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Newsletter – January 2017

Dear Parents

The staff and I 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.

The main Office continues its 'good news' stories about Barnett Wood for 2017. Please pop in and catch up with these stories every now and again. We have two new stories already!

Communication – Unless urgent, all communication will be sent home via children's school bags on a Friday. 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.** This term we are reviewing a phone app which we plan to release soon. More details to follow.

There is an extra system in place for any emergency messages via the class reps who have your emails. We use the above systems if we experience extreme weather conditions. We will always strive to keep the school open if safe to do so. **Our snow plan is available on the website. 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. We continue to use the Government's sports funding to extend and enhance the children's physical skills. **The children will be performing a dance to parents towards the end of the spring term. See dates for times.** For reception children we will be purchasing some outdoor games to encourage physical skills and they will have a taster session with Mr Rae.

Lunch times – The majority of children continue to have a hot lunch. 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. **We are really desperate for lunch staff. If you are interested in a paid position for 1, 2 or 3 days please speak to the office staff. If you can volunteer help, we are always happy for parents to help at lunch time.**

BOOK WEEK -27th February to 3rd March – The theme this year is 'Traditional Tales'. **We launch the week on Monday 27th February with a 'Dress up as a traditional character day'.** Your child can come to school as The Ginger Bread Man, Little Red Riding Hood or any character from a traditional fairy story. More details about the week will be available before half term.

Clubs – last term the children attended a variety of clubs including, djembe drumming, skipping, art and bingo. This term the Year 2 children are able to choose any or all of the lunch time clubs including board games and drawing club.

Assemblies – Yr1 children will be presenting an assembly for their parents and we will be celebrating Chinese New Year and Burns Night. We also invite you to a special internet safety assembly. Please see dates.

Parent consultations - March 15th (3.30 - 6.30pm) and March 16th (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 to sign on Wednesday 21st February at the office. If you are not available to sign, you may book an appointment. 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.





Dates and Events for Spring term 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time and Place</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday 3 rd Jan		Staff Training day - school Closed
Wednesday 4 th Jan		Children Return
Wednesday 11 th Jan	8.00pm - in The Beehive	Friends Meeting
Friday 20 th	3.00 to 3.30pm	Reception open afternoon. Please come in and see the work in the classrooms.
Friday 27 th Jan	-4.30 - 5.30pm - 6.00 - 7.00pm	Reception DISCO Yr1 and 2 DISCO
Saturday 28 th Jan	Chinese New Year Starts	Chinese New Year. We will be holding an assembly on 30 th Jan about the celebrations
Tuesday 7 th Feb	ALL DAY FOR YR1	VICTORIAN DAY. Yr1 children to come to school dressed as a Victorian
Tuesday 7 th Feb	9.15am - School Hall	Strawberries present a Victorian Assembly for their parents.
Wednesday 8 th Feb	10.00am to 10.30am School Hall	Internet safety assembly. Parents welcome. So we have an idea of numbers please let office know if you plan to attend.
Friday 10 th Feb	After school	Bananas cake sale
13th to 17th February	All week - Half term	HALF TERM
Thursday 23 rd Feb	7.00pm, Beehive	Governors Meeting
27 th Feb to 3 rd March	ALL WEEK	BOOK WEEK. Details to follow
Friday 24 th Feb	7.30 for 8.00 start	QUIZ NIGHT
Tuesday 28 th Feb	9.00 am	Pancake Assembly for children followed by pancake races.
Friday 3 rd March	9.15 - School Hall	Bananas present a Book Themed Assembly for their parents.
Saturday 4 th March	School grounds 9.00am to 12.00pm	Working Party in the grounds - see below *
Thursday 9 th March	ALL DAY	Yr2 visit to RHA Garden Wisley
Wednesday 15 th March	3.30pm - 6.30pm	Parent Consultation
Thursday 16 th March	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Parent Consultation
Friday 17 th March	3.00pm	Strawberries cake sale
Friday 31 st March	9.15 - hall (30 - 40 mins) 10.15 - hall (30 - 40 mins)	Dance performance - Yr 1 parents Dance performance - Yr 2 parents
Saturday 25 th March	Details to follow	Family Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 31 st March	3.00pm finish for the term	Return to school for the Summer Term, Tuesday 18th April.

***Working Party, Saturday 4th March** - Our site manager, Gary has been working on renovating our wild life area and pond. The work is progressing well and is much improved. We will need parents to help finish this area in order for the staff and children to use it. We ask parents to help us with various maintenance jobs around the school grounds. We need to clear an area for a new shed, paint some wooden fencing and tidy the field. Please let the office know if you can help. Mrs Penny provides bacon rolls and tea/coffee.

Admissions reminder - the closing date for Reception and Yr3 admissions for Sept 2017 is 15th JANUARY 2017. 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.
-  Start collecting together your old/unused foreign coins for a collection for charity during first week of February.
-  We provide an early drop off 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 education every week!!
-  I repeat my request for either paid or voluntary work at lunch times. Please let the office know if you are interested or able to help, Thank you.

Norma Penny, Headteacher