



BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Summer Term Newsletter

29th April 2016

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

Class	Feeling Proud
Heath am/Flex B	Grace
Heath pm/Flex A	Sebastian
Heartwood	Anna
Clarence	Sophie M
Verulam	Lola
Churchill	Isabella
Spencer	Georgia
Mitchell	Cara
Ryder	Matthew
Alban	Emily
Morpurgo	Oliver



Birthdays this week

Charlie L, Giulia, Otis, Noah H, Layla, Alfie B,
Mrs Atkins, Mrs Banahan

'It's official, our new garden at the bottom of the field will be called the "Wild Garden"...thank you to Tom, Amelia, Olivia, Aoife, Emily, George S, Matilda and Alexander for suggesting very similar ideas and helping us to finally agree on the Wild Garden.

Last year Sarah Ellis our family worker came to meet FS parents and talked about starting school - if you have any feedback about whether we should repeat this or not please get in touch via: admin@bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk or talk to Mrs Rimmer or Miss Woolfson in the playground.

Celebrations!

We will soon be celebrating our 110th birthday and would like to give the children a present to commemorate this special occasion. Mrs Pengelly and Mrs Greenhalgh have been busy gathering quotes for pin badges/coins and medals. If you work for a company who 'match fund' charity projects and think you would like to add to the contribution being made by the PTA please talk to Mrs Rimmer.

Parent View

Below you will see the questions asked on Parent View (the website Ofsted use to find out what parent think about our school). When you go to the website you will be asked to verify you are a parent and then asked if you agree, disagree or don't know in answer to the following statements:

- My child is happy at this school
- My child feels safe at this school
- My child makes good progress at this school
- My child is well looked after at this school
- My child is well taught at this school
- My child receives appropriate homework for their age
- This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved
- This school deals effectively with bullying
- This school is well led and managed
- This school responds well to any concerns I raise

I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress
Would you recommend this school to another parent?

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Skills for life...

The theme for this half term's work is on developing children's social, emotional and behavioural skills is 'Relationships'. Over this half term the children will be considering the important relationships in their lives and some of the feelings that go with these.

Big Pedal

Thank you to all our families who have made a fantastic effort for the Big Pedal challenge. It has been great to see so many children using their legs to get to school and helping to ease the traffic congestion and parking in our neighbourhood. The 'official' final figures are not yet available, but since the start of the week the school has climbed several hundred places up the leader board! Nearly half our children have been able to participate in the challenge and everybody has been a Superhero today.

English Week!

Does a talking Gorilla sound like fact or fiction? English week, which begins on the 9th May, will be based around the story Little Beauty, in which a Gorilla communicates to his keepers using a sign language. You may like to read the story with your child at <http://prod.signedstories.com/story-world/families-friendships/little-beauty> and watch 'A Conversation with Koko,' the gorilla that Anthony Browne based his story on, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNuZ4OE6vCk>.

During English Week we'll be discussing whether the keepers treat Beauty and the Gorilla the same, whether the keepers understand the Gorilla and who shows the most kindness in this story, and we'd love to invite you to take part in a speaking and listening activity with your child in class on one of the days between 8:50 to 9:20.

Hertfordshire County Show

We have had a complimentary family ticket donated to school along with several complimentary child tickets. If you would like to be entered into a free draw to win one of these, please pass your child's name and class to the school office.

The draw will take place on Friday 13th May

Musical Instruments

FS2 (Clarence, Heartwood and Verulam Classes) will be making musical instruments next week with Mrs Dugdale. If you have any spare plastic pots, plastic bottles with lids, containers or sturdy shoe boxes that we can use, please give them to one of the FS2 class teachers. Thank you.

70% of parents have registered and downloaded the Gateway App and are ready to receive messages from school. If you are yet to do this then you need to do so as soon as possible. If you are experiencing any problems please talk to Dawn or Serena in the school office.

This week we have sent a test message via the Gateway please get in touch if you have the App but did not receive the message. Thank you

PTA Newsletter

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

REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 2 May		Bank Holiday—School closed
Tue 3 May	6.00-8.30pm	Parent Teacher Consultation Evening for FS1 & FS2
Thur 5 May		Polling Day FS2 School Visit
Mon 9 May		Start of English Themed Week
Mon 9 May	8.50-9.15am	Open Classrooms
Wed 11 May	6.00-8.30pm	Parent Teacher Consultation Evening for FS1 & FS2
Wed 11 May	12.15-12.35	Heath Class (All day B and Afternoon) Open Classrooms
Tue 17 May	9am	Clarence Class Assembly
Wed 18 May	9am	Heath Class Assembly
Wed 18 May	2.40pm	Heath Class Assembly
Thur 19 May	9am	Verulam Class Assembly
Fri 20 May	9am	Heartwood Class Assembly
	2.30pm	Phonics Screening Meeting for Y1 parents
Fri 27 May		School Closed—Staff Training Day
Half Term Monday 30 May—Friday 3 June		
Mon 13 Jun		Phonics screening week
Tue 21 Jun	9.15-10.30am	New to Reception meetings (further information to follow)