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## Newsletter – January 2019

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.

The main Office continues its 'good news' stories about Barnett Wood for 2018/19. Please pop in and catch up with these stories every now and again. **STOP PRESS - We have received confirmation the school has gained, GOLD Healthy Schools status because of the work we undertake particularly to keep our school community active. Why not make a New Year's resolution and join us at the track for a free walk on Monday and Friday mornings from 8.30 to 8.45am.**

**Communication** – Our school website, [www.barnett-wood.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.barnett-wood.surrey.sch.uk) holds all the up to date information you need. Unless urgent, all paper communication will be sent home via children's school bags every other Friday, starting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January. The curriculum overviews, available on the website, show a weekly learning overview for each year group. We have the facility to send newsletters and messages via parent mail. 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 about the week's learning and what is coming up the following week.**

**Staffing** – Mrs Ball is undergoing a planned operation on 16<sup>th</sup> January with a recovery period of six weeks. During this time, Mrs Penny and Mrs Leyland will be teaching Tigers, ensuring the children continue to enjoy their learning and make good progress. Lions have a student teacher, Mr. Brassington, working with Mrs Theobald until 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**Dance** – Our professional dancer, Mr Don Rae returns after half 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.

**Lunchtimes** – 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 lunchtime. You can also visit during lunch times to see what your child is eating. Please arrange this with the office in advance.**

**BOOK WEEK -11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February-** There will be a book shop after school on, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.00 to 3.30pm. This year our theme is 'Animals' and to launch the week children may dress up as an animal and bring in a fact about it.

**Clubs** - Our Breakfast club (From 7.45am) and Afterschool club (3.00 to 6.00pm) are developing well. If you are interested in attending, please enquire at the office.

**Assemblies** - Year1 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 26th (3.30 - 6.30pm) and March 28<sup>th</sup> (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 27<sup>th</sup> 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** - Our main maintenance team have started the process of preparing our pool for next term. The wall surrounding the pool has been demolished during the Christmas break and we plan to erect a new wooden fence later this term. **Thank you to James Thorpe who has been working on this project.** We will be re surfacing some of the floor surrounding the pool this season as the demolishing of the wall has allowed us to extend the perimeter slightly. **UNLESS A MEMBER OF STAFF IS AVAILABLE, THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO THE FIELD AREA FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS UNTIL WORKS ARE COMPLETE.** KIKO football will continue this term on the front playground.






**POOL HELP** - If you would like to be a pool supervisor or pool checker, you will need to undertake some training, delivered by the school. We are holding two information sessions for you to find out more about these roles. We also offer free First Aid training, which qualifies you for 3 years. Please see dates. We need as many volunteers as possible.

If you plan 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 intend to help and Alison will organise the checks **between now and when we start swimming in May 2019.**

**Working Party, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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, re-establish a wildlife area, create a small fruit orchard, 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 2019 is 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019. 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 or kitchen rolls from each family if you have not 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.
-  If you would like to play for a short time at pick up time, please play by the ship and gazebo, thank you. **NOT ON THE FIELD** and not Mondays because of football club.
-  **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE ROADS OPPOSITE SCHOOL.** A local resident uses a mobility scooter and cannot get through if you park on the pavement.

Norma Penny, Headteacher

## Dates and Events for Spring term 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time and Place</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 3rd Jan		All return for the Spring Term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Morning sessions	Each class will be involved in a drama w/shop experience from a local drama company, PERFORM.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	All Day	Professional company leading a day on 'Kindness'.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Hall - 2 sessions	Road Safety Magic show
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am in The Beehive	Friends Meeting
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9.00am and repeated at 2.30pm	Come and find out what is involved in becoming a pool supervisor or pool checker. We need lots of volunteers.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4.30 - 5.30pm 6.00 - 7.00pm	Reception DISCO Yr1 and 2 DISCO
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	ALL DAY FOR YR1	VICTORIAN DAY. Yr1 children to come to school dressed as a Victorian
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	BEEHIVE BEEHIVE BEEHIVE	Clay work shop for Year 2 Clay work shop for Year 1 Clay work shop for Year Rec
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.15am - 9.40 - HALL	Leopards present a Victorian Assembly for their parents.
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	ALL WEEK	BOOK WEEK. Details to follow
<b>18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>All week - Half term</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00pm	Governors Meeting
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	7.30 for 8.00pm start	QUIZ NIGHT for parents
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	ALL DAY	Yr2 visit to RHS Garden, Wisley
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	School grounds 9.00am to 12.00pm	Working Party in the grounds
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	8.45am to 1.00pm 9.00 to 11.45am	Essential first Aid training for ALL those intending to be a POOL SUPERVISOR. Cost covered by School.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.15 - 9.40 School Hall	Giraffes present an assembly for their parents.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm - 6.30pm 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Parent Consultation Parent Consultation
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.15 - hall (30 - 40 mins) 10.15 - hall (30 - 40 mins)	Dance performance - Yr 1 parents Dance performance - Yr 2 parents
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00pm finish for the term. 6.00pm finish for after school club.	<b>Return to school for the Summer Term, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.</b>