



BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Summer Term Newsletter

26th May 2016

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

110th Birthday

Hopefully you have Friday 17 June in your diary. That is the day we will celebrate our 110th birthday with a picnic on the field.

We have some special things planned so it would be great to see as many of you as possible. Arrangements are simple, bring a blanket and picnic and keep your fingers crossed for some sunshine.



Birthdays this week

Lola, Mrs Wale

Transition

At Bernards Heath we know change can bring about a wide range of feelings. Children across school will soon be moving on to new year groups, learning in new classrooms with new teachers and teaching assistants. Some children have started talking about these upcoming changes very positively, I have read lots of notes from the feelings box from Year 2 children in particular who are looking forward to the move to the Junior School.

Mrs Griffin has been working closely with Mrs Lowenthal (SENCO at the Junior School) to plan an effective transition. All Year 2 children go to visit the Juniors and have lunch on Thursday 14th July and there are additional visits planned for children who may benefit from this. Year 5 are coming to work with Year 2 in the second half of the summer term and the Year 2 and 3 children do a letter exchange so the Year 2s can ask all their questions and the Year 3s can give them the 'inside information'.

In addition to this Mrs Rimmer and Mrs Kilpatrick work closely to share information and the Year 2 and Year 3 teachers have a very indepth handover meeting where they discuss every child as an individual.

Arts Week

Monday 6th June marks the start of Arts Week, a celebration of art, music and drama linked to the Olympics in Rio. Watch out for more updates and blogs on the website from Miss Poole and Mrs Griffin who are organising the week together.

Sports Day

Ms Dixon has been very busy canvassing children and staff about sports day. The children have helped her come up with 'The best sports day ever'. The date remains the same but content will be different, we will update you with more information after half term.

Phonics Screening

Monday 13 June is Phonics Screening Week. If you missed last Friday's meeting please see note attached to this week's newsletter email.

Phonics Screening is for all Year 1 and some Year 2 children. If you have any questions please talk to your child's class teacher.

This week we have been talking about...

Being different! At school we have been talking about what makes us the same or different to our friends at school. The way our brains work; the things we like and don't like, the colour of our eyes, skin and hair and who our families are.

At school we value effort and regularly refer to the school rule about always doing our best. We know that it is never too late to learn something new and that we all learn at different speeds. Children can talk about their friends and what they are good at, they know people have different strengths but everyone can increase how strong they are at something with the power of practice.

Our Learning Heroes give us the language to talk to children about this in a child friendly way:

Dog—Dog is an expert at managing distractions.

Duck—Duck never gives up, even when something is really tricky.

Bear—Bear listens to others and explains ideas really clearly; working really well as a team.

Monkey—Monkey is inquisitive and asks questions to find out more; monkey loves learning.

You could follow up this learning at school with your child at home. Each Learning Hero has their own story in our Teaching and Learning Policy.

Year 2 Assessments—Mission Accomplished!

As with all statutory assessments our mission is to complete these with minimal fuss and without making any child feel anything less than happy and proud of what they have achieved. We have now finished all assessments in Year 2 and would like to say a big thank you to staff for making sure these were carried out in line with our school ethos. The children all did their best and worked hard and we are very proud of what they have achieved. The outcome of these assessments will now form part of the evidence (other evidence includes daily classwork and drawing on the enormous amount our teachers know about the children) for a judgement about where a child is working in relation to the age related expectation and this will be reported to parents as part of their child's written report. If you have any questions about these assessments please talk to class teachers.

Heartwood Assembly

Heartwood Class are dinosaur experts! They impressed their audience with dinosaur facts, dinosaur habitats, dinosaur doubling and dinosaur songs! We are very proud of all the children for standing and talking so confidently; it was a wonderful celebration of their learning. A big thank you to Mrs Greenhalgh and Miss Earnshaw.

HAND (Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database)



Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with an additional need or disability aged 0-19 years?

What HAND can do for you:

- A newsletter each term
- Concessions on leisure facilities as well as priority admission to various theme parks, museums etc

You can join HAND at www.hertsdirect.org/hand or call 01992 556984 for a paper copy of the membership form and more information

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
Fri 27 May		School Closed—Staff Training Day
Half Term Monday 30 May—Friday 3 June		
Mon 6 Jun		Arts week
Fri 10 June	8.50am	Open classrooms
Mon 13 Jun		Phonics screening week
Fri 17 Jun	4.15-6pm	110th birthday picnic on the field
Tue 21 Jun	9.15-10.30am	New to Clarence Class visit morning
Wed 22 Jun	9.15-10.30am	New to Heartwood Class visit morning
Thur 23 Jun	All day	Heath Class visit to Hatfield House
Mon 27 Jun		Start of Healthy Living Themed Week
Tue 28 June	9.15am	Clarence & Verulam Sports morning
Tue 28 June	10.30am	Heath and Heartwood sports morning
Tue 28 June	1.30pm	KS1 sports afternoon
Thur 30 Jun	2pm	School Festival of Sports—all welcome
Thur 30 Jun	9.15-10.30am	New to Verulam Class visit morning
Fri 1 July	5.00-6.30pm	Film night
Mon 4 July		School Closed—Staff Training Day