



Barnby & North Cove Primary School Newsletter

January 2016

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you were able to spend some lovely family time together over the Christmas period. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for all the goodwill messages, cards and gifts that we received. They were all very much appreciated.

The children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn. I have already seen some beautiful work in books this term! We have a very busy term ahead, with lots of exciting things already planned.

We are hoping to get some better surfacing for the area around the pirate ship and in front of the swimming pool this term, which will further improve our outdoor area. We appreciate that the heavy rain which we are currently experiencing is making the ground very muddy. Please do make sure that your child has a change of footwear and jogging bottoms if they want to play football on the field. Mr Scott has kindly built some footwear storage in the corridor, so there is now more room for spare shoes within school.

Date	Event
Wednesday 20 th January	Yr 6 Athletics at Waterlane Sports Centre
Wednesday 3 rd February	Maths Share morning
Monday 8 th February	Parents Evening – No singing club
Tuesday 9 th February	Chestnut & Mars Educational Visit – Letter already sent home
Wednesday 10 th February	Individual/Sibling photos – Parentmail to follow Parents Evening – No recorder or SATs club
Friday 12 th February	Mrs Hammonds farewell assembly

Monday February	22 nd	PD Day – School closed to pupils
Thursday March	17 th	Chestnut Class – Snape Maltings concert – Letter to follow

On **Wednesday, 3rd February** we will be holding a SHARE morning and we do hope that many of you will be able to attend. The focus of this SHARE session will be Maths – please do not be put off, maths can be fun! We really appreciate your continued support with our SHARE events and I know that the children enjoy working alongside their parents or grandparents and sharing their learning.

We will be holding parents evenings on **Monday 8th February and Wednesday 10th February**, so we hope that you will take this opportunity to come and discuss your child’s progress with their class teacher. Appointment sheets will be posted nearer to the date.

This term Oak Class will be learning through the topic of Castles and Dragons. To support your child’s learning at home:-

- Share with them stories about castles and dragons, including St George and the Dragon
- If you have visited castles as a family, talk about what they were like, how they were built and why they might have been built.
- Look in books or on the internet for pictures of different sorts of castles and look at things which are the same or different.

This term Willow Class will be learning through the topic of Cities and Settlements. To support your child’s learning at home:-

- Use a map of the British Isles and help your child to locate cities e.g. London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, Birmingham, Exeter, Norwich
- Discuss features of cities that you may have visited as a family
- Use books or the internet to find out information about cities – why they have grown where they are – how long they have been there – were they there at the times of the Romans and if so, can you find out the Roman name for the city? E.g London – Londinium.
- Find out about cities in other countries.

This term Chestnut Class will be learning through the topic of Hazards. To support your child's learning at home:-

- Draw your child's attention to any natural hazards that are reported on the news.
- Use maps/atlas to find out where natural disasters have occurred e.g volcanic eruptions (Mount Etna in Sicily, White Island New Zealand, Stromboli, Italy).
- Talk about different kinds of natural hazards which might affect our country, e.g. floods, heavy snowfall, strong gales etc.

We hope that you will continue to help your child to complete and return their weekly homework and spellings. We also want to remind you of the importance of continuing to listen to your child read on a regular basis. This really is effective in making sure that your child makes the best possible progress in all aspects of their learning.

Children in Chestnut Class will be performing at Snape Maltings near Aldeburgh later this term. They will be showcasing their musical skills on the brass instruments they have been learning to play at school. I have been listening to them practise and I am very proud of the way they are improving. I am sure that the performance at Snape will be a triumph!!

I hope that this will be another successful term for all the children and I hope that they will continue to enjoy their learning.

Mrs R Nixon

Head Teacher