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## NEWSLETTER

February 2018

### Dear Parents/Carers

Well, half term has arrived very quickly! It has been a busy half term and I have really enjoyed getting to know the children and the school and would like to thank you for making me feel welcome. I would like to pass on a few updates for you in readiness of next half term.

### School Developments

To support the ongoing growth of the school we are benefitting from a redevelopment of the existing office area at the front of the school. The foyer area will be reduced slightly to accommodate both a school office and heads office. The majority of work will be carried out over the Easter holidays, although we will need to close the front entrance slightly beforehand in preparation and also for the week after we return from Easter.

We are also delighted to be benefitting from a brand new Library at the back of the hall on the carpeted area. This will be a wonderful facility for the children to read, rest and relax and will really add another dimension to the school environment. The date for this work is not yet scheduled, but we hope it will be completed by the end of summer term. As always, we will keep any disruption to a minimum and thank you for your support whilst this work is being undertaken.

### Year 6 SATs Meeting & Club – Changes of dates

We would like to confirm that parents are invited to a SATs Meeting with Mr Vaughan on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 3:00p.m. for approximately 20 minutes and that SATs Club for the children will start the following day, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 3:00p.m. until 4:00p.m.

Whilst we cannot insist that Year 6 students attend, we very much hope that parents will support the children and the school in ensuring regular attendance. If you have younger children at school, they can of course attend ESCape Club with Miss Sexton, free of charge.

### Year 2 SATs Meeting

Mrs Clements SATs meeting will remain on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 at 3:00p.m.

### Pokemon Cards

We've had an influx of Pokemon and similar cards at school recently and understand the children really enjoy playing, gaming and trading with them. However, the children understandably get distressed if the cards are lost, so please do not allow the children to bring them in, as it unfortunately creates difficulty and upset.

### Home School Learning

Could we ask for the children's yellow Home School Learning books and projects to be brought back into school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Parents, guardians and grandparents are invited into school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 2:30p.m. to share the children's home learning experiences.

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### **Willow Class Topic**

The children have really enjoyed learning about the Romans and we will be holding a Roman Day next half term for Willow Class to come in dressed as Romans; they will even have the opportunity to taste some traditional Roman recipes! This is a pupil participation day only and the date will be confirmed next half term.

### **Performing Arts Session**

We are looking forward to hosting a performing arts session on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 with Premier Arts, part of the Premier Sports company. Acorn Class will enjoy a Mini Groovers session developed to encourage the younger children's confidence, balance, coordination and special awareness. Oak and Willow Classes will enjoy a performing arts session aimed at singing, dance and drama linked into their curriculum and topic work.

### **Baby News!**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Clements and her husband are expecting their first child which is due in July. Mrs Clements is feeling very well and does not plan to start her maternity leave until after her Year 2 pupils have completed their SATs assessments.

Plans are already being put into place for a transitional handover to the maternity cover teacher and we will advise of this once dates and staff are in place. As always, you can be assured that quality first teaching is the priority in school, so that the children's education and learning is not disrupted.

If anyone comes into contact with Chicken Pox, please let us know so we can make Mrs Clements aware.

### **World Book Day – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

This is always great fun and I am really excited to see what Barnby children enjoy dressing up as for the day!

### **Mother's Day Lunch**

We would like to invite mothers, carers, grandmothers and nannies to a school lunch to celebrate Mother's Day. Due to our increasing numbers and space, we will need to limit numbers to one adult per family. To ensure that you all have an opportunity to join the children we have allocated a number of dates which you will find on our Dates for your Diary. Invitations will be sent out after half term for you to choose two dates which you could attend.

### **Free School Lunches for Children**

Are you aware that children from Reception up to Year 2 are able to have a school lunch free of charge? You do not need to fill out any forms, your child(ren) just needs to request a school dinner and they can choose from a hot meal, jacket potato or pick and mix.

### **Breakfast Club**

Mrs Davidson would like to thank the children and parents for continuing to support breakfast club. The children are always superbly behaved and really enjoy this time with their friends. Could we kindly remind parents that children should not arrive before 8:00a.m., but they do need to arrive by 8:15a.m. so that they have sufficient time to eat breakfast. Unfortunately, Breakfast Club is not open to children who are not pupils at the school. Please ensure that any sessions booked are paid for as soon as possible, forms have been sent home with the children who normally use Breakfast Club today, but if you would like a booking form please ask the school office or download them from the website.

### **After School & ESCape! Clubs**

The children have also been enjoying their after school activities and you should by now have received confirmations of clubs which your child is able to participate in next half term. The children are also really enjoying Extended School Club with Miss Sexton and Mrs Dann and we are always grateful for any feedback from you. Please ensure that any sessions booked are paid for as soon as possible, forms have been sent home with the children who normally use ESCape Club today, but if you would like a booking form please ask the school office or download them from the website.

### **Easter Holiday School**

We are delighted to confirm that Holiday School will run again this Easter for two weeks from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April inclusive and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. The programme and booking forms will be issued in due course, but please be confident that spaces will be available for your child(ren) on these days at either Barnby & North Cove or Glebeld Primary Schools.



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## PTFA AGM

As you may already be aware, the Annual General meeting (AGM) of the schools PTFA will be held in the school hall at 2:00p.m. on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

## PTFA Bingo

The PTFA are kindly arranging this event for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March; doors open at 6:00p.m with eyes down at 6:30p.m! We hope to see as many parents, guardians and friends of the school as possible. The PTFA will be supporting the school with the redevelopment of the new Library in the hall, so please come and support them and if you can help in any way, do let them know.

We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and wish you a happy and restful half term with the children.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams  
Senior Teacher



## Dates for your Diaries

DATE	EVENT	CLASS	TIME
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	PTFA AGM	Whole School	2:00p.m.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 SATs Meeting	Year 6s only	3:00p.m.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 2 SATs Meeting	Year 2s only	3:00p.m.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Home School Learning Share	Acorn, Oak & Willow	2:30p.m.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Tide & Tide Museum Educational Visit	Chestnut	All day
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day	Whole School	n/a
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Mother's Day Lunch 1	Whole School	12:10p.m.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Mother's Day Lunch 2	Whole School	12:10p.m.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Mother's Day Lunch 3	Whole School	12:10p.m.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Mother's Day Lunch 4	Whole School	12:10p.m.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Mother's Day Lunch 5	Whole School	12:10p.m.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Mother's Day Lunch 6	Whole School	12:10p.m.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	PTFA Bingo	School Community	6:00p.m.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	LAST DAY OF TERM		
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	START OF EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL		