



# Barns Green Primary School

Newsletter  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

World religion day is marked on the third Sunday of January each year. The day's focus is to promote understanding and harmony between different religions. This sentiment is hard to disagree with and this year we have sought to promote it at school throughout the week.

At Barns Green we work hard to broaden the range of experiences that children have. This is one reason why we actively promote visitors and trips; they are all part of preparing children for the diverse and exciting world we live in.

Throughout the week, the children have taken part in various craft activities to do with different world religions. We were also blessed when Arafat and two members of the Baha 'i' faith came to talk to the children about their beliefs and faith.

The children listened with the upmost respect and were genuinely interested by what was said. Observing the children during these sessions was very special.

Thank you to Mrs Al-Tarafi who has organised this week.

Tracey Newbold



## Tag Rugby

Well done to the tag rugby team who took part in a competition at The Weald this week. They came a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Miss Bishop reported that they were amazing ambassadors for our school and its values!



Before



After

## Wheels

Our Key Stage 1 children enjoyed themselves this week with a focus upon wheels both big and small. They loved seeing the very large tractor Alex Coxon brought in and enjoyed having their own wheels at school!

## Attendance

Much better this week, thank you!

Well done to Fox and Otter classes with the highest attendance overall – 96%.

Our youngest children in Dormouse are struggling a little here and I do appreciate that it is a season of coughs and colds, however regular attendance does make a big difference.

We will always send a child home during the day if we can see that they are struggling!

## Reading Update

Some of our teachers have expressed concerns that the children are reading books that they are struggling to understand. We are always delighted when children challenge themselves however, comprehension is of vital importance and it is only when the children really understand what they are reading that they truly develop a love of reading.

Please do read with your children and ask them questions to promote comprehension.

In addition, I encourage you to read to your children to ensure that they have access to the wonderful range of books that are available.

Again, this really does make such a difference throughout all of the primary school years! If you would like any support with this please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or myself.

World Book Day in March is fast approaching and this year we will be in our PJs once again. We will be encouraging children to bring potato characters into school.

More on this, at a later date!



#### PTA news update



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the winter fundraising events. Christmas cards raised nearly £90, refreshments at the nativity £50, second hand uniform sales £170 and finally ending the year with the Grotto at the Christmas Tree Festival raising in the region of £550.



**When: Friday 31 January**

£2 per child or £4 per family with 3 or more children.

Please put monies in an envelope with each individual child's name and class into the post box by the school reception. Children will be registered into the event.

If you would like to pay digitally, please see one of the PTA members.

**Reception & KS1 - from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.** Parents/carers must attend with their child/children.

**KS2 – 4.45pm to 5.45pm.** Parents/carers do not need to accompany their child/children to the event, however children will need to be picked up after by a parent/carer.

The children are not permitted to bring mobile phones onto the premises for this event under any circumstance

### **What to expect.**

An external company is booked to run the school disco with lots of fun and games planned for the children. This is not a fund-raising event as the ticket cost is to cover the hire cost, the disco is a fun social event for children during the winter term.

The PTA will run a tuck shop during the event for snacks, this will be cash only with prices from 50p. Children will need to bring a full water bottle; this can be refilled at the disco.

There will be a supervised chill out zone for any children needing to take a break away from the lights and music.

### **Dates for your diary.**

- Next PTA meeting – Tuesday 25 February at the Barns Green Social club from 7.30pm
- Easter Eggstravaganza – Friday 4th April including egg decorating and the annual egg hunt.
- Summer Fete – Saturday 12th July.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **January**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> – Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am  
PTA Winter disco

#### **February**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Break up at 3.20pm for half-term

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Children back in school

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

#### **March**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

**April**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Break up for Easter holiday at 1.30pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Children back in school

**May**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Break up for half-term 3.20pm

**June**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Children back in school

**July**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Summer Fete