

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our drop and read sessions held in Dormouse and Hedgehog Classes this morning. Thank you for participating and I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to spend time reading with your children at school. We also hope that this gives a small insight into your child's experience here in class. We look forward to these becoming a regular feature of the school calendar and will seek further opportunities to build upon this principle.

It's been a great week, on Wednesday we had two wolves come and visit. I never thought I'd hear the words, "In a minute, I'm just waiting for the wolves to arrive." These were spoken by Mrs Coxon and they sum up the varied and eclectic nature of working in a small school. No day is ever the same, we have constant challenges but do experience real moments of fun and joy.

There really is no job like working in a school, and most of the time we all love it!

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Tracey Newbold



#### Wonderful Wolves

What an amazing experience Fox Class had this week meeting not just one but two wolves! You



could not help but be inspired by their size and strength. I hear that this has led to some wonderful writing from the children!

#### **Netball Success**

On Monday I had the pleasure of accompanying 10 children from year 6 to a netball competition at The Weald. This was the first time BGPS has entered a netball team. The competition was tough, with nine teams taking part. We played amazingly well and ultimately came second overall. This is a fantastic achievement! Thank you to Miss Bishop for training the children so well.

In addition to this, our school really does excel across the board at sport. We may be small but truly punch above our weight!



# Chance to Shine Cricket and Cricket Club

The children are continuing to enjoy their sessions with Fred the coach. Sessions are lively, fun and engaging! We have not had much take up for the afterschool club however Fred has agreed to run a lunchtime session for KS2. It is great to be able to offer more to the children out on the playground.

## The PTA

Just a reminder that children will be engaged in book related activities next week and on Thursday we are asking children to come dressed as characters from books. Please do try to utilise what you have at home and choose characters from books the children may have engaged with. We look forward to seeing everyone in their costumes!

#### Parent/Teacher consultations

The sheets for these will be going up in the foyer on Monday afternoon.

## Lost property

This will be in the foyer from Tuesday, anything unclaimed at the end of the week will be given to the PTA, charity or recycled.

#### **Book Fair**

We will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair during the w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March. The books will be on display each day, and available to look at during parents evening. Children can use their World Book Day tokens towards any purchases, these will be given out next week.

Parents can now pay for books while they're at the Fair using a QR code which we will display. Parents will be able to scan the code on their phone to easily access the Scholastic parent pay website. If a payment is made there and then, a reference will be sent to your phone and once this has been provided to the person manning the book sale the book/s will be given out. If payment is made at home, the books will be given out the next day if available, if not Scholastic will deliver them to school. Children will also have the opportunity to fill in a wish list which can be taken home to look at.

## **Dormouse logs**

Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs Mannion (and Uncle Tom) for the delivery of logs for Forest School. We are very grateful!



PTA Update

## Easter egg hunt – Friday 22 March

We are thrilled to announce the eagerly awaited Easter Egg Hunt, taking place at Barns Green Primary School on Friday 22 March.

Get ready to spring into Spring with a fun experience for all the children, creating an opportunity for camaraderie amongst the students. A cherished annual event at Barns Green Primary School.

During the school day, children will have the opportunity to explore the school grounds in search of hidden (non-edible) eggs.

At the end of the day, each child will receive a small pack of sweets as a reminder of the enjoyment shared with their friends and classmates.

In addition, all children are invited to participate in an Easter-themed mufti day.

Don't miss out on this egg-cellent event!

Suggested donation of £1 per child.

#### March

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - World Book Week

Wednesday 6th - KS2 VR headsets

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

Chance to Shine cricket

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Reports to parents
- Wednesday 13th Dogs Trust visit
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Class photos

Red Nose Day - cake sale

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Choral workshop at Christ's Hospital Year 1 + 2 trip (details to follow)
- Wednesday 20th Parent/Teacher consultations
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Parent/Teacher consultations
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter Egg Hunt

Mufti Day

- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Swimathon
- Monday 25th Messy Church

Eggstraviganza – Prizes for winning egg designs

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Break up at 1.30pm for Easter Holiday Chance to Shine cricket

April

Monday 15th - Children back in school