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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday, 29 January 2018

PTA

Thursday 1st March: Movie Night

Thank you to Abi for getting Waitrose to support the school with their token system during February. The money raised will go towards outside play equipment.

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,

One more weekend for Year 6 until they go to Yenworthy. A truly wonderful trip that I have thoroughly enjoyed. The staff at the centre are amazing and all our staff really value how they work with the children. So many children benefit from the experience and come back having achieved a whole range of things that they can share with their family. One pupil I took describe the time as being in a bubble sprinkled with stardust. It may rain, it may snow, it could be sunny whatever the weather it is a great adventure and we all love hearing the news and sharing in the assembly to find out what happened. I am hugely grateful to the staff that go. This year in Mrs Donaghey' s team are Harriet, Jack and Emma the student that will be working with the class after half term. Mrs Pogose will be swapping with Mrs Donaghey half way through. It is exhausting but such a privilege to spend time with the children away from school. Make sure your children have plenty of layers it does get very cold!!!

Collective Worship

24th January Year 4 Thank you to Year 4 for sharing their research about the Anglo Saxons. I really liked the way you worked as teams to find information and used a range of resources.

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 1st February is Candlemas.

Our value is Encouragement

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): 6

Year 1: 3

Year 2: 1

Year 3: 3

Year 4: 1

Year 5: 5

Year 6: 4

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: 94.0%

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.

Trips & Visits: Part of the joy at working at St Barnabas' is that we are near so many wonderful resources. When I have taught at schools in other parts of the city going to visit a museum would include the cost of a coach or bus journey. We really do find that trips enhance the understanding of the topic that the children are working on. On Friday our children enjoyed a trip to the Sheldonian and one of our ex pupils is now leader of the orchestra. I appreciate after Christmas when you are being asked for money it can be difficult however we do need to cover the cost of trips and although school will always support when asked we do not have a budget that means we can take on the cost of the whole trip. If there is a problem paying on time just let the class teacher or office know and they can notify you of the payment at a later time on ParentMail. Please speak to me if you need support or if you have an opinion on trips.

Batteries: Did you know It takes 100 years for a battery to decompose?!
So we are taking part in the Big battery Hunt for Schools
Each family has been given a small collecting box for old batteries and when it is full it can be emptied into the tub in the foyer. This adds an extra aspect to our green credentials so please help us to collect as many as possible and St Barnabas could win a prize.
For further information go to
<https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/>

Write-a-thon: This week we heard in assembly about the different map writing that children have undertaken. KS1 have linked their work to Paddington and have suggested routes in might like to go while he is in London and what he might see. Year 3 and Year 5 have created their own islands/maps and written about them. Year 4 have linked their map writing to the Anglo Saxons and Year 6 have linked it to their diary writing about Scott in the Antarctic.

Education City: We use Education City in KS1 for online learning. We are now trialling the KS2 resources. If you would like to use it over the next few weeks go to www.educationcity.com to give it a try. It is excellent for maths and English and grammar.
Log-in is
The user name is kdonaghey
Password stbarnabas

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**

Dates

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