



# BARNARD GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER (1)

W/E 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year!

We're hoping to have a weekly newsletter this year to keep you up to date with what's happening in school as well as it being a good way of reminding you of key dates and important messages.

It's been a great start to the year, especially as we haven't had to unpack any boxes or move any furniture this time around! The children have come back very settled and ready for the challenges that lie ahead, which was the theme of Mr Walker's first assembly on Monday. He's asked the children to tell him one new thing they've tried over the holidays or in school this week and has already had lots of conversations about new sports they've tried with Mr Weatherill, someone who is learning to speak Spanish and one child who has been on a rollercoaster for the first time!

Each year group has started their new topics and we've already had some 'super starts' with visitors and trips out to get the children engaged:

**Nursery** - 'All About Me' (Learning lots about ourselves and our families)

**Reception** - 'Friendship' (We're learning to get along and be a good friend to each other)

**Year 1** - 'Memory Box' (We're having a 'Family Breakfast' to learn all about where we belong)

**Year 2** - 'Beat, Band, Boogie' (Y2 will be having a visit from a brass band ensemble next week)

**Year 3** - 'Tremors' (rocks, earthquakes and volcanoes - we had a 'rock hunt' on Tuesday)

**Year 4** - 'Bottoms, Burps and Bile' (we've had a visit from the dental nurses to talk about healthy teeth and we've used disclosing tables to check whether we've got any plaque!)

**Year 5** - 'Princes, Peasants and Pestilence' (all about the Great Plague - we even had a visit from 'Pestilence' - AKA Mrs West! - at Space to Learn on Monday afternoon)

**Year 6** - 'Frozen Kingdom' (we made huge icebergs, using frozen balloons)

Next week, there'll be some ideas for a homework project, linked to the topics, coming home, so you can get involved with your child's learning in a fun and creative way.

We'd like to say a big "thank you" to our Year 6s who have done a fantastic job helping their Reception Buddies settle into school this week, especially during lunch times when things can get very busy and a little bit confusing during your first week of school. Super stuff 😊.

We're looking forward to our Roald Dahl Day in KS1 and KS2 on Tuesday of next week to celebrate what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Everyone is very excited to see the costumes our children (and adults!) come to school in.

Have a great week ahead!

Miss Thompson  
Deputy Headteacher

### Parental Concerns

At Barnard Grove, we welcome parents and carers into our school. We are also aware that there are times when parents may have worries or concerns about their child that they need to discuss with staff.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that in the first instance it is always the class teacher that parents should speak to. If a situation does not seem to be resolved, it is then referred to the Key Stage assistant Heads (Miss Smith for Early Years and KS1 and Mrs Wesson for KS2) and then the Deputy Head (Miss Thompson) and then, finally, Mr Walker.

We have this protocol so that things can be dealt with quickly and effectively to ensure the best outcome for our children.

### Next Week's Events

Here is a snapshot of what is going on in school next week...

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Band Ensemble performing for KS1 as part of their 'Beat, Band, Boogie' topic Conflux Theatre Play in a day for some KS2 pupils
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Roald Dahl Day (don't forget your costumes) 😊
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep	
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Y1 Family Breakfast (9am)

The key dates for the rest of the school year are attached on the next page.

### Important Reminders

- All children need indoor and outdoor PE kit in school.
- Please make sure reading books are returned to school every day.
- For pupil safety, there are no dogs permitted on school grounds.
- Please can parents remember to wait at your child's 'Class Circle' when collecting them at end of the school day?
- If the weather (hopefully) continues to stay so warm, please provide your child with sun cream and/or a hat to keep them safe in the sun.

### Attendance Information

We all want our children to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with children coming to school **each and every day**.

**Last year**, our whole school attendance percentage was **95.2%**, that we were very pleased with.

We'll use this space to let you know how we're doing each week in working towards our **96% target** that has been set by Governors for **this year**.

**'Every day counts'**



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**SCHOOL STAFFING STRUCTURE**  
**2016-2017**

**SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Name	Role
Mr Walker	Headteacher
Miss Thompson	Deputy Headteacher and English Leader
Miss Smith	Assistant Headteacher (Early Years and KS1)
Mrs Wesson	Assistant Headteacher (KS2)

**EARLY YEARS TEAM**

Name	Class	Role
Mrs Jones	N	Nursery Teacher and Student Co-ordinator
Mrs Blair	1	Team Leader and Reception Teacher
Mrs Snelson	2	Reception Teacher and Science and Technology Leader

**KEY STAGE 1 TEAM**

Name	Class	Role
Mr Myers	3	Year 1 Teacher
Mrs Reed	4	Year 1 Teacher and Arts Leader
Mrs Carr/Miss Smith	5	Year 2 Teacher
Mrs Tones	6	Year 2 Teacher and Curriculum Leader

**LOWER KS2 (Y3/4) TEAM**

Name	Class	Role
Mrs Porritt	7	Year 3 Teacher and School Council Leader
Mr Foster	8	Year 3 Teacher
Mrs West	9	Year 4 Teacher
Miss Jones	10	Year 4 Teacher

**UPPER KS2 (Y5/6) TEAM**

Name	Class	Role
Mr Law	11	Year 5 Teacher
Mrs Simon	12	Year 5 Teacher and Family of Schools' Facilitator
Mr Bradbury	13	Year 6 Teacher and Maths Leader
Mrs Stephenson	14	Year 6 Teacher and World Knowledge Leader

**Mrs Timothy**, our **Social Inclusion Manager**, is also an integral part of our team. She can offer a range of invaluable support to our families e.g. attendance, pupil behaviour, social and emotional issues.

**KEY DIARY DATES  
2016-2017**

September		March	
13	Roald Dahl 100 Day	2	World Book Day
28	Robinwood Parents' Meeting	18	Children in Need
30	MacMillan Coffee Morning	13-17	Science Week
		17	Spring Fair
		24	Comic Relief
October		April	
5	Y1/2 & Y5/6 Parents' Meetings	6	Easter Egg Contest
6	Reception & Y3/4 Parents' Meetings	10-21	Easter Holidays
6	Harvest Festival		
7	Y6 Crucial Crew		
10-12	Y6 Residential - Robinwood		
24-28	Half Term Holiday		
31	PD day (school closed to pupils)		
November		May	
11	Parent Open Afternoon	8-11	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
18	Children in Need	29-2	Half Term Holiday
		June	
December		June	
5	Christmas Pantomime (in school)	12-16	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
6	Christmas Shopping Evening	19-23	School Sport Week
7	Christmas Lunch	23	Sports Day
8/9	KS1 Nativity (times TBC)	28/29	Y6 Leavers' Show
12	Christmas Discos (times TBC)	30	PD day (school closed to pupils)
13	Reception 'Crafts and Carols'		
14	Nursery 'Crafts and Carols'		
15	Christmas Fair		
19-2	Christmas Holidays		
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January		July	
2	Bank Holiday	4	SATs Parents' Meeting
11	Y2 SATs Parents' Information Meeting (6pm)	5	House Point Winners Reward
18	Y6 SATs Parents' Information Meeting (6pm)	6	Reports Out to Parents
		6	Y6 Leavers' Party (evening)
		7	Leavers' Assembly (1:45pm)
		8	Summer Fun Day
		10-14	2017-2018 Transition Week
		18	KS1/KS2 Summer Discos
		19	100% Attendance Trip
		21	Start of Summer Holidays
February		2017-2018 Academic Year	
8	NSPCC Number Day		We haven't got the start date for
13-17	Half Term Holiday		September 2017 but will send them
20	PD day (school closed to pupils)		as soon as we have.