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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday, 18 December 2017

PTA

Thank you to our fabulous PTA for mulled wine and mince pies

Term Dates

2017 -2018

Term 1 ends 19th December at 1.30pm

Term 2 starts on Thursday 4th January

Half term ends on 9th February at **3pm**

The second half of term starts on 19th February

Term 2 ends on Thursday 29th March at **1.30pm**

Term 3 starts on Monday 16th April

Half term ends on Friday 25th May at **3pm**

The second half of term starts on Tuesday 5th June

Term ends on Tuesday 24th July at **1.30pm**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our families for the support you have given us. It has been lovely to see so many of you at the Wednesday assembly and attending the various events. The Nativity and FSU concert were delightful last week and it was a joy to see the children confidently take part, I know they feel very proud when their families come to watch them. The first term has been busy but today the children were able to reflect in assembly about how much they have achieved since September and the different things they have learnt including managing their behaviour.

Our value is Peace

Healthy Snacks at break time: fruit is the ideal snack at break

Dates

Monday 18th December: Year 6 to A Christmas Carol

Monday 18th December: Christmas Parties in the afternoon.

Tuesday 19th December: Music Concert for Years 2, 4 & 6 at 9am

Thursday 4th January: BACK TO SCHOOL

Allergies: Please remember we are a nut and seed free school.

Please see a link for information about allergies. 'living with anaphylactic allergies':

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zpdy6fr>

School Dinner on Thursday 4th January: Please note that there will be a menu change on the first day back at school. The menu choice for this day will be Macaroni Cheese, this is due to delivery restrictions.

Weekly Attendance Data

Weekly number of children late per class:

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): 0 (Well Done)

Year 1: 3

Year 2: 2

Year 3: 6

Year 4: 2

Year 5: 3

Year 6: 1

Thank you to everyone that is regularly on time it really does make a difference to the children's learning, staff and the office.

Lates: thank you to families that are working with the class teachers to improve lateness. Please discuss with the class teacher if there is any way that the school can help you get your child to school on time. We know traffic can be an issue for some families but if you live locally and are having problems we may be able to arrange to come and walk your child to school.

Whole School Attendance: 93.78%

We aim to achieve a minimum of 95% attendance each week, however we would like this to improve and for the school to achieve at least 96% attendance or higher.

Attendance: If your child is unable to attend school then please telephone the office and leave a message, selecting the option to report an absence or alternatively you can email the office (office.3832@st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk). As stated in our Attendance Policy 'It is expected that parents will contact school as soon as it is reasonably practical (eg by 9.30 am) on every day their child is unable to attend'.

New School Lunch Menu: The menu will change on 15th January. We will keep you updated & send out the new menu when it arrives.

School Dinners: All the dinners taken for Y3 – Y6 are now up to date on ParentMail, however any cash or cheque payments made via the office will not be showing yet and should be updated by the end of the first week back at school.

Exciting NEW PTA news: Please help support our PTA by registering with easyfundraising and doing your shopping online.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online from your weekly shop to your annual holiday you could be collecting free donations for St Barnabas Primary School PTA Oxford?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, TESCO and Sainsbury's and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbarnabasprimaryschoolpta-oxford/> and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising site first to find the site you want or use the link above and save it to your favourites and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Barnabas Primary School PTA Oxford will be really grateful for your donations.

Family and friends in the UK can also register if they want to support our school. Both parents can register too if you have different email addresses.

If you have any questions, please see Thao.

Thank you for your support.

St Barnabas Primary School PTA

Have you remembered?

- If you are dropping forms off at the office, there is no need to queue- don't forget that you can use our secure mailbox (just to the left of reception).
The box is checked daily at around 10am.
- **School finishes tomorrow at 1.30pm.**
- If your child is attending After School Club tomorrow, a half session will finish at **3pm** and a full session at **4pm**.

Yours sincerely

**Fiona Hawkins
Headteacher**