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Newsletter – January 2018

Dear Parents

The staff would like to thank you so much for all your gifts and good wishes at Christmas. We wish you all a very Happy New Year and we look forward to working with you and your children this term.

Mrs Penny is on a Sabbatical until 19th February. Mrs Theobald will be Acting Headteacher from 4th to 19th January and Mrs Ball will be Acting Headteacher from 22nd January to 9th February. The main Office continues its 'good news' stories about Barnett Wood for 2018. Please pop in and catch up with these stories every now and again.

Communication – Unless urgent, all communication will be sent home via children's school bags every other Friday, starting on Friday 12th January. Copies of school documents are also available on the school website. **We have the facility to send newsletters and messages via email and text. Please make sure you inform the office of any changes to your contact details.**

Our snow plan is available on the website. We will always strive to keep the school open if safe to do so. The class teachers update their class page on the website every week (usually Friday) with useful information and pictures of the learning in the classroom.

Dance – Our professional dancer, Mr Don Rae returns this term to teach dance to the Yr1 and 2 children. **The children will be performing a dance to parents towards the end of the spring term. See dates for times.** Mr Rae will give the Reception classes a taster session towards the end of term.

Lunch times – We ask our lunch staff to gently encourage children to try the variety of foods. We will inform you if your child regularly eats very little. If you would like to change to a packed lunch please inform the office. **If you can volunteer help, we are always happy for parents to help at lunch time. You can also visit during lunch times to see what your child is eating. Please arrange this with the office.**

BOOK WEEK -26th February to 2nd March – (more about this after half term)

Clubs – The Monday after school reading club was full within two days of advertising. Thank you to everyone who completed the audit about before and after school and holiday clubs. We received 57 replies. The results were as follows:

QUESTION	YES
Would you be interested in a before school club?	15 for Monday and Tuesday, 13 for Wednesday, 8 Thursday and 11 for Friday.
Would you be interested in an after-school club?	14 Monday, 28 Tuesday, 20 Wednesday, 23 Thursday and 8 for Friday
Would you be interested in a holiday club?	18 Monday, 29 Tuesday, 27 Wednesday, 22 Thursday and 11 Fridays.

We will continue to pursue the option of before and after school care at the school.

Assemblies - Yr1 children will be presenting an assembly for their parents this term. We also invite you to a special internet safety assembly. Please see dates.

Parent consultations - March 13th (3.30 - 6.30pm) and March 14th (6.00 - 9.00pm)





We invite you to a parent consultation after half-term. This is a time to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher. A timetable will be available for you to sign up for a slot on Wednesday 21st February at the office. If you are not available to sign, you may book an appointment through the School Office. Please call the office **after 9.15am on this day**. In the meantime, teachers are usually available at the end of the day if you have any immediate concerns.

Swimming pool - We start preparing for swimming this term and thank our main maintenance team for starting the process. If you are going to help with supervising changing you will need to be DBS checked. We envisage quite a number of parents helping in this area and we would like to stagger the process. Please let the office know if you will be helping and Alison will organise this process. **We will be re surfacing the floor surrounding the pool this season and this has a cost of £10k (approx).**

***Working Party, Saturday 3rd March** - We ask parents to help us with various maintenance jobs around the school grounds. We need to clear an area for a new shed, clear an area in our wildlife area, paint some wooden fencing and tidy the field. Please let the office know if you can help. Mrs Penny provides tea/coffee and a treat.

Admissions reminder - the closing date for Reception and Yr3 admissions for Sept 2018 is 15th JANUARY 2018. If you have not applied please inform the office.

Some requests -

-  We get through a tremendous amount of tissues and kitchen rolls! We would really appreciate a donation of a box of tissues/kitchen rolls from each family if you haven't already donated.
-  We provide an early drop off facility at 8.30am. Doors open at 8.45am, ten minutes before school starts at 8.55am. This allows your child to have extra time to read or complete some early tasks. The teachers work hard to prepare for the day so do take advantage of this. In this way we are actually offering an extra 50 minutes of education every week!!
-  We continue to walk the track every Monday and Friday morning from 8.30am to 8.45am. All welcome. Please come around to the back of the school and join us.
-  **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE ROADS OPPOSITE SCHOOL.** Thank you.

Léonie Theobald, Acting Headteacher

Dates and Events for Spring term 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time and Place</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 4 th Jan		All return for the Spring Term Mrs Theobald: Acting Headteacher
Thursday 11 th Jan	9.00am - in The Beehive	Friends Meeting
Friday 19 th Jan	2.30pm - 3.15pm	Yr1 and Yr2 OPEN AFTERNOON. Please come in and your child will show you their classroom and their work. Once you have seen the work you may take your child home.
Monday 22 nd Jan		Mrs Ball: Acting Headteacher
Friday 26 th Jan	8.45am - 9.30am	Reception OPEN MORNING Please come in and your child will show you their classroom and their work.
Friday 26 th Jan	4.30 - 5.30pm 6.00 - 7.00pm	Reception DISCO Yr1 and 2 DISCO
Tuesday 30 th Jan	ALL DAY FOR YR1	VICTORIAN DAY. Yr1 children to come to school dressed as a Victorian
Tuesday 6 th Feb	10.00am to 10.30am School Hall	Internet safety assembly. Parents welcome. So that we have an idea of numbers, please let office know if you plan to attend.
Wednesday 7 th Feb	9.15am - 9.40 School Hall	Roses present a Victorian Assembly for their parents.
12th to 16th February	All week - Half term	HALF TERM
Thursday 22 nd Feb	7.00pm, Beehive	Governors Meeting
Friday 23 rd Feb	7.30 for 8.00pm start	QUIZ NIGHT for parents
26 th Feb to 2 nd March	ALL WEEK	BOOK WEEK. Details to follow
Saturday 3 rd March	School grounds 9.00am to 12.00pm	Working Party in the grounds
Wednesday 7 th March	ALL DAY	Yr2 visit to RHS Garden, Wisley
Thursday 8 th March	9.15 - 9.40 School Hall	Orchids present an assembly for their parents.
Tuesday 13 th March	3.30pm - 6.30pm	Parent Consultation
Wednesday 14 th March	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Parent Consultation
Thursday 22 nd March	9.15 - hall (30 - 40 mins) 10.15 - hall (30 - 40 mins)	Dance performance - Yr 1 parents Dance performance - Yr 2 parents
Sunday 25 th March	Details to follow	Family Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday 28 th March	3.00pm finish for the term	Return to school for the Summer Term, Monday 16 th April.

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