



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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### Dates for the diary...

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

- Year 6 SATS starts
- PM Ducklings Forest School

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

- PM Year 5 Forest School

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

- Lewis class swimming

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

- 8.40am and 12.30pm Nursery Stay and Play
- 2pm Reception Stay and Play
- Favourites School lunch day

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May

- 9am leaf assembly
- Year 6 to Chessington
- AM Year 4 Forest School
- 8.40am and 12.30pm Nursery Stay and Play
- 2pm Reception Stay and Play

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

- AM Year 6 Bexley Orienteering competition
- AM Year 1 Forest School
- Key Stage 2 Progress Assembly

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

- AM Cygnets Forest school
- PM Year 5 and 6 Girls cricket tournament
- 5pm Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

- School closed to children for Polling Day

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

- Key Stage 1 Progress Assembly
- Last day of Term 5

Back to school Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### Headteacher Update

It has been a busy and exciting start to the term. All of the classes have started their new topics and the children are getting stuck into their learning.

This term we have been focussing on active learning at Barnehurst. The teachers have been learning about new strategies that enable the whole class to be actively involved in teaching times, as we start to move away from traditional 'hands up' approach which only allows one child to be involved at a time. We are already seeing a positive impact and it is creating a learning buzz around our school.

I am pleased to let you know that we have successfully recruited a new Family Engagement and Wellbeing Leader at Barnehurst. Mrs Nicki Evans will be starting with us after half term with a focus on the school's commitment to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing for our children and school community and continuing to develop strong links with our families and wider community. I am confident Mrs Evans will be a great addition to team. I will let you know when she starts!

Mrs Hunter, our new Deputy Headteacher, is coming to the end third week at Barnehurst and has settled in brilliantly. Thank you for making her feel so welcome to our school.

Next week, during the SATS tests, the Senior Leaders in the school will be invigilating the assessments. This means there will be less staff on the playground in the mornings. Please bear with us for this week and the office staff will pass on any messages to us.

Mrs Shields

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### Receptionist

For the next two weeks, Mrs Gove, our Admin Support Officer, who is based in the front office is going on jury service for two weeks starting next week. We have managed to get some temporary cover for her and Mrs Randhara will be covering. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Gove back after half term!

### Congratulations!

We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Millbank, one of our Year 2 teachers, is expecting a baby. Mrs Millbank will be finishing the year with us and starting her maternity leave in September.

Ms Traghiem, our SENCO, will be starting her maternity leave just after half term,

### Year 6 SATS

Next week, we will be carrying out the Year 6 SATS, along with all of the other schools across the country. We are inviting Year 6 children into school at 8.15am for breakfast on Monday to Thursday to give the children a calm and relaxed start to the day.

We are aware that many of the children feel anxious about the assessments and we want to reassure all of the children that we are very proud of how hard they have worked this year and all we expect of all of the children is they do their best.

Here are some tips for parents and carers to support their children during this time.

- Especially important to your child's ability to relax and get a decent night's sleep is ensuring that they stop doing work or looking at screens at least an hour and a half before bedtime, otherwise their mind will be too active for sleep.
- Take your child on plenty of walks during their breaks. They help stimulate the mind and a blast of air will really refresh their brain cells.
- Listen to your child's worries and anxieties and encourage them to be open with you. Plenty of hugs, reassurance and positive encouragement will go a long way to helping them to relax.
- Help them to unwind at bedtime with plenty of relaxing bubble baths, soothing music and fun bedtime stories.
- On the actual SATs day, make sure they arrive at school in good time so they don't feel rushed or stressed and give plenty of encouragement.
- Model positive language and behaviour – never talk about 'pass' or 'fail'.

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### Value and Growth Mindset Leaves

	26/04/2019		03/05/2019	
<b>KS1</b>				
Cygnets	Fayola H	Riley W	Ruby M	Jasmine
Ducklings	Elena M	Braden Ellery	Scarlett W	Luis S
Robins	Mitsie H	Faye B	Rory R	
Wrens	Hayley S	Tilly K	Bethany E	Alexander W
Eagles	Daisy T	John C	Mia R	Jack D
Owls	Poppy M	Ruby S	Ryan S	Caleb A
<b>KS2</b>				
Fine	Gracie S	Saeedakhatun M	Amelia K	
Rowling	Steven Clark	Ted C	Syra Ai	
Kipling	Joshua M	Mark W	Jack B	Florie H
Verne	Maiah T	Betsy G	Mia B	Ronnie S
Hardcastle	Joe B	Rosie-Ann H	Connor A	Lexi T
Morpurgo	Molly U	Grace S	IDanyaal	Leia K
Almond	Alex S	Eti I	Alice D	
Lewis	Lily T	James S	Chloe H	George H

Congratulations to all of these children and keep up the good work!

### Pathway through to the office

Please can we ask parents to keep the pathway of blue footprints on the playground floor that lead to the office clear during drop off and pick up times so that parents and carers can get through if they need to get to the office.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### Coats

Please can parents ensure children bring in a coat each day to school, even when the sun is shining in the morning. The weather is very changeable.

### Fruit

Key stage 2 children are welcome to bring a piece of fruit in for a snack at playtime but please be advised they should not bring in dried fruit bars and wafers etc as these can contain high levels of sugar. Many thanks

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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 year is:

Class	% Attendance this week
Nurse AM	95.6%
Nursery PM	94.2%
Cygnets	97.8%
Ducklings	97.8%
Robins	98.1%
Wrens	97.0%
Eagles	96.3%
Owls	98.1%
Fine	97.2%
Rowling	96.5%
Kipling	95.6%
Verne	97.6%
Hardcastle	89.5%
Morpurgo	94.8%
Almond	97.2%
Lewis	95.8%

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