

BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn Term Newsletter

21st December 2016



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

Happy Birthday



Beatrice, Violet H, Oliver L, Anna C, James K, Rowan, Ambia, Charlotte W, Aoife, Caddan, Oula, Sophia, Jane, Marius, Evan, Ava V, Connor W, Samuel, Oscar T, Mrs Dale, Mrs Freestone, Miss Suttle,

A great big THANK YOU to parents and carers for their generous gifts, Christmas cards and kind words.

We are very grateful to have such an involved parent body who work so well with us as partners in their children's education.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas holiday and hope you enjoy the time away from school with friends and family. See you in 2017 for more exciting adventures and opportunities to 'grow our brains' together!



What a Performance!

Well done to the brave and creative staff at Bernards Heath. **This morning in assembly they were set a 'Big Christmas Challenge' and had 10 minutes to work in a team to rehearse a familiar Christmas song ready to perform it to the whole school.**

The children were delighted as the five teams performed with props, instruments and choreography. It was a good opportunity for the children to see their grown-ups working as a team and enjoying a performance despite being a bit nervous.

I would like to thank the staff for modelling how to take on a challenge with such a positive attitude!

Christmas Jumper Day raised an amazing £248.45 for Save the Children—thank you for supporting this event. The jumpers looked wonderful on mass in assembly!



Learning Heroes and Maths

Monday 9th January is the start of our themed curriculum week with a focus on Maths and our Learning Heroes.

The children will be learning about their brains and how to grow them like a muscle. They will take on challenges independently and as part of a team; learning to communicate, take turns and share ideas.

They will experience difficulty and will need to discover what it means to persevere.

On Monday 9th January at 9am there is a maths meeting for parents in the hall. We will be looking at attitudes towards maths and how these impact on our children.

We will also be pointing you in the direction of important websites and policies which will help you support your children at home.

Click on the links below to watch some child friendly videos all about our brain and how it develops.

[The Learning Brain](#)

[Growth Mindset](#)



Contact us: governors@bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk

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Back to school on Thursday 5th January...

Please remember:



Wellington Boots (all classes)

PE kits (Year 1 and 2)

Spare trousers (Year 1 and 2)

To ensure reading skills don't get rusty over the holidays ensure you practise every day; this could be your reading book, a reading book from the library or one of your books from your house. If you have a set of flashcards make



Letters Gone Home/emailed

Action Required

FS1 & FS2 Consultations

Book from Mon 19th Dec—23rd Dec

Electronic registration

Please report absences/ appointments/late arrivals directly to school office not to class teacher

You might have noticed that there are not any consultations planned for Year 1 in the spring term.

This is because they have been moved to the summer term. Just before Easter you will receive a written report if your child is in FS1 or Y1. This will be followed with a consultation in the summer term.

If you have any questions regarding teaching and learning in the meantime be sure to make an **appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.** Thank you

Thank you to Eila's mum in Churchill Class—they know so much about Hanukkah now! Thanks too for the gifts to support our learning.

SNOW



In the event of snow you can check the following link to see if the school is closed <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/>
Our local radio station 3 Counties will also update you on school closures.

Going away during the holidays? Can you send us a postcard telling us about the place you are visiting? We plan to share these in our classrooms and in assembly...

Bernards Heath Infant and Nursery School,
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REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Wed 21st Dec | 1.20pm | End of Term |
| Christmas Holiday Thurs 22nd Dec—Wed 4th Jan | | |
| Thur 5th Jan | 8.55am | Children return to school |
| Fri 6th Jan | 9.30am | FS2 Tour for prospective parents for Sep 2017 |
| Mon 9th Jan | | Maths & Learning Heroes Curriculum week |
| Mon 9th Jan | 9.00am | Parents Meeting Maths & Learning Heroes—in the hall |
| Wed 11th Jan | 6-8.30pm | Parent Teacher Consultation Evening for FS1 & FS2 |
| Mon 16th Jan | 7.00pm | Assessment & Phonics Meeting for Year 1 Parents |
| Mon 16th Jan | 7.45pm | Assessment & Phonics Meeting for Year 2 Parents |
| Weds 18th Jan | 9.30am | FS1 Tour for prospective parents for Sep 2017 |
| Weds 18th Jan | 6-8.30pm | Parent Teacher Consultation Evening for FS1 & FS2 |
| Mon 30th Jan | 9.30am | FS1 Tour for prospective parents for Sep 2017 |
| Tues 31st Jan | 9.15am | Churchill Class Assembly |
| Weds 1st Feb | 6-8.30pm | Parent Teacher Consultation Evening for Y2 |
| Thur 2nd Feb | 9.15am | Mitchell Class Assembly |
| Thur 2nd Feb | 2.30pm | Spencer Class Assembly |
| Mon 6th Feb | 9.30am | FS1 Tour for prospective parents for Sept 2017 |
| Wed 8th Feb | 6-8.30pm | Parent Teacher Consultation Evening for Y2 |
| Half Term Mon 13th Feb—Fri 17th Feb | | |
| Mon 20th Feb | | Teacher Training Day |