

The Federation of Barnehurst Schools



Newsletter



Friday 10th December 2021

Dates for the diary...

Monday 13th December

- 9.30 Reception sing along Kahlo class
- 2pm Reception sing along Wonder class
- Christmas cards in to school

Tuesday 14th December

- 9.30 Year 2 Nativity Attenborough class
- 2pm Year 2 Nativity Maathai class

Wednesday 15th December

- BAC Christmas Funday
- Christmas Jumper Day
- PM Reception visit to Fossett Lodge
- Christmas cards out to classes

Thursday 16th December

- Non-uniform day for classes with best attendance

Friday 17th December

- Last Day of term – Early finish

Monday 3rd January 2022

- Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th January

- INSET DAY – No children at school

Wednesday 5th January

- Children back to school

Headteacher Update

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. The run up to Christmas is always an exciting time of year in school and very busy!

This week, during assembly we discussed the importance of gratitude. We spoke about how we can become so focussed on what we want or what we don't have and this can have a negative impact on our mental health. It is important to remember and be grateful for the small things, that we sometimes take for granted like our family and friends, music, pets or even our bed! The children had some really thoughtful ideas about what they are thankful for.



One thing I remain grateful for is being the Headteacher of Barnehurst working with your wonderful children. Everyday, they come to school and show commitment to their learning but even more importantly show what kind and thoughtful human beings they are.

I am also incredibly grateful for the team of staff here at Barnehurst. I would like to pay tribute to their commitment and dedication to the children and always doing it with a smile.

I wish you all a lovely Christmas when it comes.

Mrs Shields

Wellbeing Award for Schools

Following on from a previous email, this year the school is working towards the Wellbeing Award for Schools. This involves evaluating what we are doing now and making a plan to move forward. It's really important we hear from our parents to enable us to plan moving forward.

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/61939c4b4a723>

Thank you

End of Term

A reminder that the last day of term is Friday 17th December and we will be finishing early.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will finish at 2pm

Nursery and the Juniors will finish at 2.10pm

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Next week!

Please don't forget the £5 payment to be put in the red BAC box by the office.



Staffing Update

Following many years of working at Barnehurst, Mrs Eagles will be leaving at the end of December. She has decided to take a new opportunity in teaching. Mrs Eagles has made an enormous contribution to our school, staff and the children she has worked with.

On behalf of everyone at Barnehurst, I would like to offer Mrs Eagles our thanks for her extraordinary work and dedication and wish her all the very best for the future.

Barnehurst baby

I have realised that I didn't share the news of the birth of Mrs England's new baby which was a while ago now!

I am pleased to say that Mrs England had a beautiful baby boy called Jack. Mum and baby are doing very well.



Headlice

We have had a couple of cases of headlice in the school over the last couple of weeks. Please ensure long hair is tied back.

Head lice are a common problem, especially for children. They spread easily from person to person, and sometimes are tough to get rid of. Their bites can make a child's scalp itchy and irritated, and scratching can lead to infection.

Head lice are annoying, but they're not dangerous and they don't spread disease. They're not a sign of poor hygiene — head lice need blood and they don't care whether it's from someone who's clean or dirty.

It's best to treat head lice right away to prevent them from spreading. For more information see

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Places in Nursery

We currently have a place available in our afternoon nursery. If you or someone you know has a child who is three and will be 4 before the 31st August 2022, please do get in touch through the school office for more information.

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Parking

We frequently get photographs sent to us from other concerned parents about the parking around the school. Today, we have been sent a photo of parent dropping their child off at school this morning and completely covering the pavement by the zig zags in Conniston Road. This is extremely dangerous and puts all of our children at risk. Please park carefully and help protect all of the children. If you see someone parking dangerously, please contact Bexley council through this link.

[Report a vehicle parked incorrectly form | London Borough of Bexley](#)



Best Attendance of the Term

Congratulations to the three classes with the best attendance this term. The classes are:

- Armstrong
- Curie
- Gandhi

Well done to those classes. These three classes can wear their own clothes to school next Thursday.

Attendance Matters



Fabric

If you have any piece of thin coloured fabric such as voile or old chiffon scarves, we would be really grateful for any donations for our displays. Please let Mrs Hunter know if you can help!



Cleaning vacancy

We currently have a school vacancy for a cleaner. If you or anyone you know are interested, please use the link below to contact PCS our cleaning contractor. [Cleaning Operatives - Mayplace Primary, Westcourt Primary, Barnehurst Federation | The Primary First Trust](#)

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Attendance at Barnehurst



School Target 96%

Class	% Attendance this TERM
Farah	92.3
Simmonds	92.1
Wonder	93.5
Kahlo	97
Armstrong	95.8
Earhart	94.5
Attenborough	93.9
Mathaai	94.7
Hawking	94.5
Curie	97.1
Rashford	96.1
Pankhurst	96.6
Gandhi	96.7
Parks	94.3
Turing	93.8
Malala	94.3

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