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We are a global community, learning and growing together.

Monday, 19 February 2018

PTA

Thursday 1st March – Movie Night

The movie choice is Madagascar

Popcorn and Pizza will be available
and a range of drinks.

All children to be accompanied by an
adult.

Children £2.00 / Adults free

Term Dates

2017 -2018

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

Half term ends on Friday 19th October at **3pm**

The second half of term starts on Monday 29th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 had a wonderful time and it was lovely to see them all on Friday 9th February happy and full of their adventures. Thank you to Mrs Donaghey, Mrs Pogose, Harriet, Jack and Miss Harpin for making the trip so successful. Thank you to the wonderful team at Yenworthy who make it such a memorable week.

Collective Worship

7th February Art – wonderful work and so inspiring. We are taking part in Young Oxford Art this year. Last year Edith an ex pupil won the Year 5 and Year 6 category and several children were highly commended or commended. All children that are eligible will be entering. The competition is wonderful as it celebrates children and their artistic achievements but it also supports cancer research. There is a charge to enter the competition of £2.00 or you can donate more and the money will go towards cancer research. Thank you Mrs Tillitson for co-ordinating this.

21st February – P4C – always an interesting assembly with Miss Manley

28th February – World Book Day – an opportunity to dress up as a book character

7th March Yenworthy

14th March Year 3

21st March Curriculum Event – Writing

28th March Our Library and Librarians

Thursday Collective Worship

Collective Worship on Thursday, is led by the clergy from St Barnabas' Church. On 22nd February we will be going to church for Ash Wednesday

Book Fair: The Book Fair will be in school this week and will be open at the following times:

Afternoons - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 3.00pm-3.30pm.

Mornings - Thursday and Friday 8.30-8.45am.

All purchases help earn free books for our school.

Weekly Attendance Data

Weekly number of children late per class:

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): 1

Year 1: 0 (Well done)

Year 2: 1

Year 3: 4

Year 4: 0 (Well done)

Year 5: 0 (Well done)

Year 6: 0 (Well done)

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: 92.5%

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.

Our value is Resilience

Parent Consultations: 5th March to 9th March – please look out for sign-up sheets outside the classroom. This time with the teacher is so important. If you are unable to meet in the allocated week please notify the teacher and an alternative time can be made. I know you are all really good at communicating issues as they arise and working with us – we greatly appreciate this. If children are to make progress, we need to be working in partnership.

Dates:

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

22nd February: Heights and Weights for children in F1 & Year 6. Letters came home before half term.

Wednesday 28th February: Dress up as your favourite book character for World Book day.

Monday 5th to Friday 9th March – Parent Consultations.

Friday 16th March: Allergy talk for parents at 2:15pm

Tuesday 27th March: Class Photos

Write a thon: Thank you to Mrs Pettitt for organising the Write a thon to promote and celebrate writing. I am so lucky as I get children visiting me each day and they are so proud of what they have achieved in writing and recognising that they are making progress. I see children start school being able to mark make and then leaving school having mastered so many skills.

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>

There will be an opportunity for parents to attend a talk on allergies on Friday 16th March at 2.15pm.

Batteries: Mrs Donaghey has signed us up to a scheme so we can recycle old batteries - the container is in the foyer.

Run Jericho is on Sunday 17th June this year. We will let you know when you can sign up for the race. Lots of the Run Jericho team are starting to prepare for the event. We will soon need to decide on the colour of the T Shirt. This is a wonderful event that happens each year and raises crucial, additional money for the school. The money raised has supported the library, outdoor equipment and IT equipment. It makes such a difference to the school and we are so grateful to our wonderful families that make it possible.

Yours sincerely

**Fiona Hawkins
Headteacher**