



# BARNFIELDS' BULLETIN



Spring Term Newsletter - Issue 6

**Our School Values: Reflection, Respect, Positivity, Responsibility, Resilience.**

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers and Children

We have been very privileged to have spent lots of time in the classrooms, talking to the children about their learning and looking through the children's books over the last couple of weeks. This is part of our monitoring cycle and it enables us to look at the impact of the changes we have made to the curriculum over the last 18 months. Suffice to say, we were very pleased with what we saw and are assured that the children at Barnfields are receiving a fantastic education offer. It was also lovely to be able to invite Mrs Bettany, Headteacher at Leasowes, over to join us for the process and share with her the wonderful work that the Barnfields' pupils are producing.

We continue to offer engaging learning enhancement opportunities for the children and Year 4 had a fantastic day being transported back to the Anglo-Saxon time. The day involved a variety of activities that brought to life how the Anglo-Saxon people would have lived. Our Reception children really enjoyed trying out some different types of food during their Chinese New Year celebrations. They even tried to eat the food using chopsticks, some more successfully than others!

Our JLT (Junior Leadership Team) met last week to discuss some up and coming events that they would like to organise in support of a local charity. They will be meeting again this week to put forward their proposals and discuss their ideas in depth. We will be feeding back on their plans as soon as we have looked at them in detail.

The Parents' Evening letters should have reached you all by now and we have requested that the slips are returned by Wednesday 8th at the latest. The staff will then allocate your time and confirm your appointment for the following week. Please remember to indicate if you would prefer a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conversation.

Just to remind you that we regularly post examples of work on our Twitter account @BarnfieldsPS. Please follow us to keep up to date with events in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Ball

### ATTENDANCE AT BARNFIELDS

The target set by SESAT for all children is 96 %.

Attendance since September is 95.4%, slightly below our target.

Reception: 94%      Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 95%      Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 94%      Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 94%

### OUR SCHOOL VISION AT BARNFIELDS

At Barnfields Primary School, our vision is driven by our school motto of 'Believe and Achieve'.

**Academic excellence** runs alongside **sporting and artistic excellence**. The whole child is nurtured as **positive wellbeing is encouraged and supported**, enabling them to make outstanding progress across the curriculum. This learning is underpinned by **strong values** that encourage and guide the children through the rest of their academic journey and as **citizens of the future**.



**YEAR 4 ANGLO SAXON DAY**

Year 4 have been transported back to the Anglo-Saxon era. They learned about Anglo-Saxon settlements, deadly weaponry and vicious Viking invasions!



**CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

Last week in Reception, the children learnt all about Chinese new year. They tasted Chinese food and used their fine motor skills by using chopsticks to eat the noodles. They used their senses to describe what the food looked, smelt and tasted like. They made Chinese lanterns, made lucky red envelopes and practised some traditional dragon dancing.



**DIARY DATES**

DATE	EVENT
07.02.2023	Yr6 visit to Walton
15.02.2023 and 16.02.2023	Parents Evening <b>(more information to follow)</b>
20.02.2023—24.02.2023	February Half Term: School Closed

**LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY**



We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested in the position, please contact the school office for an application form.

**Swimming Success**



Huge congratulations to George in Year 6 who has had excellent success at the Staffordshire County Swimming Championships over the last 2 weekends. He came away with 2 gold medals and as the county champion in the 50m and 100m breaststroke.

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**OUTDOOR SCIENCE LEARNING IN YR6**

As part of their Science curriculum, Yr6 have been using the school grounds to identify and classify different plant species.



**THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

It is our duty to of care to promote full attendance at school. For a child to reach their full educational achievement (academically, socially and emotionally), good attendance is essential to success. We have set an attendance target for all SESAT children to attend 96% or above.

There are **190 school days** when your child should be attending school  
 There are **175 non-school days** to spend time on appointments, visits, family holidays and other important family commitments

190 Days your child has of Education each year	10 days absence 180 Days of Education	19 days absence 171 Days of Education	29 days absence 161 Days of Education	38 days absence 152 Days of Education	47 days of absence 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Excellent Gives your child the best chance of success.	Satisfactory Gives your child a good chance of success.	Worrying 95 hours of learning missed.	Serious Concern 145 hours of learning missed.	Serious Concern 190 hours of learning missed.	Serious Concern 235 hours of learning missed.

Attendance at SESAT: The target set for all SESAT children is **96% or above.**

Even if your child reaches 95% (10 days absent) this still equates to 50 hours of lost learning. We want all children to be in school all of the time but do appreciate that from time to time they may be poorly.

If any parent needs support with attendance, we are more than happy to help. Please get in touch.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

There are many ways to contact us!

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**SCHOOL TIES**

The school office is selling ties for £5.50 each.

We recommend that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier for staff and children to locate and return them. Thank you.