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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the Spring Term. It's been a very busy but successful seven weeks with lots of trips, events and exciting learning for our children, culminating with our 'Good' Ofsted report that was published this week.

Sponsored Read

We are thrilled to say that, yesterday, we took delivery of an amazing **842 books** that we were able to order as a result of the fantastic efforts of all of those pupils who participated in the Sponsored Read challenge a few weeks ago. They are currently being shared between all phases in school and will be on the shelves for the children to read and enjoy straight after Easter. As promised, all children who completed the Sponsored Read were entered into a draw and one winner from each year group was presented with a school book bag and some books in this morning's assembly. The lucky winners were:

Nursery - Tyler Merrilees
Reception - Ruby Elvidge
Year 1 - Liam Pattinson
Year 2 - Joe Addison
Year 3 - Evie Wright
Year 4 - Emily Thompson
Year 5 - Brooke Oliver
Year 6 - Jessica Donnelly

Comic Relief - Put a Nose on It - Internet Phenomenon!

We've had an unbelievable reaction to our Comic Relief video - over **20,000 views** in total so far! It's great to get such positive comments both from our families and friends but also to share the spirit of fun we have at Barnard Grove with a much wider audience. Thanks to all of the contributions to our Comic Relief fundraising: we raised a grand total of **£380**, which has been sent to the charity.

Letters

A reminder that most of the important letters that we send home are now uploaded to our website so you can view or print them if you misplace them or if your child is absent from school.

<http://www.barnardgroveschool.org.uk/news---information.html>

*All that is left is to wish you and your families a happy and safe Easter break - we'll see you on **Monday 24th April** for the start of the Summer Term.*

Kindest regards,
Miss Thompson
(Deputy Headteacher)

PUNCTUALITY

During a recent register check, it was noted that so far this year, we've had:

- **832 'Late' marks** – children coming into school between 8:50am and 9:30am.
- **35 'Unauthorised' lates** – children arriving after 9:30am. These lates are marked as 'U' and mean the children are classed as absent for the whole of the session.

This has a serious impact on, the child, the teacher and the class as a whole as pupils coming in late can disrupt the flow of the lesson when instructions, tasks and concepts have to be re-explained to them. This wastes valuable learning time.

It's vital that we teach our children the skills for life with good attendance and punctuality as if, in later life, they are late to their place of work on a regular basis, they will be at risk of losing their job.

We are currently considering different options to work with families to improve these numbers but if parents need any support in getting their children to school on time e.g. bedtime routines, organising things for the following morning etc..., please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Timothy for some advice.

We are also looking at the possibility of our School Attendance Officer carrying out 'late gate' checks next term to talk with parents/pupils arriving late to school about the reasons.

HIP HOP STAR



A HUGE well done to **Daniel Purdy** in Year 3 who participated in the UDO (United Dance Organisation) championships last weekend.

Not only did he compete with his crew, Diamond Allstars, he also competed in the Under 10s solo section of the contest

against children two years older than him. He performed brilliantly to achieve a call back to the next round and had a fantastic day.



Daniel attends the Urban Rockz Dance Academy.

BARNARD'S GOT TALENT

First round auditions will be held for this year's talent contest during the week commencing 1st May 2017.

Pupils will be told which day their year group auditions are on in the first week back so they know when to bring their music, costumes, props etc...

The semi-finals will be held the following week (Thursday 12th April) with the Grand Final a few weeks later (Thursday 25th May) at St. Hild's school.

We'd love as many children as possible to take part so please encourage your child, whatever their talent, to join in with the fun ☺.



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