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Barnby Dun Primary School NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2009 - First Half



Welcome back and a very happy new year to you all! I hope you and your families enjoyed a great Christmas together. It has been lovely to welcome the children back after a well-earned rest.

New Staff

A very warm welcome to our new members of teaching staff - Mrs Thompson has joined us as our new Deputy Headteacher and class teacher for the Year 4 'Rockets', Mrs Smith is our new class teacher for the Year 1/2 'Parrots'. Both teachers had a nice first week and the children have helped them settle in quickly. We hope they will be very happy at Barnby Dun.

Punctuality

Thankyou very much for ensuring your children have been arriving on time to school, well prepared and ready to learn. Classroom doors open at 8.30am and all pupils should be in class by 8.45am for registration. Their first lesson begins promptly at 8.50am. It is very important that all the children have a calm, positive start to each new school day.

Clubs

We like to offer our pupils a range of extra-curricular activities to keep them busy! As the weather is very cold and wet at the moment, our outdoor clubs have been postponed until the Spring. However, we are very pleased to offer this term:

Choir - with Miss Saville - 12 - 12.30 Monday

Netball - with Mrs Bell - Monday/Friday after school

'J' Team Christian Fellowship group - Tuesday

Drama - with Mrs Thompson - Tuesday 3.30-4.15

Exercise to Music - with Miss Wood - Tuesday 3.30-4.30

'Eco-warriors' - with Mr Cayton - Tuesday 3.30-4.45

Craft Club - with Mrs Smith/Mrs Hill - Thursday lunchtime

Maths Club - with Mrs Semley - 12.30-1.00 Thursday

La Jolie Ronde Spanish - with Mme Walton - Friday lunchtime

(a Monday lunchtime French club will hopefully begin soon)

If you would like any more information about any of these clubs, please call in to see the relevant teacher or myself.

Fundraising

Thanks to your generosity and support, we raised £77.80 to spend on cookery equipment from the Flora "Cooking with Schools" token scheme. We hope to order some new digital thermometers.

Thanks also for supporting the Winston's Wish "Wish upon a Star" campaign before Christmas. We were able to send them a donation of £72.

Many thanks.



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We're on the Web -
www.barnbydun.doncaster.sch.uk



Water bottles

Please remember to take your child's water bottle home each day and wash it thoroughly. Children should fill their bottle at home, ready for the new school day and they can refill their bottle at the Water Cooler whenever needed. It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day.

If your child's free school water bottle is lost or becomes damaged, it can be replaced at the nominal charge of £1.00.

Parking

Both of our car parks have signs which clearly state they are for Staff Only.

Parents must not use the car parks for dropping off or picking up their children.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Holidays

We much prefer that parents do not take their children on holiday during term time. However, if this is unavoidable, a holiday may be authorised at the Headteacher's discretion. Our policy is in line with that of the other schools in our pyramid. Parents should please fill in a holiday request form and contact myself at least three weeks prior to the holiday. Thank you for your co-operation.

Books for Schools

Our school has recently registered for the Times Newspaper 'Books for Schools' promotion which is being run in partnership with Scholastic Books. Tokens can be collected from the Times and Sunday Times Newspapers throughout 2009 and sent into school which will be exchanged for books to boost our school library.

Diary Dates

Friday 6th February - Valentine's Disco - details to follow.

Friday 13th February - children break up for half term and return on Monday 23rd February.

Monday 9th + Thursday 12th March - Spring Term Parents' Evenings

Monday 16th - Friday 20th March - National Science Week. All classes will take part in exciting, practical science workshops.

Friday 3rd April - break up for Easter.

Key Stage one - Milk

Just a reminder that if you should wish your child to have milk in school, payment of **£9.00** is now due to cover the period from January to Easter. Please bring this payment to school **as soon as possible** as milk cartons will only be ordered for those children for whom we have received payment. Milk money should be sent separately to other payments coming into school (eg dinner money) and cheques should be made payable to DMBC.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Miss C.E. Robinson.
Headteacher.

