

BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



Autumn Term Newsletter Friday 26th October 2018

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Happy Birthday

Amber, Oliver, Lucy G, Evie M, Lily, Noah J, Martha K, Ashton, Jack P
Ms Dixon, Miss J Woolfson, Mr Fisher

Buddy Bench Competition

Children are invited to create a poster to sign post our buddy benches. These are benches used by the children at lunchtime if support is needed by friends or staff. We are looking to promote their use and feel some colourful artwork would do the job.

Children can be as imaginative as they wish around the themes of lunchtime and friendship, and using the word 'buddy bench' in their design.

Please return all entries to school by Friday 9th November, with your child's name and class on the back. Winners will have their artwork made into posters to be displayed in the playground.



Grandparents Afternoon

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed around 200 Grandparents to school. A record number! Both children, Grandparents and special older friends had a super time.

Luca said " I loved playing the parachute game with my Grandparents one ball even touched the ceiling."

Freddy said "Both my Grandparents came and last year it was just one."

Lara said "We wrote letters to our Grandparents and asked them what it was like when they were little."

Thank-you so much to those who attended or sent in photos.

Big Questions

We have been talking about our Learning Hero Monkey; Monkeys wants to find out about the world and know that asking questions helps them to do that. We watched a clip from Newsround in assembly about why our skin wrinkles in water and then carried on talking about big questions in a School Council meeting. Children then thought about their own questions; why not have a go at finding out the answers to some of these over the holiday:

How big is Space, does it keep on going?

How do fish breathe under water?

Why do we have small holes in our skin?

Why do we have kings and queens?

How many different species of dinosaur are there?

How many people live in the world?

Children are welcome to bring their answers back to school to share with their class after half term.

Please make sure you return any orders for school photographs by Monday 5th November at 9.00am.

Letters/Emails Sent Home
Christmas Photography Sessions



If someone else is coming to collect your child (out of your ordinary pattern) there is no need to call/ email us to let us know as long as they have your child's password. If you can't remember your child's password you can get a reminder from their child's Class Teacher.

After School Club - If you wish to make a booking please contact Lindees 01727 848355

Learning Previews and Blogs

[Click here to read a blog post from FS/Y1 and Y2.](#)

As a staff team we have been talking about how to keep you informed of what children are learning at school. This year we have not yet sent home Learning Previews. One of the main reasons for this is that when you are planning a dynamic curriculum that moves with the progress the children are making and follows their interests, it is very difficult to tell you in advance what our plans are.

For this reason we are having some work done on our blogs and our plan is to trial blogging as we move into next half term. We are **arranging for ways you can 'follow' a blog, receiving an alert each time your class blog is updated.** These updates will include stories, key learning points, songs and information for you to link what is happening at home with school. We will let you know when the changes have been made as soon as possible.

The Hospice of St Francis are looking to recruit extra volunteers for their Marshalswick shop.

Join them for a chat about volunteering opportunities in the shop on 6th November 9-10.30am

See the attached document for more Information.



With various Christmas Celebrations edging ever closer it is imperative that you return photograph/consent forms to the school office as soon as possible.

The PTA Cake Sale raised approximately £266.95 which will go towards storage of books in the library and frames for photos in the playground showing how to use the equipment.



Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a success.

PTA Calendar

Please make sure you return your order forms by Friday 9th November 2018

British Legion Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies along with **poppy themed children's stationery** on the playground when we come back after half term.



REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Half Term Monday 29 October—Friday 2 November		
Weds 7 Nov	9.05am	Alban Class Assembly (One Adult per Child)
Thu 8 Nov	9.15am	FS2 Tour for Prospective Parents for Sept 2019
Fri 9 Nov	9.05am	Churchill Class Assembly (One Adult per Child)
Wed 14 Nov	9.15am	FS2 Tour for Prospective Parents for Sept 2019
Wed 14 Nov	7.00-8.30pm	FS2 and Y1 Reading Evening
Thu 15 Nov	3.15pm	Global Families Event
Fri 16 Sep	9.05am	Spencer Class Assembly (One Adult per Child)
Fri 23 Nov	9.05am	Mitchell Class Assembly (One Adult per Child)
Tue 27 Nov	9.15am	FS2 Tour for Prospective Parents for Sept 2019
Fri 30 Nov		Non Uniform Day
Fri 30 Nov	9.05am	Verulam Class Assembly (One Adult per Child)
Sat 1 Dec	10.00am	Infant School PTA Christmas Fair
Mon 3 Dec	9.05am	FS2 Tour for Prospective Parents for Sept 2019

St Albans Rocks are creating a line of poppy rocks in remembrance of St Alban's fallen. The poppy line will be placed on display in time for Remembrance Sunday 2018, the Centenary of the Armistice.



Young and old are invited to paint a rock in remembrance over half term on Wednesday 31st October

[Click here](#) for more information.