



BARNABAS NEWS

10TH JANUARY 2020 WEEK 1

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DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Welcome back and we hope everyone had a good break and start to 2020. Thank you very much from all of us for the messages, cards and generous gifts given to us at the end of term. They are much appreciated.

As we start a new and busy term I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all the parents and friends who give their time to school as volunteers helping the children in school, you really make a big difference to the children's learning. Thank you too for the generous financial donations from parents and grandparents that enable us to do more. They make a real difference.

We also hope, with the support of the PTA, to start to improve the outdoor space and to buy the final lot of Chromebooks this next term.

The children have settled back into school routines well and are focussing on their new topics. Class letters will be on the website next week and will also be parent mailed, please look out for the important information. Attached to this newsletter is a list of dates for the term. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned including a whole school trip to the newly refurbished Story Museum soon after Easter.

Karen Donaghey

twitter @BarnabasBuzz for pictures

LEARNING

Every year group has a list of National Curriculum Sounds or Words that children are expected to read, spell and use in their writing. Lists of sounds and words can be found at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1_-_Spelling.pdf

Please help your child to practise using these words... some are quite tricky.

We have been teaching the children the importance of long term memory and that practice is what secures learning.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Be kind and learn as much as you can.

REMINDER THE CLOSING DATE FOR PLACES IN RECEPTION IS 15TH JANUARY

The NOROVIRUS is unpleasant and very common. We are encouraging children to wash their hands properly and are making sure school is kept clean. If your child does become unwell please keep them home for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you

KIPLING THE DOG

Many schools now have a school dog as they are really good for their calming effect, fostering a sense of responsibility and helping to build confidence particularly with reading. On Wednesday afternoons my dog Kipling who is used to children will be visiting. Children we think would benefit from meeting him will bring home a permission slip. Only those children with permission will meet him.

CAKE SALE AT OUP

Thanks so much to Ester who runs the cakes sales at OUP. The next one is on Monday 13th January. Please bring cakes to the foyer in the morning.

PIANO LESSONS

Hannah who teaches lots of children at school has space for more pupils. Please contact her on 07877 168091 for details.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is overflowing – anything not claimed by Friday 17th will go to the charity shop.

DRAMA CLUB

We are planning to start a Drama Club on Mondays after school starting on Monday 20th January. Please contact the office if you would like to book a place. This will be for children in Years 2-5.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Please do not come back into school after outdoor clubs in muddy footwear. Unfortunately, the school was left with a trail of mud after it had been cleaned.

SNACKS

A plea for Healthy Snacks. Snacks for playtime should be fruit or vegetables and not crisps. Crisps are unhealthy and the packets are not recyclable so please do not send them to school. Those we notice with healthy snack will be given house points. Thank you.

WE ARE A NUT, SEED AND KIWI FREE SCHOOL. Please check cereal bars and snacks and do not send products such as Nutella to school.

This includes pine nuts, humus and tahini.