



Barns Green Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 20th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe how this week has simply flown by. One thing about working in a school is that time just flies. No day is ever the same, there is so much to see, do and think about. Whilst there are most certainly challenges the smiles on children's faces make it all worthwhile. I literally thought a child in year 2 was going to explode this week as she proudly showed me her handwriting. The power of the head teacher's sticker and pencil appears to be mighty!

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school on Friday 27th May. We are asking children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue that day. Throughout the morning we will be engaged in themed activities which will include biscuit decorating, maypole dancing, croquet and bunting design. We have decided to mix the children up throughout the morning and will be working in our house teams. During the afternoon we will be having a street party, we would like to ask you to pack an additional snack for your child to enjoy as part of this. This could be Jubilee themed, something like a scone, cupcakes or a small amount of party food.

The children will be having lunch as normal, this is something for the children to enjoy whilst at the street party!!



Continuing with the Jubilee theme you may be aware that the children entered into a competition run by Itchingfield Parish Council during the Spring Term. They were asked to design a Jubilee inspired picture which would then form part of a celebratory mug. We had some wonderful entries which were judged by members of the Parish Council. The Parish Council has kindly donated a mug to every child and they will be coming home with these next week. I am pleased to

announce the joint winners of the competition as: Ema and Aaron from Otter Class. Runners up included, Olivia and Isabella from Dormouse class, Calli in Hedgehogs, Dylan in Squirrels, Isobel in Otters and Izzy R and Mason from Fox Class.

Congratulations to all of these children and a special thanks to the Parish Council for their thought and generosity in running this competition.





I would like to remind you once again of the importance of getting your child to school in good time. Our school gates open at 8:45 and children are engaged in meaningful activities from the moment they arrive. These activities include consolidation of previous learning, handwriting and the chance to change reading books and improve the previous day's work. Being on time helps to establish positive routines and helps to get your child's day off to a good start. If your child regularly misses this time or arrives late they really do miss out. Punctuality leads to an understanding that school is important and education is valuable. It really does contribute to progress.

Teachers take the register at 8:55 and our registration process closes at 9:15, any child who arrives after this will be marked as late. This is marked as U in the register. The school has a duty to report children with persistent U codes, which could lead to a fine.

Thank you for your support over this important matter.

Mrs Sands our learning mentor has asked me to draw your attention to some free workshops supporting children's mental health. These can be found by following the link.

<https://www.westsussexmind.org/training-courses/mental-health-training/training-to-support-young-people/understanding-young-peoples-mental-health>

Finally we are looking forward to sharing the NSPCC resources, 'Speak out and stay safe' with the children after half term. I hope you have the opportunity to read the information letter and to discuss these important issues at home.

Hopefully the sun will soon be out, I am sure the children will miss being on the field today.

Have a lovely weekend,

Warm wishes

Mrs Tracey Newbold

Jubilee Celebrations

Children come to school wearing red, white and blue and bring their own street party snack for the afternoon.

Dormouse Children – Pick up

Please can parents line up and collect their children in turn from Miss West at the classroom gate. The end of the day can be quite hectic and it helps to make sure that the children are going home with their correct adult. We need to lock the gate promptly at the end of the day, as the playground is used for sports clubs, and a smooth pick up and exit from the premises allows us to do this.

Diary dates - 2022

May

Tuesday 24th May – PTA meeting - 7.30pm at The Queen's Head to discuss the Summer Fete

Friday 27th – School Jubilee Celebrations
Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

June

Thursday 2nd – PTA balloon race starts (in half-term)

Monday 6th - Children back in school

Sunday 12th – Yr 5 + 6 PGL residential trip

Monday 13th – Messy Church in community room

Wednesday 15th – Yr 5 + 6 back from PGL residential trip

Friday 17th - Squirrel Class Drusillas trip

Monday 20th – Mufti day – please bring in sweets for Summer Fete

Thursday 23rd – Sports Day – afternoon (please see email)

Friday 24th – Yr 5 + 6 to see CH production of 39 Steps (letter to follow)

Monday 27th – Mufti day – please bring in bottles for Summer Fete

Wednesday 29th – History learning days KS2

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July

Friday 1st – INSET day

Wednesday 6th – EOY reports sent out/children new class transition am session/Parents + Carers informed of September class teachers for their child

Thursday 7th – Otter Class trip to Pulborough Brooks (letter to follow)

Friday 8th – Mini Summer Fete 3.30pm

Tuesday 12th – Children new class transition pm session

Wednesday 13th – Dress rehearsal for Yr 6 End of Year performance/Evening performance - 6.30pm

Thursday 14th – Evening performance – Year 6 – 6.30pm

Monday 18th – Open afternoon/Meet your child's new teacher 3.30- 6.00pm

Tuesday 19th – Year 6 Leavers' assembly 9.30am (parents of leavers welcome)

Thursday 21st – End of term, break up at 1.30pm

September

Thursday 1st – INSET

Friday 2nd – Children back in school