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BARNBY DUN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term 2009 - 2nd Half



Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you and your families had an enjoyable half term break. It is lovely to welcome our children back.

Harvest Festival

Our KS1 harvest festival at church was a lovely occasion. Thank you to all those who attended for your support. I am sure you will agree that the children behaved wonderfully and enjoyed the service with Rev. Jan. As always, they made us proud. Thanks also for returning the 'Seeds for Africa' donation envelopes. Your generosity is much appreciated and will help to make a difference to some of the worlds poorest families.

Hollowford

Our year 6 children enjoyed a busy, action-packed residential at Hollowford before half term. A good time was had by all and the week passed by 'drama-free'. Again, the staff at the centre commented on the children's excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and good manners. We are very lucky that we have staff and parents who are willing to give up their time to accompany the children so events like this can go ahead. Thanks to you all.

School Dinners

There have unfortunately been a few problems recently with late payment of school dinner money. As we hope that you will appreciate, there is large amount of work involved with accounting for and ordering school meals for our 300+ pupils on a weekly basis. You can help us make this run smoothly in the following ways:

Dinner money should be paid in advance first thing on a Monday morning (£7.50 for a full week) or half-termly if you should so wish. Cheques should be made payable to DMBC.

Please can payment be sent to school in a **sealed envelope marked with your child's name and class**. Please could you make sure that your child places this in the class box, as if payments are left inside school bags and folders, we assume that payment has not arrived in school on that day. **Loose change should never be placed in the class box**. If you have more than one child in school, it would help us if money is sent separately for each child as they are accounted for individually on separate registers.

Please send the correct money if possible as we often struggle to find change at busy times, and there is always the risk of change becoming lost once sent back to class.

Please always send dinner money separately to other payments coming into school as it has to be banked separately with the local authority. **It is very important that you please do not combine dinner money payments with milk payments, school trip payments, charity contributions, payments for clubs or events, etc.**

As per our recent letter to you, we can no longer allow children to swap and change between school dinners to packed lunches during the week as this causes problems within our kitchen ordering systems.

Thanks in advance for your assistance and co-operation in this.

Sporting Success

Our year 5 and 6 netballers have had a very busy start to the season. They have played several tournaments and friendly matches against other schools in the pyramid, as well as attending their weekly practice with Madame Bell. We have enjoyed hearing about their victories in assemblies recently. Our dedicated, talented netballers are:

Year 5: ('A' Team) Megan Stanley, Chantelle Knight, Charlotte Frisby, Olivia Maltby, Serena Nurse, Jessica Oliver; ('B' Team) Isabel Maltby, Anja Fix, Maisie Lovett, Samantha Worthington, Amy Rowse, Ellie Cooper, Rebecca Johns.

'A' Team reached the final and drew (0-0) with Edenthorpe Hall and were therefore joint winners.

Year 6: Jessica Mee, Isabel Fix, Cerys Smith, Holly Limber, Ella Wilkinson, Sophie Pickard, Tom Pringle, Jack Harris.

Our year 6 team reached the final and drew (2-2) with Edenthorpe Hall 'A' Team - again joint winners.

Two teams were entered in the mixed tournament. Our 'A' Team was Tom Pringle, Jack Harris, Jessica Mee, Isabel Fix, Cerys Smith and Holly Limber and our 'B' Team (Year 5) was Megan Stanley, Charlotte Frisby, Chantelle Knight, Anja Fix, and also Holly Limber and Tom Pringle from the 'A' Team when not playing.

'A' team reached the final and won! They played Edenthorpe Hall 'A' team (yet again!) and won 1-0 - Tom Pringle scoring the only goal in a very close match.

Everyone was a credit to the school and parental support was excellent.

We also entered a Tag Rugby team into a tournament at Castle Park against Kingfisher School, Edenthorpe Hall, Kirk Sandall, Plover, Town Fields and Thorne Green Top Primary. Our team was: Thomas Beresford, Thomas Pringle, Adam Clarke, Chantelle Knight, Luke Wainwright, Luke Moore, Evan Maddison, Isabel Fix. Everyone played brilliantly - winning three games, drawing on two games and losing three games.



Children in Need

On Friday 20th November, we will participate in the annual fundraising day for 'Children in Need'. Children may wear non-uniform and bring a bear for the day. Special Pudsey biscuits will be on sale at a cost of 20p each.

If they wish, children may dress/make a costume for their bear and we will have a special assembly where we give prizes for the best dressed bears.

We hope that you will support our efforts for this very worthwhile cause and send a minimum contribution of £1.00. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Parents evenings - Monday 9th + Thursday 12th November.

Scholastic book fair begins - Tuesday 10th November.

Bags 2 School collection - Wednesday 11th November.

'Anti bullying Week' - Monday 16th - Friday 20th November.

Years 3 + 4 Victorian trip to 'Kelham Island' - Tues 17th November.

Reception and KS1 Christmas Performances - Tuesday 8th December at 2pm and Wednesday 9th December at 6pm.

KS2 Carol Services at Church - Tuesday 8th December at 6pm and Thursday 10th December.

Reception, Year 1 and year 2 Christmas Party - Monday 14th December.

Years 3 and 4 Christmas party - Wednesday 16th December.

Years 5 and 6 Christmas party - Thursday 17th December.

Christmas Dinner - Tuesday 15th December.

Reception and KS1 - Theatre company visit school 'The Rainbow Fish' - Thursday 17th December.

Holidays

We break up for Christmas on Friday 18th December. Children will return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2010 following our teacher training day.

Outdoor Classroom

Our outdoor classroom is taking shape. In the previously named 'Wild Area' along Caitling Lane. Classes are now regularly using the area for drama, roleplay, story, circle time and science. We believe strongly in making the most of this wonderful resource to enhance learning opportunities and allow children to engage with the outdoors. We have many more planned projects which will evolve over the next year. We have just appointed an artist who will work with the 'Ace Racers' and 'Supersharks' for two weeks in the Spring Term on a project linking sculpture, mathematics and outdoor learning. This has been possible due to our successful bid for funding through the 'Creative Partnerships' programme.

Pushchairs

Please may I ask parents, during wet weather, not to wheel pushchairs through school. All of our corridors, classrooms and shared areas are carpeted, some of them very recently.

Please help us to keep our school clean and tidy for everybody.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Doncaster in Bloom

We are very pleased to announce that we recently participated in the Young Person's Garden competition in conjunction with Doncaster in Bloom and were awarded a silver award for the work our children did in our garden with Mr Harrison. All the children worked very hard and we are extremely proud of them. We will be entering the competition again in the new year.



THE BEAK
Children's Centre
Barnby Dun, Edenthorpe And Kirk Sandall

**Your Mobile
Children's Centre
is coming to
Barnby Dun Primary**

**Monday 23rd November
8.30am - 10.30am
Including Story Bus 9-10am**

We can offer:



**Come along for a
coffee and a chat and meet the team**