourish.

There is little doubt that this is a challenging time for education and we are working increasingly hard, with limited resources to meet the needs of children. Undoubtedly, these needs are becoming increasingly complex. Your support is always welcome and hugely beneficial to the children and staff.

I wish you all a very pleasant weekend and hope you manage to stay warm!

Tracey Newbold



### How you can help and support us

There are many ways that you can support us, here at school and we are grateful for any help. We do recognise that this may not always be possible.

- If you are able to offer any time to support children with their reading please let us know. Reading with the children has an enormous impact upon every aspect of their school experience and teachers greatly value support in this area.

- If you have any specialist skills or knowledge that would either support the curriculum or enhance topics, again please speak to class teachers or let me know. The children really do benefit from and enjoy having visitors into school.
- Our Key Stage 2 children bring pencil cases to school. Please ensure that these are of a size that can fit into drawers and equipped with practical items such as a pencil, pencil sharpener, ruler and colouring pencils. We use blue ink based pens. The children do not use felt tips or gel pens at school.
- Glue sticks are always in short supply and are constantly needed. If your child could come to school with their own glue stick this would be very helpful.



### Mental Health Ambassadors

We are delighted to be beginning training our Mental Health Ambassadors and look forward to the impact that they will have. This is such an important area and we are committed to working to meet the needs of all of our children.

### World Religion Day

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January we will be celebrating World Religion Day. Next week we will be welcoming leaders and members of different faiths into the school with the aim of enhancing the children's understanding and experience of the world beyond Barns Green. The children will also be engaging in a number of fun activities to support this.

### Hot Chocolate

Fox Class parents will be selling hot chocolate for £1 after school from next Friday. This will be similar to the selling of ice lollies throughout the summer.

### Attendance



Our attendance for the month of December really slipped. I look forward to a marked improvement and hope that we can keep the coughs and colds at bay. Term time holidays really do have a detrimental impact upon your child's learning. This is remarked upon by teachers.

### Choir

Following a very successful season of Christmas performances the school choir will be restarting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at lunchtime. Choir is not just for Christmas and we look forward to more performance opportunities in the months to come. To make for a successful school choir we need children to commit to come along each week to learn new songs and develop their vocal skills. New members are also very welcome to join.

### NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

### West Sussex Music

There are still a few places available on West Sussex Music's TOPs course. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to learn an instrument for **free** and experience the thrill of playing in an orchestra with others.

Scan the QR code on the flyer below to secure a place.

Starting in JANUARY 2025!

## TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME

FREE group lessons on orchestral instruments for  
children aged 7 - 11

**BOGNOR REGIS**  
Thursday

**CHICHESTER**  
Saturday

**HORSHAM**  
Saturday

**WORTHING**  
Saturday

✓ Free for term one

✓ Free instrument hire\*

\*A booking fee of £10 will apply to cover instrument delivery

✓ Play in an orchestra



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## **Diary Dates**

### **January**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Scooter afternoon – Dormouse and Hedgehog

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> – Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am  
PTA Winter disco

### **February**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Break up at 3.20pm for half-term

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

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Children back in school

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

### **March**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

### **April**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Break up for Easter holiday at 1.30pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Children back in school

### **May**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Break up for half-term 3.20pm

### **June**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Children back in school

### **July**

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

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