Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has donated to Children in Need here at school today, and a special well done to Harrison and his Mum who have arranged fundraising for this wonderful cause both before school and after school today. It is always good to see our community supporting others. We do all appreciate that these are challenging times for so many however every little helps.

We are moving towards a very busy time of year. Please do keep an eye out for communication and details of what is coming up!

Having said that, the issues today with Outlook may mean an unusually quiet day!!

As always the newsletter is an important part of communication tool! Each week it contains details of what is on the agenda for the school, so you have a clear idea of what is happening, themes and aspects of strategy.

Today every family will receive a paper copy due to the issues with Outlook. Please take this opportunity to read – especially if this is not something you regularly do!

I hope you find it informative.

Tracey Newbold

Parent / Teacher Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended these sessions over the past two evenings. I hope you found them informative and an opportunity to celebrate what is going well, discuss next steps and any potential concerns.

Please do continue to communicate with us. We love to hear the positive however recognise the value of knowing the whole picture so that we can act if necessary.

Attendance

Teachers will have spoken to some of you regarding attendance at parent's evening. This matter is a priority for us here at school because we recognise that attending school every day makes such a difference to a child's sense of belonging and academic progress. It is also a relative weakness for the school and something we are continually reflecting upon.

If your child has attendance of less than 90%, they are considered to have persistent absence by the DFE. Ideally all children will have attendance of at least 95% across a school year.

Of course, we understand individual circumstances relating to serious injury and illness however beyond this there is very little wiggle room.

Next week the children will be coming home with attendance letters with their attendance figure for the year so far. If you need any support with attendance, please do not hesitate in contacting me to discuss this.

It is also important to celebrate those children with markedly improved attendance and those with consistently excellent attendance.

Parent/Teacher Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has filled out the Google Forms questionnaire sent out this week. The closing date is Monday 16th @ 12pm – so there is still time to add your voice!



As Education professionals we will analyse the findings and reflect upon the results. Next steps and opportunities for further discussion will be communicated in due course to ensure that potential learning and development opportunities are not wasted.

Anti- Bullying Week 2026

Here at Barns Green, we always take the matter of bullying seriously. We understand bullying to be unwanted, repeated behaviour that causes physical, emotional or psychological harm.

We monitor the children very carefully both inside the classroom and outside on the playground. All members of staff are vigilant and are trained in spotting issues before they escalate. I can say with certainty that the school is a happy place, that relationships between children are good and that when there are issues staff communicate and we keep a close eye.

Children do fall out from time to time. This is part of growing up and when this does happen, we use a restorative approach to encourage them to they learn from the situation. We will communicate incidents with yourselves if we feel there is a need to do so.

Anti-Bullying week will be celebrated in school between 16th and 20th November. This year's theme is: Break the Silence.

We will be kicking this off on Monday the 16th asking the children to wear odd socks.

Odd Socks Day is designed as an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. This is also the theme for our PSHE unit this term.



Horsham Christmas Lights Switch on Event

Please do come and support us and the school choir next Friday evening when we will be singing in the bandstand. Our slot is scheduled for 6:20 and is planned to last around 15 minutes.

What an opportunity for our little school! It would be lovely to see some familiar faces in the crowd.

Social and Emotional Support

I am delighted to let you know that we will shortly be in a position to further enhance our social and emotional support of children. We already run a very successful WOWSI program but will begin to offer ELSA sessions very soon.

Mrs MacDonald has nearly completed her training to become an accredited ELSA (Emotional literacy support assistant) and will begin working directly with children who teachers feel would benefit from some support in this area. We intend to offer a mixture of both group and individual support.

Dates

November

Monday 16th – Odd socks day

Tuesday 17th – Dormouse and Hedgehog trip to Bocketts Farm

Thursday 19th – Year R 2027 Stay and Play session 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 20th – Horsham Christmas Showcase – Barns Green Performance Choir performing

Wednesday 25th - Year R 2027 Stay and Play session 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 27th – Dormouse and Hedgehog drop and read 8.45-9.15am (please come in and read with your child if you can)

December

Wednesday 2nd – Otter and Squirrel trip to the Weald and Downland Museum

Thursday 3rd – Fox Class trip to Brighton
Otter class assembly at 2.45pm

Monday 7th – Rocksteady Christmas performance 2.20pm

Tuesday 8th – Nativity 2.30pm

Wednesday 9th – Nativity 9.30am

Friday 11th – Dormouse and Hedgehog drop and read 8.45-9.15am (please come in and read with your child if you can)

Monday 14th – Carol concert 2.30pm

Tuesday 15th – Carol concert 9.30am

Wednesday 16th – Easy Lunch Christmas meal

Friday 18th – Break up at 1.30pm

January

Monday 4th – Children back in school

February

Thursday 11th – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

Friday 12th – INSET day (no children in school)

March

Thursday 25th – Break up

April

Monday 12th – Children back in school

May

Monday 3rd – Bank Holiday

Friday 28th – Break up for half-term

June

Monday 7th – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 8th – Children back in school

July

Friday 2nd July – INSET day (no children in school)

Wednesday 21st – Break up