



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, on behalf of everyone at Barnard Grove, I'd like to wish all of our families a happy new year and a healthy and prosperous 2017...

Year 6 SATs Preparation

We've had a lovely, settled start to the Spring Term, which is excellent news, especially for our Year 6s, as this term is the most important one of their primary school lives – the term before their KS2 SATs in May. We have started lots of extra booster sessions for Reading, Grammar and Maths both during the school day and after school clubs as well. The children are working extremely hard so we have high hopes for what they can achieve in May.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fair before we broke up. We raised a grand total of **£485.27** on the day, which is a fantastic amount, as all of the products were made by the children in school (from Reception up to Year 6). A big thanks to Mrs Timothy for organising the fair so well and to our Year 6s for helping out on the stalls (we definitely have some budding Apprentice candidates amongst them!).

Christmas Card Project

We were asked, along with some other schools, by Hartlepool Library, whether we could make some Christmas cards to be sent to over 400 elderly, housebound library borrowers early in December. We thought this was a lovely idea and some kind, caring children volunteered to stay in over lunchtimes to make over 50 cards. Hartlepool Library Services delivered the cards and many of them were given pride of place in the homes of their recipients. If anyone would like to read about the project, the link to the article in the Hartlepool Mail is below...

<http://www.hartlepoolmail.co.uk/news/pupils-send-residents-festive-cheer-1-8302287>

Chinese New Year – The Year of the Rooster!

This month, some year groups in school are learning about the traditions of Chinese New Year and we have lunchtime art and crafts activities set up where the children are making hats, fish and lanterns ready to display in the dining hall during the Chinese-themed lunch that our cook, Amanda, is preparing on **Friday January 27th**.

We hope everyone has a good weekend (you may even get out sledging if the snow lasts a bit longer!).

Kindest regards,

Miss Thompson
Deputy Headteacher

BARNEY'S

Wraparound Care Club

As some of you will already be aware, we have started an after school, wraparound club this term for parents who need additional care for their children beyond the end of the school day.

So we can ensure that the club is financially viable and sustainable, we are currently running it on a trial basis until Easter. At the moment, the children accessing the club are those whose parents expressed an interest several times during the Autumn Term but in the next week, there will be a letter going home to invite other families to take up the offer of the provision.

The first two weeks of Barney's have gone really well with Mrs Archibald and Mrs Howard planning some fantastic activities for the children to do: arts and crafts, DVDs, ICT and even making their own snacks (with some help of course!).

The children have been extremely positive about the club... Ellie Burgon (Y6) said she 'loves everything about the club' and Bobby Wallace (Y1) enjoyed his cheese sandwiches so much because 'it's the best cheese he's ever had!'

Barney's Information

Days and Times				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00pm-6:00pm	3:00pm-6:00pm	3:00pm-6:00pm	3:00pm-6:00pm	3:00pm-6:00pm
Costs				
Band A - children collected up to 4:00pm = £4.00 per session				
Band B - children collected up between 4:00pm and 5:00pm = £5.00 per session				
Band C - children collected between 5:00pm and 6:00pm = £6.00 per session				

***The cost also includes a snack e.g. sandwich, crumpets, beans on toast and a drink**

If you would like any more information about Barney's please don't hesitate to speak to Miss Shears in the office or pop in to speak to Mrs Archibald/Mrs Howard between 3:00pm and 6:00pm (they'll be in one of the KS1 classrooms each night).

SPRING 1ST CURRICULUM TOPICS

Year Group	Topic Title	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding
Nursery	Why Do You Love Me So Much?	Nursery will be talking about growing up and caring about one another and our families.
Reception	How Does That Building Stay Up?	Lots of story telling using The Three Little Pigs and Billy Goats Gruff – children will be constructing lots of buildings and bridges.
Year 1	Moon Zoom!	Investigating materials, finding out about famous astronauts, designing rockets, learning the names of the planets and using computers to send messages and give instructions.
Year 2	Land Ahoy!	Learning how to use maps, finding out about famous sailors like Captain Cook, designing and building model boats, creating pirate flags and writing sea poems.
Year 3	Predator	Learning all about creepy crocs and amazing alligators, food chains, fossils, plants, the skeletal system and creating 3D models, algorithms and flow diagrams to show how things work.
Year 4	Blue Abyss	Finding out about the seas and oceans of the world and the amazing creatures that live within them, designing submarines and making working models, video editing, observational drawings and batik art techniques as well as painting famous seascapes.
Year 5	Alchemy Island	Lots of scientific work and chemistry, map reading, co-ordinates, using electrical circuits to design a board game, digital photography, game design and composing and editing music.
Year 6	I.D	Learning about what makes us...us! Analysing fingerprints and footprints, learning about genes and DNA, creating digital photo stories, fashion design, finding out about social reformers and analysing data and statistics.

Remember that the children's **Family Learning Projects** are due back in the last week of term – **W/B 6th February.**

We were so impressed with the Autumn 2nd projects that we can't wait to see what the children (and their helpers!) come up with next. If you need any support/advice about the projects, please speak to your child's teacher who will be happy to help.

If you'd like to email any of your child's work to their teacher the address is:

class14@barnardgroveschool.org.uk

Don't forget to change the class number to the correct one for your child!

LUNCHTIME GAMES AND TOYS

We are working very hard to ensure our lunchtimes are positive and fun for the children this year. We have lots of sports activities, playground games and indoor arts and crafts happening for the children to choose from.

If anyone has any spare *musical instruments, dressing up clothes, board games or jigsaws* at home that you no longer need and would be willing to donate to school for children to use at lunchtime, it would be much appreciated.

Please speak to Mrs Timothy if there's anything you'd like to donate.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

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

Mon 16 th Jan	Y6 Maths Booster (3:10pm-4:10pm)
Tues 17 th Jan	Y3 Tennis session with Mark Barras (am) Class 11 @ HCFE (Sport) (pm)
Wed 18 th Jan	Class 10 swimming lesson (pm)
Thurs 19 th Jan	
Fri 20 th Jan	Swimming Team - Gala training at Dyke House (am) Strictly Salsa Kids' competition at Borough Hall (evening)

CONTACT DETAILS

Please let the School Office know if you have changed your phone number so we have the correct number to contact you and text you on.

If you have an active email address that you would like us to send electronic newsletters to instead of a printed version, please pop into the School Office so we can add it to our system.



ATTENDANCE

Our school target is **96%**

Last week's whole school attendance:

92.70%

That means our current cumulative figure is **94.16%**

There were **138** children with **100% attendance in Autumn 2nd**



92 children currently have **100% attendance for the whole year**



DIARY DATES

SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS

2017

January			May	
2	Bank Holiday	8-11	Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs Week - all children MUST be in school	
3	Pupils return to school for the start of Spring Term		Half Term Holiday	
20	Strictly Salsa Kids' Competition (7pm - Borough Hall)	29-2		
25*	Y2 SATs Parents' Information Meeting (6pm)	June		
February			June	
1*	Y6 SATs Parents' Information Meeting (6pm)	12-16	Y1 Phonics Screening Assessment Week	
8	NSPCC Number Day	19-23	School Sport Week	
13-17	Half Term Holiday	23	Sports Day	
20	PD Day - school closed to pupils	28/29	Y6 Leavers' Shows	
		30	PD Day - school closed to pupils	
March			July	
2	World Book Day	4	Y6 SATs Results Parents' Meetings	
13-17	School Science Week (there will be Open Afternoons for each year group during the week)	5	House Points Winners' Reward	
		6	Reports out to parents	
17	Spring Fair	6	Y6 leavers' Party (evening)	
24	Comic Relief	6	Summer Fun Day	
		8	2017-2018 Transition Week	
		10-14	KS1/KS2 Summer Discos	
		18	100% Attendance Trip	
		19	Start of Summer Holidays	
		21		
April			2017-2018	
6	Easter Egg Contest	5	Pupils return to school for new academic year	
10-21	Easter Holidays			

*Rescheduled from original dates



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