



Barns Green Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am not sure where time goes, this has been another busy and productive week at school and it is wonderful to see everyone so engaged with their learning as I walk around the school. I have shown round a number of prospective parents recently and it is always lovely to receive such positive feedback as I show visitors around.

Thank you for your patience in Hedgehog Class this week. We have increased the cleaning within the classroom, scheduled a deep clean and are replacing some of the carpet tiles. I do hope that any incidents of sickness are over quickly and that those affected do not feel too poorly.

Next week is an important time for our year 6's as they take their 'SATs.' They have worked so hard throughout year 6 and indeed their entire time at school to ensure that they are ready to ace these significant assessments. We feel very proud of the mature way they are approaching next week and on behalf of all of the staff here at school we wish them the very best of luck. Let's hope the sickness bug does not spread!

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, and for our year 6's please relax and have an early night on Sunday!

Warm wishes

Mrs Newbold

Sporting Update

Cricket with Fred

The children are thoroughly enjoying their cricket sessions with our Chance to Shine coach Fred once again this year. It is wonderful that the children can benefit from his coaching skills and expertise. A super use of our Sports Premium Grant!

Multi-Skills

All children in year 2 thoroughly enjoyed participating in Multiskills at The Weald on Wednesday. This is an opportunity to take part in a variety of activities practising coordination, balance and teamwork under the guidance of Mr Meaney and alongside children from other local schools. Mrs Callaghan was very happy with the way our children rose to the challenge and represented the school!





Dance

The children also have a chance to practise some moves on the field with the added addition of music on the playground this summer! This is proving to be a huge hit and offers some respite from the football!!!

TAG and Football Thank Yous

A big thank you to Mr Coxon and Mr Martin (Griff's Grandad) for running lunch time football and TAG rugby clubs. I know the children really enjoy these opportunities!

We were hoping to have a school team represent the school at the upcoming Barns Green TAG tournament however unfortunately I understand that this is not possible. It was still great to enjoy some practise!

Parent Workshop

Parents often come to us concerned that their child is having outbursts and struggling with aspects of behaviour at home. Whilst this is often a normal part of childhood and parenting it is natural to feel concerned if this happens often. In response to this we are soon holding a parent workshop looking at emotional regulation and how to support children within the home.

This will be led by Debbie Cole who is our new Designated Schools Team lead. This will be a valuable time to get to know Debbie and an opportunity to get a further understanding of potential support that is available.

It is of course also a great time to get a coffee/tea and meet other parents!

Please do come along!

Walk to School Week

Monday the 18th May marks the beginning of Walk to School Week. Thank you to Mrs Knight for organising a varied selection of events to mark this important week. It is great to see the riddles back by popular demand!

Please do keep a look out and remember to Park and Stride if you cannot avoid coming into the village by car!

Dates

May

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th – KS2 SATs

Tuesday 12th – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

Wednesday 13th – Performing Arts at Christ's Hospital for selected Year 5 children

Tuesday 19th – Funky Shoesday - Pupils are invited to wear their most colourful, decorated, or "funkiest" shoes for their journey to school! Whether it's neon laces, mismatched boots, or custom-decorated trainers

Wednesday 20th – Hedgehog Class assembly 2.45pm (all parents/carers welcome)

Friday 22nd – Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am – CANCELLED

The Walking Bus - Staff and families will meet at the Village Green (8.30am) to walk together as a group to the school gates.

Whole School WALKOUT - To celebrate the end of the week, we will hold a whole school "Walkout." At **11:30**, all classes will head out together for a symbolic walk around the village green to champion active travel and road safety. **This will end with a whole school picnic for just children and staff. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch for the day!**

Chance to Shine cricket

Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

June

Monday 1st – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 2nd – Children back in school

Friday 5th - Chance to Shine cricket

Sunday 7th – Wednesday 10th – PGL residential for Yr 5 and 6 children

Tuesday 9th – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

Friday 26th – Sports Day (afternoon)

July

Friday 3rd - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 6th – Dormouse and Hedgehog trip to West Wittering

Tuesday 14th – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

Wednesday 22nd – Break up for summer holidays

September

Tuesday 1st- INSET day (no children in school)

Wednesday 2nd - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 21st-Wednesday 23rd – Yr 6 Bikeability – Level 1 and 2

Thursday 24th – Yr 5 Level 1 Bikeability