



Barns Green
Primary School
Newsletter
07.02.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for not being around much this week. Quite unusually, I have been offsite on a number of occasions. It is always reassuring to know that I have such a strong team back at school to take a lead in my absence.

Alongside other locality Headteachers, I had the opportunity to meet with our local MP yesterday and was able to share with him my thoughts regarding the current pressures that schools are under including budgets and SEND provision. It was a robust conversation!

I also attended a 'Thoughtful' conference, which focused upon supporting children with a variety of additional needs. Such events always provide an opportunity to reflect upon our experience and practice here at school. A clear focus of the event was working in partnership with parents, something that we are committed to, as you will be aware. Please do let me know if you have any suggestions relating to ways that this could be further enhanced.

I have also visited another school to look at their school meals provider, who is different to Chartwells. This was both helpful and informative

This week at school, the children have recognised and taken part in Children's Mental Health Week and today is Number day. I do hope the children have enjoyed activities designed to support these themes.

Have a good weekend.

Tracey Newbold

End of the day supervision

Please ensure that you supervise your children from the moment they are collected at the end of the school day. Whilst on the school property we respectfully ask you to reinforce our expectations for behaviour and monitor your children. This includes stopping children from going on the play equipment. We cannot supervise this equipment at the end of the day and for health, safety, and insurance reasons we insist that the children do not use school play equipment at pick up time. Thank you for your support with this.

School Disco

Thank you to members of the PTA who hosted this event last Friday. It was hugely successful and lovely to see the children having so much fun. This was a not for profit event designed to brighten up the last days of January and would not happen without our hardworking and proactive team.

So many members of the PTA have children in year 6 who will shortly be leaving us. If you have children lower down in the school please do get yourselves involved. It would be such a shame if we were not able to keep the PTA going in the future!

Basketball Success

We are once again locality Basketball champions. Our team of year 5 and 6 children were victorious at The Weald this Wednesday. Well done to everyone who took part!



Inset Day Reminder

Please be aware that the school is closed on Friday 14th February. Staff will not be present at school as we will be working with locality colleagues at St Mary's Pulborough.

Wraparound childcare

Plans for having this in place are moving forward with a start date of the beginning of the Summer Term. Please remember that this will mean that our current club and preschool provision will cease and we will transfer to Pioneer Child Care. You will receive further information from them on Monday next week.



PTA news update

Thank you.

Thank you to all the children and families who supported the school disco, lots of fun for the children and fundraising for the school. Thanks to all who help with the planning, running and clear up of the event. Funds raised at the event coming soon.

New date for your diary:

Coffee morning – Friday March 28th at the Queens Head pub.



The staff at the Queens Head pub in Barns Green have volunteered to co-host a coffee morning for the PTA to raise funds. More details to follow after half term but we will be welcoming donations of cakes and hope to run a raffle.

Dates for your diary.

- Next PTA meeting – Tuesday 25 February at the Barns Green Social club from 7.30pm
- **Coffee morning – Friday 28 March at the Queens Head pub in Barns Green.**
- Easter Eggstravaganza – Friday 4th April including egg decorating and the annual egg hunt.
- Summer Fete – Saturday 12th July.

Diary Dates

February

Monday 10th – Messy Church

Tuesday 11th – Fox Class assembly 2.45pm

Wednesday 12th – Dogs Trust visit

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

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

Monday 24th – Children back in school

Thursday 7th – Wolf visit – Year 6

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

March

Wednesday 5th – Splash assembly

Thursday 6th – World Book Day (children invited to wear pyjamas to school)

Monday 10th – Messy Church

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

Class photos

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

Friday 21st – Reports sent home

Wednesday 26th – Parent/Teacher consultations

Thursday 27th – Parent/Teacher consultations

Friday 28th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am
Coffee morning at the Queens Head pub

Monday 31st – Messy Church (final one at school)

April

Thursday 3rd – Hedgehog Class assembly at 2.45pm
Fox Class Science trip

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