



# Barley Mow Primary School

## *Achieving Bright Futures Together*



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### **WORLD BOOK DAY- PRIOR NOTICE**

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school.

We will be asking the children to come dressed up as a character from a book they love.

We are not wanting parents to go and spend lots of money on a costume hence why we are trying to give to enough time to look for outfits/ clothes you may already have in the house.

There are lots of ideas on line for costumes made from clothes you may already have in the house.

Mrs Raine, our English Leader, is already planning out some fun filled activities to share our love for reading and celebrate this day.

We are really looking forward to the 1st March.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Week beginning 26.2.18 Parents' Evening/  
Special Educational Needs reviews

1.3.18 World Book Day

2.3.18 Internet Safety Parent Assemblies-  
10am for Key Stage 1 and 10.20am for Key  
Stage 2

Week beginning 5.3.18 Science Week

5.3.18 Star Assembly 10.30am

19.3.18 Year 5 visit Lord Lawson of Beamish  
Academy to watch performance of "Cats"

21.3.18 Year 3 Class Assembly  
9.15am

21.3.18 Dance Festival

23.3.18 School Easter Fair

26.3.18 Star Assembly 10.30am



### **VALENTINE'S DISCO**

The children had so much fun at the Valentine's disco on Wednesday.

I must thank the Friends of Barley Mow Primary School for organising the disco and decorating the rooms. The children loved the balloons and streamers.

Money raised will be used to buy equipment for the children. School Council already have lots of ideas.

The Friends of Barley Mow Primary School also organised a Valentine's competition and a wooden heart was sent home before half term for all children to decorate and return to school.

We have had so many entries into the competition. The hearts look amazing and each one unique and special. Every one who has entered the competition will receive a small prize and it really has been hard and taken much deliberation on choosing two winners from each class.

The following children have won in their class: Albie Lamb and Constance Sleeman in Nursery, Frankie Walton and Hollie McKay in Reception, Kaden Summers and Owen Crompton in Year 1, John-Paul Slade and Scarlet Johnson in Year 2, Richard Sleeman and Olivia Alldred in Year 3, Eve Hay and Teegan Nevin in Year 4, Rebecca Smith and Alex Atkins in Year 5, Emily Burns and Maddison Best in Year 6.

If you would like to become involved in the Friends of Barley Mow Primary School let us know at the School Office, your support would be greatly appreciated.



Remember to look at our school website for more information

### EXCITING NEWS

On the afternoons of the 8th and 9th March, Birtley Community Church are going to bring their visitors, students visiting from Texas, America, into school.

We have an exciting timetable of events where the American students are going to teach us how to line dance, we are going to learn all about what school is like in Texas and how their life differs to ours.

I know Year 6 will want to find out more about American Politics, particularly about Donald Trump!

It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to meet people and learn all about another country.



### ATTENDANCE

The school attendance for the week beginning 19.2.18 was 95.65%

The class attendances were as follows:

- Reception: 91.05%
- Year 1: 98.42%
- Year 2: 96.79%
- Year 3: 92%
- Year 4: 98.28%
- Year 5: 93.53%
- Year 6: 95.56%

Well done to Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 for achieving our school target of 96%.



### PARENTS' EVENINGS

You should have received a letter inviting you to sign up for a meeting with your child's teacher the week beginning 26th February.

These meetings are a way for us to inform you of how your child is progressing at school and what you can do to support them with their education.

It is also a chance for parents to ask questions about their child's education.

If you don't have an appointment yet please see your child's teacher to arrange one.

Thank you.



### TODDLER GROUP

We are delighted to let you know that our Toddler Group is going well.

Mrs Mounsey, one of our teaching assistants, is running the group and would be delighted to see you and your toddler. Have a look at our school website to see the exciting activities the Toddlers do.

It is held every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm-3pm in our school nursery.

It costs £1 per family, the price includes juice and a snack for the toddlers.

Why not come along next week and have some fun?



### PE KITS

Could I please remind you that Physical Education lessons are a statutory part of the curriculum and essential for teaching the children about the importance of fitness and how much fun sport is.

Therefore children **MUST** have a PE Kit in school for PE lessons.

PE Kit consists of a white t shirt, dark pair of shorts or jogging trousers and children should also have a pair of trainers/ plimsolls in school.

Thank you.