



Dear Parents/Carers

We are really pleased to see the sunshine appearing at last and the children enjoying some slightly warmer weather. I am sure you won't need reminding that the last day of term is Thursday 29th March and the children return to school on Monday 16th April, which seems a very long way away!

Reminders for last week of Term

Willow Class will be holding their Roman Day on Wednesday 28th March, information has already been sent out. Singing Club are looking forward to their Concert at 2.45p.m. on Thursday 29th March to the whole school; parents and carers are welcome to come along and enjoy. **Please note there is NO Dance Club on Thursday, this week.**

Class topics & Home Learning Projects

The children have really enjoyed their topics this term and we hope that parents and carers enjoyed coming into see the children's home learning projects recently. Acorn and Oak Class have been given their new Home Learning Projects which should be handed in on Monday 16th April. Parents and carers are again invited to come into school on Wednesday 18th April, at 2:30p.m. to have a look at their work.

School Improvements

You may have noticed Little Acorns Nursery already have a new fence and we are very much looking forward to other improvements being made over Easter. The **Library** will benefit from a new partition, sectioning this off from the school hall which will enable us to get creative with this space. The School Foyer and Office is also going to be redesigned to make best use of space. A security door will be installed so that visitors are not able to access the main body of the school unless invited, providing greater security.

You will understand that all children and parents should arrive at school via the playground and through-access from the foyer will no longer be possible. Please use the **'Parent Post Box'** for forms and monies for the school office.

Holiday School

Consortium is again running Holiday School during the Easter Holidays. The Programme and Booking forms can be found on the schools, or Consortium's websites and it looks as if the children will be having lots of fun! **Due to the building works being carried out, the front entrance will be closed to all staff, parents and children for the duration of the Easter holidays. Access will be via the rear doors of the school only.**



Mother's (Family) Day Lunches & Messages

We really hope you enjoyed your Mother's day messages and coming in for lunch with the children. It was lovely to see the children so excited at having guests for dinner.

PTFA Bingo

I would like to say a BIG Thank you to the PTFA for holding a really fantastic evening on Friday. It was great to see so many supporting the school and enjoying themselves. Mrs Dowe has counted up their total earnings and has estimated a £589.00 profit which will go towards the library refurbishment. Thank you to everyone who donated and came along, these events make such a big difference to the schools improvements.

Sports Relief

Mr Roberts has also tallied up the children's miles from the Sports Relief Run on Friday. The whole school managed 261 miles which is equivalent to going from Barnby to the Olympic Park and back again – amazing! The children that ran the most miles for each class were:

Acorn - Reuben Borley and George Davies with 2.5 miles, closely followed by Alice Dynan with 2.25 miles!

Oak - Noah Mather and Sam Hall, both with 3.75 miles and Clara Garbutt with 2.75 miles!

Willow - Anna Knight with 3.75 miles and James Brigs with 3.5 miles!

Chestnut - Tommy Van Der Kooij with 4.5 miles and Poppy Catar, Lois Dowe, Esther Knight, Tallulah Read and Freya Welham all with 3.5 miles!

Please could the children bring in their sponsorship monies as soon as possible so that we can share with you the amount raised.

*Mr Roberts was very impressed with everyone who took part and has certificates for all of the children.
Well done everyone Barnby & North Cove are proud of you!*

Swimming Gala

Well done also to our Barnby & North Cove Team who attended the Trust's Swimming Gala recently at Framlingham College. They did us proud yet again coming a close 2nd to St. Edmund's Primary School at Hoxne.



Lost Property

We are still experiencing a lot of lost property which will be put outside at the end of the school days to be claimed. Any lost property that has not been claimed at the end of each term will be recycled, as we have not got the space to store it.



School Website

The Galleries on our school website are currently being updated, as well as some information such as Pupil Parliament (formally School Council) and our Tournaments etc; please take a look when you can.

Uniform

We hope you saw our letter last week regarding our move to School Trends, the online school uniform supplier, which will make ordering and receiving your children's uniform much easier. There is also a wide selection of garments and accessories, including iron on labels and waterproof clothing. Orders over £50.00, or delivered to school, are free of charge. You can find our school on School Trends at the following link:-
<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/BarnbyNorthCoveCommunityPrimarySchoolNR347QB>

Please note that any form of boots are not a permitted part of uniform and that children should only wear school shoes.

Current Stock Levels

Crew Neck Year 3-4 x 3

V-Neck Year 7-8 x 4

Crew Neck Year 5-6 x 3

V-Neck Year 9-10 x 4

Crew Neck Year 11-12 x 3

V-Neck Year 11-12 x

Crew Neck Small Adult x 4

V-Neck Small Adult x 3

Cardigan Year 7-8 x 3

Cardigan Small Adult x 2

Bookbags x 4

Parking Concerns

We would like to remind parents and carers to be mindful when parking to bring or collect their child(ren) from school. We are aware of some incidents outside of school and will have a Log Book in Reception after Easter for parents who wish to record any incidents. Please ask Mrs Bunn for the Log Book if you require it.

Philosophy Afternoon

On the 17th April, in conjunction with Glebeland Primary School, we will be holding a Philosophy afternoon. P4C (Philosophy for children) as it is more commonly known, is a Trust-wide initiative that has been launched during this school year.

Many schools across the country have P4C embedded in their curriculum and extensive research has proved that P4C can impact positively on a child's attainment and progress, especially with regards to their skills of reasoning, thinking and speaking. We hope that the children will enjoy their afternoon on the 20th April where the underlying theme will be mental health and wellbeing.

PE

Please note that earrings must be removed on PE days and long hair tied back. Children also require a pair of jogging bottoms and a tracksuit top as they will be outside for P.E. P.E kits must be in school on a Monday and taken home on Friday for washing, ready to be returned on Monday morning.



Clubs

Once again all our after school clubs are very successful this term and it is great that families are making the most out of our ESCape Club. Places are always available at the ESCape club and a weekly commitment is not necessary. However, a booking form should be completed and payment should be made to the school office. The sessions are as follows:

- 3pm - 4pm with Miss Sexton (£2)
- 4pm - 5pm with Mrs Dann (£2 drink and snack supplied)
- 5pm - 6pm with Mrs Dann (£3 light tea supplied)

Breakfast club is also available daily from **8:00am** with Mrs Davidson (£2.50). Please can we ask that if you require breakfast club at short notice that a message is sent to either Mrs Davidson on the PTFA Facebook page or Mrs Bunn via email. **You should by now have received your Club forms, so please return these as soon as possible.**

Universal Free School Meals

Please be reminded that under the government's 'Universal Free School Meals Scheme', we are given funding to provide for all children in the following years a school dinner, free of charge to the parents and carers:-

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

The link between eating a hot meal during the school day to improved pupil attainment, behaviour and focus in the classroom is highly recognised, so we would encourage all parents to take up the opportunity of a school dinner if you can. These cost £2.30 per day.

We are very fortunate to have a kitchen at our school which provides your child with a healthy, varied and nutritious hot meal for your child. Your child is able to choose from a range of dishes, including:-

- *A hot main meal, or hot vegetarian meal (pre-order required)*
- *A jacket potato, with either cheese, tuna or beans and salad garnish (now served everyday)*
- *'Pick and Mix', with either, ham, cheese or tuna roll and a selection of savoury compliments and a choice of dessert (now served everyday)*
- *Homemade fresh bread and a selection of fresh salad*
- *A hot dessert, or selection of fresh fruit, cheese & biscuits or flavoured yoghurt*

Pupil Premium

Even if your child will qualify for a 'Universal Free School Meal', we recommend that you still apply for free school meals/pupil premium funding, if you are eligible, as your child may benefit from other areas, such as:-

- Learning support
- Additional educational resources
- Subsidised educational visits
- Subsidised residential trips
- Subsidised after school clubs

To enquire if your child is eligible, call: **01473 260989** (Ipswich/Lowestoft and surrounding area).

Or go to the Suffolk County Council website at:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-transport-and-travel/apply-for-free-school-meals/#tab1>



Attendance

Please remember the importance of attendance and a prompt start to the school day. Two whistles will be blown by a member of staff on duty, the first indicates for the children to line up and the second for parents to leave the playground so that the children can then be lead into school by their class teacher.

Please remember...

All children need to be encouraged to be independent and should be able to carry all of their belongings into school by themselves; this is a life-skill which teaches children to take responsibility. No parents should be entering the school before the start of school. Should you wish to speak a member of staff, please either speak to the teacher on duty or after your child has been lead into school, walk round and enter through the front door and Mrs Bunn will either pass a message onto the teacher or arrange for an appointment to be made if needed.

Parents are reminded to use the **Parent Postbox** in the playground for dinner monies and Parent Voice Forms, etc and **should only come into school if it is of the utmost importance.**

And finally

We wish you and the children a really lovely Easter holiday and restful break and look forward to seeing them back at school on Monday 16th April, revived and ready to learn!

Kind regards,

Mrs Williams
Interim Executive Head





Dates for your Diaries

| DATE | EVENT | CLASS | TIME |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Monday 26 th March | SeaLife Centre | Oak Class | School Day |
| | Parents Evening | Whole School | 3:15 – 6:00p.m. |
| | NO SINGING CLUB | | |
| Wednesday 28 th March | Roman Day | Willow Class | School Day |
| Thursday | Singing Club Concert | Singing Club | 2.45p.m. |
| | NO DANCE CLUB | | |
| Thursday 29th March | LAST DAY OF HALF TERM | | |
| Friday 30 th March | START OF EASTER HOLIDAYS | | |
| Monday 16th April | CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL | | |
| Monday 16 th April | Home School Learning Projects to be brought into School | Acorn & Oak Class | n/a |
| Tuesday 17 th April | Philosophy Afternoon | Whole School | School day |
| Wednesday 18 th April | Home School Learning Afternoon | Acorn & Oak Class | 2:00p.m. |

More dates to follow!

