



# Barncroft Primary School



Newsletter Number 16 – 19/01/18

## Absence

Please can we remind you to call in first thing in the morning if your child will not be attending school that day. You will need to call each day that your child is absent.

If you have a new phone at any time and/or change your number please remember to let us know so we can update your records.

## Term time holidays / leave of absence

Following some queries from parents we would like to once again take this opportunity to clarify the school policy on attendance and the issuing of penalty notices.

The Governors do not approve requests for holiday or leave of absence during the school term. Therefore any holidays will be recorded as unauthorised.

## Penalty Notices

Where a child has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence, the Governors have agreed that the school must enforce Hampshire's Code of Conduct for issuing Penalty Notices or follow its guidance on other Legal Measures for Non-Attendance. The Code of Conduct is a statutory document that ensures that power for legal sanctions are applied consistently and fairly across all schools and their families within the authority. A copy is available from:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/hias/learning-behaviour-attendance/attendance-guidance-for-parents/possible-penalties.htm>

We would also like to clarify that the school does not receive any of the monies collected as a result of the penalty fines, the monies go directly to Hampshire County Council. For further information please refer to the letter that has been sent home this week.

## Headlice

We have had several cases of headlice reported in school recently. Please could everyone check their child's hair and treat if necessary. There are many ways to treat headlice, you do not need to buy expensive lotions. One effective way is to put excessive conditioner on the hair and comb through with a nit comb, then repeat every two days for a week. If everyone checks and treats their children's hair, then there will be less chance of re-infection. Thank you for your continued support.

## Art Ambassadors' Project

On Thursday afternoon two of our Art Ambassadors, Lara Smith and Owen Frost, were invited by the director of Making Space to meet HRH Princess Royal and other dignitaries to talk about our Barncroft Art Gallery project. They followed protocol with grace and were excellent Barncroft role models.

## Junk Modelling

Please could you bring in junk modelling material for Y3 by Monday, to help them with their English work. Many thanks.

## Philosophy Homework

This week's question...

Would you rather have your grandmother's hairstyle  
or  
her first name?

The most popular choice was:  
have her hairstyle.

## P4C Learning Cards

This week we have awarded:

15 - Red  
37- Orange  
3 - Green  
12 Yellow  
11 - Blue

## Creative Culture Morning

On Wednesday 10th January, there was a sense of excitement and anticipation across the school as we held our first Creative Culture morning. The children were put into mixed classes across their phase and took part in creative activities based on specific cultures. In Foundation, they immersed themselves in West Indian culture making very colourful parrots. In Lower Phase, they focused on African culture using clay to make Anansi spiders, paper craft for African savannah images plus experimenting with African drums. In Middle Phase, they explored Mexican culture through cooking, weaving, clay and sugar skulls. In Upper Phase, through dance, Great Barrier Reef paper craft, indigenous art and geographical research they explored the cultures of the Aborigines and Maori. Their Hakka performances were spectacular! Pupil voice feedback was very positive for the whole event. Well done to all our Barncroft learners.



## Diary Dates

Please note all dates are subject to change, however we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible.

24/01 - Procyon Class Assembly to Parents, 9.15am  
 24/01 - Gemini Assertive Mentoring Meetings  
 25/01 - Kuma Assertive Mentoring Meetings  
 06/02 - Safer Internet Day  
 08/02 - Curriculum Showcase, 3.20pm  
 09/02 - YR Parents Maths Workshop, pm  
 09/02 - Shrove Tuesday Themed Lunch  
 12 - 16/02 - Half Term  
 19/02 - Jupiter Assertive Mentoring Meetings  
 20/02 - Neptune Assertive Mentoring Meetings

## Class Attendance

Here are this week's classes, whose attendance is 95% or over:

Gemini and Saturn - 98%  
 Kuma, Procyon, Aquarius, Neptune & Jupiter - 97%  
 Beid - 96%

**To make the very best of their education your children need to be in school.**

## What's for Lunch?

	Red	Green
Monday	<b>Sausage roll with tomato relish and mashed potato</b>	<b>Vegetarian cottage pie</b>
Tuesday	<b>Roast chicken</b>	<b>Vegetarian meat free balls</b>
Wednesday	<b>Thai chicken curry, with brown and white rice, &amp; naan style bread</b>	<b>Margherita pizza</b>
Thursday	<b>Roast pork</b>	<b>Vegetable lattice slice</b>
Friday	<b>Fish fingers and chips</b>	<b>Roasted vegetable pasta with garlic bread finger</b>

## "Top Tablers"

This week's "Top Tablers" were:

### Endeavour:

Cerys Blake, Oliver Redding, Tiffany Kite,  
 Tommy Hird, Emily Marsh, Roody Hallawell

### Discovery:

Nora-Jean Goldring, Brynley Osborne-Hayward,  
 Henry Hopkins, Chloe Wheeler, Ava Brent, Vanessa Villalon

### Atlantis:

Pollyanna Parker, Elita Gilkerson, Jack Walton,  
 Ashleigh Macey, Callum Armstrong, Amita Forder

### Challenger:

Rebecca Howard, Ann Chase, Henry Littlemore,  
 Leo Coles, Kacey Stainer, Riley Hamer

## Learners of the Week

Stars	Dennie Stevens
Sun	Kai Miller
Jupiter	Liam Chase
Neptune	Jamie Compton
Saturn	Beau Leake-Shepperd
Mars	Vinny Hawley
Vega	Jessica Bell
Polaris	Ava Brent
Procyon	Robyn Nash
Aquarius	Lee Cobb
Libra	Tiffany Kite
Beid	Keyley Donohue
Kuma	Kiera Kenyon
Gemini	Chloe Leadley
Milky Way	Oakley Randall