



Primary Phase Newsletter

February 2018



Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a brilliant first half term with lots to celebrate.

Attendance in the Primary phase for the first half term was 96.5%. This is fantastic, and is moving in the right direction, but could still be better!!! Please continue to work with us in supporting the progress of your children by not booking holidays during school term time.

Over the next 5 weeks in school we will be making our Lenten journey. We will be talking to the pupils about how we, as a school, can prepare for Easter week and the importance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent as we get ready for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

At this point, there is no update on the Academy conversion process but we will let you know as soon as there is any news.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Deputy Headteacher

Stars of the Week

We celebrate our children every week in our Special Mentions Assembly. Here are the winners from last half term. Keep up the good work everybody!!



Morning Arrangements

Due to a number of incidents before school in the primary playground, there are now no ball games allowed before school.

Please ensure that your children are supervised before school.

Uniform

Would you please ensure that your children are in full school uniform at all times.

- Mid-grey trousers, shorts or skirt.
- Long or short sleeved white shirt
- Clip-on or elastic school tie
- Navy blue v-neck sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with school logo.
- Black shoes (No trainers or boots are allowed)
- Grey or white socks or grey tights.

Earrings

There are still a number of pupils wearing earrings. For health and safety reasons in school earrings are not allowed. Please ensure that your child removes their earrings or clear retainers before they come to school. Plasters over the ears will not be acceptable. Failure to do so may lead to the child missing out on PE and break times.

Lent

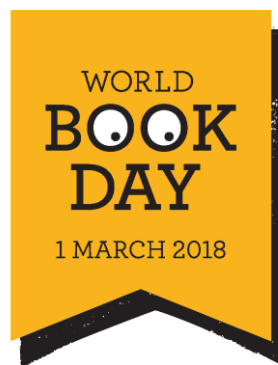
Parents and carers, we need your help. As you will already know, every year our school community comes together and holds a Lent Appeal where we focus on raising the profile of how we can help those in need, develop an appreciation of all that we have and be reminded not to take things for granted. We feel it is so important for the children to develop an awareness and an understanding of how they can help others. The charity for this year's Lent almsgiving is Baby Basics.

Baby Basics is a volunteer-led project aiming to support new mothers and families, in Barnsley, who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby. More information about how you can help will be available soon.



World book day

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. We have lots of exciting activities planned. Pupils can come dressed as their favourite character from a book (there will be prizes for the most original costumes) and they can also bring in a book they have read and would be willing to swap at our book stall.



Queries



If you have any queries about school matters please see the class teacher in the first instance. If your query cannot be resolved please make an appointment to see the relevant person through the primary reception.

Attendance

Our current attendance in the primary phase is 96.5%.

Our attendance champions for Spring half term 1 were:

Week 16	RB/NH	100%
Week 17	1A/WA, 5B/BL	98.7%
Week 18	2A/MM, 3A/WK, 6A/BO	100%
Week 19	2A/MM	100%
Week 20	RB/NH	100%



Dates for your diary

23 rd February	Coffee morning
23 rd February	Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew
27 th February	Year 3 visit to Cresswell Craggs
1 st March	World Book Day
9 th March	Mothers' Day Liturgies
14 th March	Parents Evening
22 nd March	Year 3/4 Easter Concert – 2.30pm
23 rd March	Holy Week Liturgies
23 rd March	Close for Easter
9 th April	INSET day
10 th April	School re-opens

