

# The Federation of Barnehurst Schools



## Newsletter



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Dates for the diary...

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

- 9am Positive parenting course
- Year 3 Hockey
- Crossness introduction to Year 3 in school
- After school – Girls football match

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

- Wilbur class stay and play – all parents welcome to come and play

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 4 football
- Christopher Robin swimming session
- PM Year 3/4 Girls football festival

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

- 9am-10.30 Managing Anxiety for parents workshop
- Year 1 dance
- After school – Year 3/4 dodgeball festival

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

- Positive parenting course
- Year 3 hockey

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

- Parents evening

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

- Aslan class Crossness visit
- Year 4 football
- PM Year 3/4 Girls football festival
- Christopher Robin swimming

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

- Someone special day – BAC buy a gift for someone special
- Year 4 science museum trip
- Nursery parents consultations all day
- Parents evening (not Year 4)

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

- Matilda Crossness visit

### Headteacher Update

It was wonderful seeing so many parents and carers during the reading session yesterday. Thank you to all those who came along. The children clearly enjoyed this session and seeing so many parents and children happily reading together reminded me how sharing a book together provides a unique and special time of connection when we are all so busy.

We now have a wellbeing library in school, which parents can borrow books from to tackle tricky issues such as bereavement and self-esteem. Please see Mrs Evans if you would like to take a look or find out more.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Shields

### Disco

Thank you to the BAC for organising the disco – it was lots of fun! They raised £880 for our school, which we will be putting towards another new interactive screen for the classrooms. The next disco is on 21<sup>st</sup> May for both Infants and Juniors.

### Governor Recognition Award

Each term the Governors nominate a member of staff who goes above and beyond expectations. This term Mrs Witchlow, our Infants Senior Midday Leader and cleaner received this recognition. She was nominated because she always put the children first in everything that she does, whether that is in her role as Senior Midday Leader or as a cleaner. She cares passionately about the roles she undertakes and always show immense pride in her work. She is also incredibly proactive and resourceful when a problem needs to be solved. She is an unsung hero of Barnehurst. Thank you Mrs Witchlow for all you do for our school.

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### Veteran Visit to Year 6



Year 6 had the privilege and honour of meeting Jim Radford - a survivor from the Normandy Landings (D-Day) in 1944. He is a renowned peace campaigner, folk singer and political activist. Mr Radford was one of the youngest participants of D-Day at just 15 years of age!

### Phonics Meeting

Mrs Maw led a successful phonics meeting for Year 1 and 2 parents. Thank you for the positive feedback received from the parents who attended.

For those parents who were unable to attend, the Powerpoint from the meeting is on the website.

<https://www.barnehurstfederation.co.uk/viewer?url=/files/parents/phonics-reading-writing/Phonics%20Reading%20and%20Writing%20Workshop-1.pdf>

### Evidence of Appointments

We ask that parents and carers make medical and dentist appointments outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, evidence must be provided, such as appointment card or letter. Where no evidence is provided, the absence will be marked as unauthorised until the evidence is provided. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### Anxiety Workshop

Don't forget our workshop on supporting your child with anxiety on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 9am-10.30am. The session will be led by Kelly Hanaghan, the Wellbeing Associate for the Primary First Trust. Kelly is both inspiring and knowledgeable about mental health. Please contact the office to book a space.

### World book day

Thank you to the children, parents and staff for all of your efforts with costumes this year. We had a wonderful day with parents reading, buddy reading and secret readers amongst lots of other fun activities.



### Important dates coming up

**All dates available on school website calendar**

17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening

2<sup>nd</sup> April – Grandparents afternoon

3<sup>rd</sup> April - Last day of term **2pm finish**

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**School success starts  
with attendance**

Our School target for attendance is **96% and above**.

Each newsletter we will give a breakdown of fortnightly attendance.

The class attendance for this week is:

<b>Class</b>	<b>% Attendance this week</b>
Baloo	86.2%
Mowgli	87.8%
Elmer	97.3%
Wilbur	95.7%
Gruffalo	93.7%
<b>Supertato</b>	<b>100%</b>
Peter Rabbit	99.0%
Paddington	93.8
Aslan	95.3%
Matilda	98.0%
BFG	96.8%
Christopher Robin	97.3%
Aragorn	93.3%
Gandalf	93.8%
Granger	89.0%
Dumbledore	91.7%

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### **Parent/staff working party to develop Early Years Outdoor Environment**

'Learning through play is the most powerful way for children to develop understanding.'

I have the pleasure of writing to you and requesting your help in the development of our outdoor learning environment within the EYFS area.

### **Our parent/teacher working party will take place on:**

**Date:** Saturday 14th March 2020

**Time:** 8:30 – 5:30pm (you are welcome to stay for as long as you can, 1hr is just as appreciated as is 2/3 hours of help)

**Bring:** Although equipment will be provided, any extra tools that you might have at home, to use on the day, will help with speeding up our 'outdoor makeover' and making it a success. E.g brooms, hammers, drills etc

**Entry onto site:** Anyone joining us to help on the day would please be advised to enter by walking up the school driveway. Before the main gate, there will be a gate to Nursery garden which will be open.

**Everyone is welcome:** As it is the weekend, we welcome the whole family (extended family welcome too) to come help out with all sorts of necessary skills. No persons help will be wasted as there are so many things (big and small) that we have planned to complete. From painting to drilling, sawing to organising, there is a job for everyone to do!

Drinks and snacks will be provided on the day, although you are more than welcome to bring your own food and drinks (No Nuts though please).

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**\*\*Please see below for resources that we desperately need as donations for our outdoor learning area.**

**Be sure to ask your friends and family if they may have any of the following lying around.**

**Any amount of the following listed below will be GREATLY appreciated.**

- pegs
- funnels
- plastic tubing
- buckets
- old plastic flower pots
- watering cans
- ice cube trays
- sponges
- Old cookery books
- Cones (road work cone)
- Builders hats/workmen
- Mops
- Brooms
- Garden hose pipes
- Pebbles (large or small)
- Old wellies
- Garden benches for outside
- Nails
- Off cuts of wood
- Planks of wood/decking
- Bark chippings
- Outdoor paint (any colour)
- Wood stain
- Screws/other fixings
- Hooks
- Wooden pallets
- Cable ties

- Compost
- plants
- Herbs
- Paintbrushes
- Hand puppets
- Plastic storage tubs with lids
- Any unique bits such a as a boat
- Sports equipment such as hoola hoops, basketball, balls (all shapes and sizes) tennis racquets, swing ball etc
- Crates
- Rolls of wallpaper
- Road signs/cones
- Old/unused Saucepans (metal)
- Cooking utensils
- Bamboo canes
- Cable reels



If you have access to any other resources that are not listed, please feel free to bring them into school.

All donations may be brought to the school office or preferably around to Nursery, where we will store them until the 14<sup>th</sup> March.

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