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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday, 15 January 2018

PTA

Thursday 1st March: Movie Night

Term Dates

2017 -2018

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**

2018-2019

School starts on Thursday 6th September.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are busy getting involved with their new topics. Year 1 and Year 2 are very excited about their topic based on Paddington. FSU have come to see me with some wonderful writing about space. Year 3 are developing their topic on trains and I saw some very impressive drawings. Year 4 are investigating Anglo Saxons, Year 5 chocolate and Year 6 The Mayans.

Collective Worship

10th January RE Year 2, Year 4, Year 6. Thank you, this was very interesting.
17th January FSU
24th January Year 4
31st January Year 2
7th February Art

Thursday Collective Worship

Collective Worship on Thursday, is led by the clergy from St Barnabas' Church. The theme on 18th January is the creation story and Adam and Eve.

Dropping off in the morning: It really is a pleasure to speak to so many of you at the start of the day. Thank you to all the children for walking through the playground with their scooters and bikes, it keeps things safe. Year 3 and Year 4 pupils has settled in really well and in line with Year 5 and Year 6 if they could be left at the classroom door at the start of the day it would be appreciated.

School Meals: We are one less in the kitchen for two weeks. This might have an impact on the menu, so there may be some slight changes.

Allergies: Please remember we are a nut and seed free school. **Please do not send in Kiwi fruit as some children are allergic – thank you.**

Please see a link for information about allergies. 'living with anaphylactic allergies':
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zpdy6fr>

Weekly Attendance Data

Weekly number of children late per class:

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): 3

Year 1: 7

Year 2: 3

Year 3: 4

Year 4: 1

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: 94.3%

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'. Thank you.

Dates

Wednesday 17th January: Yenworthy Meeting for Year 6 parents – 3pm

Monday 5th – Friday 9th February: Year 6 at Yenworthy

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February: Travelling Book Fair in School

Tuesday 27th March: Class Photos

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.

Write-a-thon: This term, as a way of focusing on and celebrating writing, we will be having a whole school Write-a-thon. Every child will be set five writing tasks by their teacher (one a week) covering different genres of writing, including a letter, a piece of writing based on a map, a poem/song/jingle or rap, instructions and a fiction or non-fiction book. In KS2 the children will complete their writing at home and in KS1 the children will need to discuss their writing at home ready to complete their work in school. Each child will have a Write-a-thon booklet which they will need to get signed by their teacher when they have completed their writing. Each week, there will be opportunities to share the homework task in class as well as the writing being displayed in the school and shared in assembly. When your child has completed all the tasks, they will have the opportunity to take part in a golden afternoon. Children who are unable to do their writing at home will have the opportunity to complete the tasks in 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

Yours sincerely

**Fiona Hawkins
Headteacher**