



# BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Spring Term Newsletter

4th March 2016

**Breakfast Club** - If you wish to make a booking please contact Lindees on 01727 848355

Class	Feeling Proud
Heath am/Flex B	Lexi
Heath pm/Flex A	Alex
Heartwood	Freya
Clarence	Sebastian
Verulam	Michael
Churchill	Rose M
Spencer	Jacob C
Mitchell	Phoenix
Ryder	Alice
Alban	Adas
Morpurgo	Max



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thomas C, Tia, Jasmine S, Archie Mc, Edward B,  
Alex C, Ms Sinnott

On Tuesday 1 March it was Governor Day at school. Usually Governors come to school after all the children have gone home and work in partnership with Mrs Rimmer to make, monitor and evaluate strategic plans. These meetings happen three times each half term and Governor Day provides the opportunity for Governors to see these plans in action!

The Governors have provided this summary of their day:

The School Governors spent a very busy, and very happy, day in school on Tuesday this week. We had a packed programme, which took us in and out of classrooms, joining in with assembly, PE and reflection time, having fun on a (very wet) field for outdoor learning and enjoying school lunch with the children. Our thanks go to all school staff and the children for making us so welcome – and making us feel so proud of our school. Governor reflections on the day include:

"My favourite parts of the day involved interactions with the children, particularly the informal conversations I had with some of them at lunch time. They were a real credit to the school and their parents."

"It was an excellent opportunity to learn more about how the school functions, to see individual classes and to interact with the children and teachers. The whole school community made us feel welcome and made it a very memorable day."

"It was wonderful to meet so many children who were so incredibly proud of what they were doing at school and so eager to share it with us. Special mention has to go to Heath Class and Mrs Gilbert who showed us how to have fun on the school field in Outdoor Learning, even when it was raining heavily and we were all sliding all over the place in all the mud. It's a good job Mrs Rimmer told me to bring my wellies and waterproofs to school!"

"I hadn't realised the full extent of the outdoor learning opportunities.' 'The pupils I spoke with were so proud of their school, our staff and their friends. Behaviour was exemplary and pupils were fully focused on their learning."

"Once again a pleasure to be in school and meet our excellent staff and pupils."

We all look forward to spending another full day in school later in the year.

### App of the week

Mr Wilson recommends Pocket Phonics because it helps to consolidate blending sounds as well as supporting letter formation.

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It is 'Autism Awareness Week' (14th-18th March) please click on the following link for more information <http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week/schools-autism-awareness-week.aspx>

Simple Solutions Workshops—problem solving workshops for parents/carers of children with ASD  
 Wednesday 23rd March 2016 from 7.00pm-8.30pm  
 St Albans Girl's School, Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans, AL3 6DB  
 Please call 01727 853134 to book

**New Menus**

New Menus will be sent out early next week, please return asap. Thank you.

**Outdoor Learning**

A big thank you to Louise Saunders; mum of George in Churchill Class from Louise Saunders Estate Agents St Albans for her generous donation of £500 towards the Wild Garden project. This money will be used to purchase a willow dome. Please watch out for our school gardening day when we would like parent volunteers to dig and plant. There will also be a school planting day for children from each class.

**Outdoor Learning**

**The support and interest in our Wild Garden project has been remarkable as you may know we are also in the middle of a project called Improving Outdoor Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage and Year 1.**

**As we develop our outside areas we are asking for resources to encourage open ended, explorative play. With this in mind we are looking for:**

- **natural materials including logs, shells, pebbles, gravel, bark and twigs**
- **items for a mud kitchen e.g. metal pots, lids, pans, ladles and large metal spoons**
- **items for outdoor role play including bags, shawls, purses, wallets and pieces of material we can transform into capes and shelters for den building**

**Please bring any items you would like to donate to the office. Thank you for your continuing support.**

Club letters for the Summer term have gone out today, please return them by Wednesday 9th March

**PTA Newsletter**

Please remember to read the PTA newsletter to find out all of the exciting events that are taking place.

**REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed 16 Mar		Class photos & whole school photo
Fri 18 Mar	5.00—6.30pm	Film Night
Thur 24 Mar	9.00am	Easter Bonnet Assembly
Fri 25 Mar		<b>School Closed—Good Friday</b>
Mon 28 Mar		<b>School Closed—Easter Monday</b>
Fri 1 Apr	1.20pm	<b>Term ends for Easter holidays</b>
<b>Easter Holidays Monday 4th—Friday 15th April</b>		
Mon 18 Apr	9.00am	Start of the Summer Term
Mon 25 Apr	6.00—8.30pm	Parent Teacher Consultation Evening for FS1 & FS2
Wed 27 Apr	6.00—8.30pm	Parent Teacher Consultation Evening for FS1 & FS2
Mon 2 May		Bank Holiday—School closed
Thur 5 May		Polling Day <b>FS2 School Visit</b>
Mon 9 May		Start of English Themed Week
Mon 9 May	8.50-9.15am	Open Classrooms
Wed 11 May	12.15-12.35	Heath Class (All day B and Afternoon) Open Classrooms
Tue 17 May	9am	<b>Clarence Class Assembly</b>
Wed 18 May	9am	<b>Heath Class Assembly</b>