



Barns Green
Primary School
Newsletter
24.01.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are once again revisiting our school values in assembly and this week we have looked at the value of compassion and how it is important to have compassion for ourselves and others.

Something that I believe is very special about Barns Green is the way older children interact with the younger ones. Our year 5 and 6 pupils are such important role models and they do a wonderful job leading clubs and demonstrating our school values.

Having said this, I do need to make my position on aspects of behaviour very clear.

Our playground is generally a harmonious place with children happily playing alongside one another. We expect it to remain like this. Playtime (even in the depths of winter) should be enjoyable and an opportunity to explore friendships, get some fresh air and be active.

Unfortunately, of late I have had to deal with a small number of incidents where children have used unacceptable language and have been rough with one another.

This is not acceptable. Children should not be swearing and reports of this are extremely concerning. Again, we cannot accept children being overly physical or moving around the playground in fixed groups. This does not make playtime a happy time. The school will be robust in dealing with such incidents of swearing and hurting. I would appreciate your support in speaking with children about this.

Respectfully I ask you to be mindful of the language your children are exposed to at home and encourage children to speak to an adult at school when they have concerns.

Every one of our children has the right to a positive experience on the playground and we seek to support those children who do not always find this easy.

I am prepared to deal very robustly with children who continue to make the wrong choices.

Tracey Newbold

Get Safe Online – Parent Workshop

This important workshop is now confirmed and in the calendar. It is scheduled for 6:30pm on Monday 17th March.

It is being led by an expert in this field. The speaker is travelling a considerable way and uniquely is volunteering their time. I do hope it will be very well attended, as this is such an important matter. I will confirm further details closer to the time.



Busy Times in Fox Class

This term things begin to get really serious in year 6. Every day I can see that they are working incredibly hard to ensure that they are on track to excel in their summer tests and be ready for secondary school.

It is such a credit to all of their teachers, both past and present that this does not come at the expense of the wider curriculum.

This week in computing, they have been focusing upon advertising and learning how to be advertisers. They have been demonstrating their knowledge of camera angles to film creative adverts. Next week, they shall be editing their films and adding special effects.

I look forward to seeing the results!





PTA news update



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, we have set up payment links using SumUp

Link for £2.00 child - <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QSVSO00G>

Link for £4.00 family - <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QBHIKDGR>

Please add your child's first name and class to the comments section to allow the child(ren) to get registered in on arrival.

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 be accompany their child/children to the event, however children will need to be picked up after by a parent/carer.

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 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 31st – Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am
PTA Winter disco

February

Thursday 13th – Break up at 3.20pm for half-term

Friday 14th - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 24th – Children back in school

Friday 28th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

March

Friday 14th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Monday 17th – Get Safe Online – Parent workshop 6.30pm

Friday 28th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

April

Friday 4th - Break up for Easter holiday at 1.30pm

- Easter Eggstravaganza

Tuesday 22nd – Children back in school

May

Monday 5th – Bank Holiday

Friday 23rd – Break up for half-term 3.20pm

June

Monday 2nd – Children back in school

July

Friday 4th - INSET day (no children in school)

Saturday 12th – Summer Fete