

School Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the term. Needless to say this will be a very busy time with the lead up to the Christmas holidays.

Parent Ambassadors

Just a reminder that the parent ambassadors are as follows:

Dolphin	Nikki Delglyn	Possums	Tania deBurnay
Koalas	Jo Wallace	Zebra	John & Jean Donoghue
Marmosets	Marianne Corbin	Rhinos	Rod & Kate King
Tigers	Judith & Godfrey Nelmes		

Holidaycare

We have been working hard over the last half-term arranging cover for the Christmas Holidays. Several children have already enrolled on the Drama Bootcamp course, though there are still a few places available. Parents and staff have offered to run computer, cookery, art, and sports courses. Once we have collated all the information we will advise you of dates and times, within the next couple of weeks.

Theatre Royal Prep-School Production

Mrs. Amtower has started rehearsals for the school production, the Isle of Bendith. All children in years three to six are involved in the production. At present rehearsals are taking place on Tuesday afternoons, during the children's drama lessons. We will send out rehearsal schedules when the children commence after school rehearsals. Just a reminder, it is essential they are available for the two weekend rehearsal days **SUNDAY MAY 23RD & SATURDAY JUNE 12TH**. These will take place at the school from 1000-1600hrs each day. The performances will be **Thursday 17th and Friday 18th June 2010**. This year we would like help making and adapting costumes, if you feel you are able to assist us please would you fill in the tear off slip.

School Gardens

Within one year the school has worked its way through the first three benchmarks for the Royal Horticultural Society Campaign for school gardening. Everything has now been completed for



level four, I just have to collate all the children's work and photographs. We would now like to work towards our final award, level 5. There is quite a lot of construction work which we would like to do in the gardens so we intend to have a working day on Saturday January 23rd. If you are able to contribute to that day could you please fill in the tear off slip. We are looking for old pallets to make compost bins and a cheap supplier of Sleepers to make raised beds. The parent ambassadors have offered to supply some hot soup etc.

Christmas Fayre

This year the parent ambassadors are organising the above fayre which will take place at school on Friday 27 November from 2.30-6.30pm. Jo Wallace is allocating tables so if you are interested in booking one please contact her directly on Joanna@barneswallace.com. All profits from this event will go towards buying each class their own digital camera.

Visit of EDF to Arbor

On Monday 16 November EDF will be talking to years 3 to 6 on electrical safety which is part of the Science curriculum.

Young Engineers

This club has proved to be extremely popular for years 5 and 6 and is over subscribed. This Saturday, eight members are visiting Cambridge University Engineering department to participate in a workshop.

Community Links

I am delighted to report that after a very positive meeting with the head of Risby Primary School we are hoping to arrange some combined activities starting with a Netball workshop this Wednesday November 11th, followed by a football workshop before the end of term.

Rainforest Week 9-13 November

In support of the Prince's Rainforest Trust and the study of climate change before the Copenhagen summit, the whole school are participating in a week of studying the Rainforest. We are hoping to turn the hall into a rainforest mock-up. If your child/children have any books or resources in connection with rainforests please could they bring them to school on Monday.

Educational Visit date changes

In support of the Year 4 history curriculum they will be visiting Sutton Hoo on Friday 20 November. As Rhinos visited a tree nursery earlier in the term and they have studied the wood at the Gliksten's farm, I have decided to cancel the visit to Hatfield Forest.

LAMDA Exams

These exams take place next Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 and 11 November. Mrs. Amtower and Mrs. Thomas have been very busy preparing the children and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all success.

Open Morning – 27 November

We had a very successful open morning in the first half of the term and we have a second one arranged for 27 November. Please do tell your friends and encourage them to come and see the school at work.

Thanksgiving Lunch – Thursday 26 November

Once again, our American parents have offered to work with Julie and Julie to provide the children with a traditional Thanksgiving lunch. They will also be talking to each class about the history and traditions of this day.

Christingle Service

Just a reminder for the start of the Christmas celebration, the school Christingle which takes place in St. Edmundsbury Cathedral at 5 o'clock on Sunday 6 December 2009. Full winter uniform should be worn. This year the nursery will not be joining the school but all nursery siblings are extremely welcome to come with their parents.

Web Site

Please do check the calendar weekly which is displayed on the web site. The web news for each month is also on the web site, this keeps you up to date with the many activities that the children take part in.

Parent Consultations

These consultations are for discussing your child's progress with his/her class teacher and any specialist teacher who teaches your child.

Cathedral Colts and Probationers

I am so pleased that we now have 19 colts and two probationers as members of the Cathedral Colt's choir. This is an amazing credit to Mrs. Winton Mills – well done.

Independent Schools Association Swimming Gala

Mrs. Bracchi and Mrs. Evans took a team of 22 children to take part in the above gala. The children swam extremely well gaining good places. Congratulations to Amber Delglyn who has been invited to swim in the area finals at Coventry as a member of the relay team.

Choral Speaking

Years 5 and 6 Choral speaking performance at the Suffolk Festival managed to break all records. They achieved a magnificent 90 marks with their efforts, the highest score ever awarded. Mrs. Amtower was so thrilled. They also received the cup for the best overall performance. Year 2 put in a very creditable performance scoring a end with 84 marks.

Cross Country

On 9th October we travelled to Gresham's Preparatory School in Holt with 15 children to compete against 25 other schools. Each race had large numbers of competitors ranging from 120 to 160. Thomas Bradbury came 6th out of 160 in the U11 boys and Alana Wilson, who is only in Year 3, came 8th out of 150 U9 girls. All the rest of the team acquitted themselves exceptionally well.

Forthcoming Events

Mon	9 Nov	1630hrs Parent Teacher consultations
Tue	10 Nov	LAMDA Exams
Wed	11 Nov	LAMDA Exams
Thurs	12 Nov	
Fri	13 Nov	
Sat	14 Nov	1000-1600hrs MSA Termly meeting at Arbor – June’s Yoga
Mon	16 Nov	
Tues	17 Nov	
Wed	18 Nov	1430hrs U9/10 Netball v Fairstead (A)
Thurs	19 Nov	
Fri	20 Nov	
Mon	23 Nov	1000hrs Tigers Glikstens
Tues	24 Nov	1730hrs Colts and Probationers Evensong
Wed	25 Nov	Gosfield Cut Hedge Trophy
Thur	26 Nov	Thanksgiving Lunch
Fri	27 Nov	0900-1200hrs – School Open Morning 2.30-6.30pm Christmas Fayre, All Welcome, free entrance
Mon	30 Nov	
Tue	1 Dec	
Wed	2 Dec	
Thur	3 Dec	1900hrs Wine & Cheese evening for prospective Dolphins
Fri	4 Dec	
Sat	5 Dec	
Sun	6 Dec	1700hrs Christingle Service – St Edmundsbury Cathedral
Mon	7 Dec	0930hrs Pre-Prep Dress Rehearsal 1100hrs Nursery Dress Rehearsal

Tue	8 Dec	1100hrs Nursery Play 1400hrs Pre-prep performance
Wed	9 Dec	1100hrs Nursery Play 1400hrs Pre-Prep performance
Thur	10 Dec	1700-1900hrs School Disco – Years 0-2 1900 – 2100hrs School disco Yrs 3-6
Fri	11 Dec	0850hrs – Carol Service Risby Church Yrs 0-6 Father Christmas in School Nursery Christmas Lunch School Christmas Lunch 1600hrs School closes – No aftercare
		School closed Monday 14 Dec 2009 to Wed 6 Jan 2010 incl