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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday, 27 November 2017

PTA

Friday 8th December
Christmas Fair 1:30pm – 4pm
Disco 6pm – 7:30pm

Tuesday 12th December
KS1 Nativity
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Term Dates

2017 -2018

The second half of term starts on Tuesday 31st October

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,

Please make sure children have a warm coat for outside it can get very cold.

Well done to Year 6 for their fabulous Egyptian Museum and dance on Friday.

Wednesday Collective Worship

22nd November P4C Miss Manley took an Eco theme and we thought about the impact of plastic on the environment. Thank you for a very thought provoking assembly.

29th November – Our values

6th December Year 3

12th December KS1 Nativity at St Barnabas' Church

13th December – KS2 Christmas

19th December Music Concert Year 2,4 and 6.

Thursday Collective Worship

On Thursday the clergy from St Barnabas' Church lead worship. The worship is linked to the church calendar and to the value. The worship on Thursday 29th November will be about St Andrew.

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

Our value is Truthfulness

Textile collection on 29th November: If you want to start bringing in items. For further info the website is www.ragtextschools.co.uk

You can send in unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags, blankets, sheets, curtains, soft toys, books, DVDs and mobile phones. Please put the items in a black bag and put them in the foyer by the stained glass windows.

KS1 Playground Development: The children have all had a chance to enjoy the wonderful play equipment. It looks amazing and the children are delighted. To me it looks like a wonderful art installation. We think it deserves a name – please give in your ideas to the office, we have had one suggestion Wood Henge.

Weekly Attendance Data

Weekly number of children late per class:

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): 3

Year 1: 0 (Well done)

Year 2: 3

Year 3: 3

Year 4: 2

Year 5: 0 (Well done)

Year 6: 3

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: 96.6%

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.

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>

Dates

Monday 4th December: Panto
Children will visit The Oxford Playhouse during the school day. The panto is Jack & The Beanstalk. Letters will be sent home shortly to all parents from F1-Y6.

Tuesday 5th December: Nasal Flu Vaccination in school for children in F1, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4.

Wednesday 13th December: School Christmas Lunch.

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.
- **Christmas Lunch:** Please return your child's menu choice to the school office by Wednesday 29th November.



Christmas Fair



This will be the third year that the children, staff and PTA have run the Christmas Fair together. We always have a wonderful selection of stalls run by families, groups of children, groups of parents and classes. We will be sending out slips this week for you to fill in to let us know if you want to run a stall. We already have a group in Year 5 who will run the Mocktail stall which is always popular. I have started getting the raffle boxes ready. There are so many talented people so please think about running a stall. The Fair will start at 1.30pm and finish at 4pm. Throughout the afternoon during school time the children will have a chance to visit the fair and spend their money. We usually suggest children bring no more than £5.00. Class teachers will explain it to the new children. We all enjoy seeing the children independently shopping with their money and making decisions about what they want to buy.

Children in Need: Thank you for your donations, this year we raised £259.79.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Hawkins
Headteacher