



Barnett Wood Infant School

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Newsletter - January 2020

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 the school year, 2019/20. Please pop in and catch up with these stories every now and again. **STOP PRESS - We have received confirmation the school has gained, 2 * marks for being an active school. 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 holds all up to date information. Unless urgent, all paper communication will be sent home via children's school bags every other Friday, starting on Friday 10th 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. Curriculum Overviews for each half term are available on the website. These detail what the children are learning each week. **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.**

Our snow plan is available on the website. We will always strive to keep the school open if safe to do so.

Staffing - Mrs Davies is pleased to inform the school community that she is expecting a baby in May 2020. I will be recruiting a teacher for Green Class for the Summer Term and we will introduce the new teacher to Green Class and parents nearer the time.

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 list 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.**

WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 5th March - We will be dressing up - details nearer the time.

Science Week - From Monday 9th March. Lots of science activities and we hope to involve the children in the final touches to our new wildlife area.

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 - Year 1 children will be presenting an assembly for their parents this term. We also invite you to a special internet safety assembly. Please see list of dates.

Parent consultations - March 24th (5.00 - 8.00 pm) and March 26th (3.30 - 6.30pm)

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 Thursday 27th 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.





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 2020**.

Working Party, Saturday 7th March - We ask parents to help us with various maintenance jobs around the school grounds. We need to continue the work we started last year to re-establish a Wildlife area for your children. 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 2020 is 15th JANUARY 2020. If you have not applied, please ensure you do by this date.

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.
-  **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 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time and Place</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 6 th Jan		All return for the Spring Term. Work for the new play area start.
Wednesday 15 th Jan	School Hall from 10.15am	Grant Koper, Author visiting the school to tell the children about himself and to read, 'The Day Granny's Knickers blew away.'
Thursday 17 th Jan	9.00am in The Beehive	Friends Meeting
Tuesday 21 st Jan	9.00am or 2.30pm In The Beehive	How we teach phonics. Mrs Penny will be running the sessions.
Friday 24 th Jan	4.30 - 5.30pm 6.00 - 7.00pm	Reception DISCO Yr1 and 2 DISCO
Tuesday 28 th 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.
Tuesday 4 th Feb	ALL DAY FOR YR1	VICTORIAN DAY. Yr1 children to come to school dressed as a Victorian
Tuesday 11 th Feb	10.00am to 10.30am School Hall SAFER INTERNET DAY	Internet safety assembly. Parents welcome. So that we have an idea of numbers, please let office know if you plan to attend.
Thursday 13 th Feb	9.15am - 9.40 - HALL	Orange Class present a Victorian Assembly for their parents.
17th to 21st February	All week - Half term	HALF TERM
Friday 28 th Feb	7.30 for 8.00pm start	QUIZ NIGHT for parents. Teams of 8. Bring your own nibbles and drinks.
Thursday 5 th March	7.00pm	Governors Meeting
Saturday 7 th March	School grounds 9.30am to 12.30pm	Working Party in the grounds. Please let office know so we can provide refreshments.
Monday 9 th March		Science Week
Thursday 12 th March	ALL DAY	Yr2 visit to RHS Garden, Wisley
Thursday 19 th March	9.15 - 9.40 School Hall	Blue Class present a Well-being assembly for their parents.
Tuesday 24 th March Thursday 26 th March	5.00pm - 8.00pm 3.30pm - 6.30pm	Parent Consultation Parent Consultation
Wednesday 25 th March Thursday 26 th 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.
Sunday 29 th March	ALL DAY	FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT
Tuesday 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
Wednesday 1 st April	Year 2 Music Festival	Yr 2 children from Ashtead meet together for a fun sing song
Friday 3 rd April	3.00pm finish for the term. 6.00pm finish for after school club.	Return to school for the Summer Term, Monday 20th April.