



BARWELL INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14.2.19



A Super Spring Term In Full Flow

Half Term has arrived so quickly! It was great to see so many Year 1 parents at the 'Fun Phonics' Together Time and Year 2 parents at the Reading Together Time. Your feedback so far has been pleasing and we hope that you are able to use some of the ideas when supporting your child with his/her reading at home. Please try to hear your child read as much as possible. We are looking forward to our Book week at the start of March ~ you will be invited to come along to enjoy some stories!

We have had a busy end to the term with our 'Safer Internet Day', 'National Children's Mental Health Week' and Chinese New Year celebrations.

I wish you all a happy and safe half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all after the break!

Children's Mental Health Week ~ 4th- 8th February 2019

- ✓ Last week was National Children's Mental Health Week. Last year we thought about our uniqueness and about **#BeingOurselves!** This year the children have been learning about '**Being Healthy: Inside and Out**'. We have been thinking about how we can look after our minds to keep them healthy ~ walking, talking even calm colouring all help!
- ✓ Check out the **Place2Be** website for more information.
- ✓ We know that feeling good helps us to be positive, be resilient, connect to others and get along ~ this all helps our 'Well Being' and our ability to 'cope' in lots of different situations.

We can all help children to be mentally well.

Our 'Helping Healthy Minds' Afternoon

On Friday afternoon, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 spent time talking about being healthy on the inside and exploring ways which might help and things that they could try at home ~ colouring, painting, quiet times and yoga!



Chinese New Year ~ 'Kung Hei Fat Choi'

Once again the children have been finding out about the celebration of Chinese New Year. Learning about the special food, clothes, gifts and parties that are held to celebrate this festival. They have loved finding out about their animal characteristics from the year of their birth! Did you know a Lion came to visit us again? The dancing and drumming were amazing! Thank you to the performers who were GREAT!

School Nurse Drop In Sessions

Our School Nurse Katie, will be available for 10 minute drop in appointments at our school between 2.30 and 3.30pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 5th March
- Tuesday 2nd April
- Tuesday 7th May
- Tuesday 4th June
- Tuesday 2nd July



Please speak to Mrs Bray in the school office or Miss Myler for details. Katie can be contacted on 0116 2153248

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The School is working towards the GDPR regulations introduced in May 2018. We have a Data Protection Officer ~ Manjit Heer, who is supporting the school with the developments and Mrs Carey is the Data Controller. You will shortly be issued with a letter and information about our new 'Privacy Notice'. You will need to read this carefully and sign and return a form to acknowledge receipt. Our updated 'Data Protection Policy' will be loaded onto the school website, along with our 'Privacy Notice'.

Team Barwell News

- We have had special 'Goodbye' Assemblies for Mrs Wiggins and Mrs Hill who have left our lunchtime team ~ we will be welcoming new members to the team very soon!
- Our Congratulations go to Mrs Andrews who is expecting her first baby in the Summer. (With this in mind please inform the school if your child has a contagious illness such as Chicken Pox.)
- We are sending 'Get Well' wishes to Mrs Crane ~ we hope to see you very soon!
- A very BIG heartfelt 'THANK YOU' goes to Mrs Gladman who has decided that the time has come to retire from our Governing Body. Mrs Gladman has been a member of Team Barwell for **many** years and has made many, many contributions to the school. The staff and Governors are very grateful for all of her hard work and support ~ I know many parents spoke regularly to her to give feedback to the school. We will miss her very much BUT I am pleased to say she will continue to be part of our Barwell Family as she plans to continue volunteering in EYFS! Yay!

Attendance to date is 97.26%

Well Done and Thank You for your support! Did you know this is the highest attendance percentage for Autumn Term to Spring Term 1, that we have on record ~ AMAZING!!

A Few Reminders...

- Please can we see medical appointment details ~ it is important that we know where the children are.
- Please ensure that your child arrives on time to go into school in the class line at 8.55am prompt.

INTERNET SAFETY

You will have recently received a letter about how the children learn about internet safety at school. Within that letter were some very useful links to apps/websites so that you can check the suitability and content of what your child is accessing. Go to

<https://protectyoungeyes.co/apps>

We know that the children will be accessing the internet at home on a daily basis and that it is part of modern, everyday life BUT there are many risks associated with the amount of time spent online and risk to wellbeing. The repercussions can be serious and life changing.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR ROLE IN YOUR CHILD'S INTERNET SAFETY & SECURITY SERIOUSLY.



- School reopens on Monday 25th Feb at 8.45am
- Week beginning 4th March ~ Come and share a story with your child ~ more info to follow
- Thursday 7th March ~ World Book Day ~ the children are invited to dress up **as a book character**
- Friday 15th March is Red Nose day ~ Non Uniform
- Tuesday 19th March ~ Fitness In Schools event
- EYFS Together Time ~ Date TBC
- Parent's Evening - Tues 9th & Thurs 11th April
- School closes on the **evening of Friday 12th** April and reopens on Monday 29th April