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Week 19 Newsletter

Monday 30th January 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. A big congratulations to our wonderful Y5/6 sportshall athletics team who really enjoyed representing school last week in a competition against other local schools. We didn't place in the top three but we gave it a really good go and had a blast. Good luck to our Y5/6 basketball team this week in the latest event!

Sports Events/Extra PE: This week our classes Y3, Y4 and Y5 will enjoy a special taster session with The Combat Academy. All pupils in these classes require an indoor PE kit please. This will not replace curriculum PE this week- this will go ahead as normal. Next Thursday we have Y3/4 at a special sports event too...look out for an email for full details soon- these events are free to all involved.

SEND and parents evening: Our next parents' evening will launch for booking on Monday 20th February at 5pm, when we return from the half term break. Appointments will be held on Thursday 23rd February between 1.30-7.30pm and we have some extra appointments for the EYFS staff/parents on the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd too. For parents of pupils who receive additional support in school due to them being on the Special Needs register, we will be contacting you very soon to come in before this date. We have new paperwork that is very detailed that we need to discuss and agree together. These meetings may take up to 30 minutes so they wouldn't be appropriate on parents' evening when time is so tight. Please arrange a suitable date and time with your class teacher to come in and complete the meeting/paperwork and then ignore the parents' evening link that is sent on 20th February.

Gaming Day: This Friday we have a special gaming day for Y3/4 pupils during the day. As part of the special provision the games expert has offered to do a **free family session for Y3 families 8-8.45am and Y4 3.15-4pm in the classrooms.** Please email me to book a place at either so we can ensure that we have adequate space and resources set out. All children in these classes will access the games during the school day too! Please only attend if you can do the timings set out as joining/leaving late/early will impact the quality of the session.

Twitter Poll Feedback: Thank you for your recent feedback via our social media polls. As a result of the polls, we are keen to hold another update to our Online Safety support which we will organise in the coming weeks. We also concluded that parents feel a termly visit (with costs to families) is acceptable but that the cost should be carefully considered and never more than £20 per day trip. Residential trips are more expensive but the cost is well communicated and spread out.

Drop-off area: Please use the school parking drop off area responsibly. We continue to have lots of cars waiting in this area creating potential safety issues and on some occasions parents come very early and wait there to hold a place. If you have good mobility and no very young children we would encourage you to park and stride if this is possible to create additional capacity for those that require a closer, safer space. Thank you.

Barnsley Alliance Surveys: Please feel free to complete the following questionnaire links to help the Barnsley Schools' Alliance to capture parent/carer and pupil views across the whole Borough. These will not be analysed at school level; it is simply to create a snapshot of standards across the 78 primary schools in the area.

Parent/carer link: <https://forms.office.com/e/XuAs35tUMc>

Pupil link: <https://forms.office.com/e/F0AN3uMeUj>

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 18 and averages)

Attendance for the year so far: 97.2%	Attendance last week: 97.7%
Late marks last week: 0	Class of the week for attendance: Y6 Heroic Hexagons with 99.2%
GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.1%	GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99.3%

What is happening in school this week? (Week 19)

Weekly themes: Music- Bollywood; Wellbeing- Online Safety- SMART rules; Week 2 dinner menu
Monday 30th: Philip Kaye assembly, 5pm Y1 phonics meeting on Zoom (link shared on email already)
Tuesday 31st: Combat Academy taster sessions (Y3, Y4 and Y5) PE kit required
Wednesday 1st: 5pm Y3/4 parent meeting on Zoom about multiplication checks (a link will be shared on the day)
Thursday 2nd: Y5/6 basketball event (4-5.15pm, selected pupils)
Friday 3rd: Year 3 and 4 Gaming Day, 8am Y3 family games and 3.15pm Y4, Star of the week assembly, lunchtime DISCO Val in school Friday AM

