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Dear Parents and Carers

Please take the time to look through our newsletter this week to see all of the wonderful activities and opportunities the children have experienced, such as Christmas Dinner Day, Santa visiting, Fairy Tale Workshops and Santa's Secret Shop. We are blessed to have such wonderful staff and parents who work so hard for the children of Barnsbury Primary—thank you to everyone who has gone over and above to make the build up the Christmas so special.

This week (and next), we have been entertained by the Rock Steady Concerts. Rock Steady is an external company that comes into Barnsbury each week and children attend sessions to learn how to play instruments within a rock band. At the end of each term, the children perform to the school and their parents. It is an amazing experience for the children and entertaining for the audience.

We had an amazing day on Wednesday wearing our Christmas Jumpers and enjoying our Christmas Dinners. I cannot imagine cooking Christmas Dinner for so many people and my admiration and thanks go to Tracey and the team in the kitchen—it was so delicious and enjoyed by everyone. We have included some photographs in the body of the newsletter.

On Thursday and Friday this week, each child has had the opportunity to visit the Secret Shop to select two gifts for special people in their lives, which were then wrapped beautifully for them. This was organized by the PTA and has been a truly special event and experience for the children. To see the children's faces as they have carried their gifts proudly back to their classes has been magical. Please take a look at the photos in the newsletter. Huge thanks to every parent who has taken time to be involved in this event—we really do appreciate you!

Our Key Stage 1 Christmas Play takes place next week. I can hear the children's singing from my office and we are in for a real treat to get us firmly in the Christmas mood. Years 3 and 4 are performing at our Christmas Carol concert on Wednesday at St Mary of Bethany's Church—always a highlight of the year.

Just a reminder that the term finishes on Friday 15th December at **1.15pm**.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

With kind regards,

Mrs J E Harrup
Headteacher

Dates for your diary 2023-24

Autumn Term

December

Monday 11th	PTA—Mince Pie Monday
Monday 11th	9.15am Dress rehearsal for KS1 Christmas Production
Monday 11th	2pm KS1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 12th	9.15am and 2pm KS1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 12th	2-3pm—Acorns Christmas Craft and Singing
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Carol Concert Years 3 & 4
Thursday 14th	9.30am Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 14th	2-3pm—Acorns Christmas Craft and Singing
Friday 15th	1.15pm End of Term

Dates for your diary 2023-24

Spring Term

January

Tuesday 2nd	INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd	First day of Spring Term
Wednesday 10th	Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am-10am)
Friday 26th	Creative Arts Day

February

Friday 2nd	9am—3M Class Assembly
Friday 9th	9am—6J Class Assembly
12th—16th	Half Term
Monday 19th	INSET Day
Wednesday 21st	Year 5 Trip

March

Wednesday 6th	Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am-10am)
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Friday 8th	9am—1M Class Assembly
Friday 15th	9am—3B Class Assembly
Tuesday 19th	9.30am Rock Steady Spring Concert
Thursday 21st	9.30am Rock Steady Spring Concert
Friday 22nd	Y4 & 5 Production Dress Rehearsal (KS1) 9.30am
Monday 25th	Y4 & 5 Production Dress Rehearsal (KS2) 1.30pm
Wednesday 27th	Y4 & 5 Production—adults only—6pm
Thursday 28th	End of Term—Finish 1.15pm

April

Monday 15th	INSET Day
Tuesday 16th	First Day of Summer Term



Star of the

Effort

Values

Award

Oak	Imogen	Jasper	Danny
Ash	Dominic	Mason	Tristian
1B	Amirh	Bertie	Loggie
1M	Reggie	Damari	Saharsh
2M	Isabelle	Matthew	Caitlin
2T	Emily	Izzy	Zach
3B	Jayden	Miriam	Yusuf
3M	Skylar	Abram	Cecilia
4T	Jemima	Harvey	Tammy
4D	Bell	Isla	James
5M	Amelia	Emma	Isabelle
5B	Florence	Michael	Edith
6J	Atharv	William J	Tommy
6G	Sienna	Bea	Alex

Congratulations to our Super Spellers this week: Elsie (3B), Mila (3M), Kaitlyn (4D)

Write of the Month: Emie (6J)



Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificate this week: Riley (6G), Jude (1T), Shelby-Lee (2M), Harley (2M), Zana (6G), Claudia (6G), Felicity (6G), Aurelia (6G), Ollie (6G), Seba (6G), Eva (6G), Khadija (6G), Milana (6G), Tilly (6G)



Acorns

It's been a really exciting week at Nursery this week: we've met Santa; worn our Christmas jumpers and enjoyed our Christmas dinner. We have enjoyed taking part in Christmas crafts this week and loved making our Christmas decorations and our Christmas wreaths.



Year 1

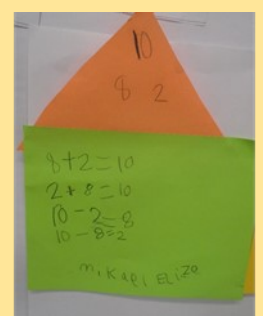
We have had such an exciting half term in 1M! The children have really enjoyed learning about the Victorians. First we had a visit from Chertsey Museum, and the children enjoyed role play, making playdough butter, and exploring artefacts.



When it was our Victorian Day, the teachers dressed up and the children explored writing on chalkboards, a Victorian playtime and the strict rules!



This week, we have been exploring The Snowman in English, and the children are writing their own stories based on this book. The children went outside to draw their own story endings. In maths, we have been looking at fact families, to show the relationship between addition and subtraction.



Year 3

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We attended an amazing workshop, hosted by Portals to the Past, and the children were able to use their learning to help answer quiz questions and take part in different workshops. Continuing our Egyptian theme, we read *The Egyptian Cinderella* and *The Secret Explorers* and used these to support our comprehension skills in *Destination Reader* and to develop our writing.



Year 5

Year 5 have had an amazing few weeks with many activities to help boost their team building skills. There were many challenges they had to face and they all did a fantastic job at communicating, compromising, cooperating and listening to one another. Balloon wars was a top favourite!

Taking part this week in *Comando Joe's* has also helped to enhance their skills further and they took on the challenge of becoming explorers to successfully take on the perilous journey across the Arctic without suffering frost-bite or worse! Again, with great team work, it was another amazing success!



Reception

Last Friday, Reception had a fantastic Fairytale Dress Up Day to celebrate the end of their topic. We had so much fun pretending to be our favourite fairytale characters and had a parade to show off our costumes – everyone looked brilliant. It was a magical day!



On Wednesday, Nursery, Reception and some KS1 children enjoyed a drama workshop from Perform For Schools. Nursery and Reception went on a Fairytale Adventure as they used their imagination to travel through the enchanted forest to find the hidden castle.



Acorns had to be brave when crossing a river where the troll was waiting. They pretended to be trees, witches, Princesses and Princes entering the wicked Queen's castle. Acorns pretended to be the Queen's teddy bears where they had to be as still as a statue, but they magically came alive when the Queen wasn't looking. The Queen asked them all to make a wish as to what they wanted to be one day.



Oak and Ash joined Princess Tori on a fairytale adventure and helped overcome the forgetfulness spell cast on her by the wicked witch. They reminded her of the fairytale characters and shared their knowledge of each story. We worked together to create a magical potion and travelled through obstacles, eating the magical cake that defeated the wicked witch.

A group of KS1 children demonstrated teamwork as they showed different actions. They had fun walking the 'planks' as they tried to avoid being eating by the crocodiles.



Mrs Cleary accidentally fell in the water but managed to get out quickly before a crocodile got her! They then had to travel past the volcano, watching out for the lava. The used different facial expressions and noises as they got into character.

We had a special visitor at school on Monday.....

Monday morning saw the children arriving at school, to find the hallway decorated for Christmas. The children were super excited, and in addition, Santa arrived while they were in their values assembly. He read them a beautiful story of his travels, delivering presents in and around the Woking area, and giving them a few tips on the importance of getting to bed early on Christmas Eve. What an incredible start to our Christmas festivities!



Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

The work of Barnsbury's 'behind the scenes' Kitchen Team this past week cannot go unnoticed. To Tracey and her catering team, what an incredible feast you prepared for the children and staff of Barnsbury Primary. We cannot thank you enough for the delicious meal which took great planning, extra hours preparing and well planned execution. You are such an integral part of our school, and we are grateful for all you do to keep us all nourished.



Year 4

These are some of the incredibly beautiful, well sewn Christmas Stockings, Year 4 produced in Design and Technology this term. The Learning Intention was to learn various stitch techniques. They are super proud of their finished products, as are the teachers, and they can't wait to get them home to adorn their Christmas Tree.



Christmas Party



Our Young Carers had a fantastic time at the Christmas Party hosted by the Lighthouse (Barnsbury). They were able to take part in arts and crafts, play games, and enjoy delicious treats!

The older residents of the Barnsbury Estate kindly knitted wonderful gifts for them.

Anna Wright, the Lighthouse Manager, did an amazing job organizing this special event for the children.



PTA Secret Shop

A huge thank you to Nic and Lucy, PTA members and all the parent volunteers, who made Santa's shop a resounding success. To witness the joy on the children's faces as they made their selection, had the gifts wrapped and labels attached for their parents and friends, warmed the hearts of all present. A truly incredible experience for both children and teachers, and the support of parents, invaluable.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.



ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.



BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.



ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.



PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.



ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.



TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.



ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

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Join us to celebrate Christmas at your local church, St Mary of Bethany, at the heart of Mount Hermon.

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Mark Wallace, Vicar of St Mary of Bethany Church, between Mount Hermon Road & York Road

Christmas Services

3 DEC

10.30am Advent All-Together Service

Switch on our Christmas lights and start getting ready for the big day.

3pm Advent Memorial Service

Followed by tea & coffee

A reflective service with the opportunity to remember loved ones.

10 DEC

3pm Mincep Carol Service

Followed by tea & mince pies

An inclusive service aimed at those with learning difficulties and their carers.

17 DEC

6.30pm Carols in the Community

with festive refreshments

Wrap up warm, bring your phone or a torch and join us in the church car park on Mount Hermon Road

24 DEC

3pm Crib Service

Followed by refreshments

All ages are invited as we retell the Christmas story together.

11pm Midnight Communion

Start your Christmas Day the traditional way at our candlelit service.

25 DEC

8am Prayer Book Communion

with Christmas carols

10.30am Christmas Celebration Service*

*Invited to join us

7 JAN

10.30am New Year All-Together Service

All ages come together as we find the start!

Our usual Sunday service is at 10.30am, with a Prayer Book Communion service 8am on the first Sunday of the month.

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Helen Sunday

Helen Sunday (Principal)
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Best wishes,

Rachel Hawker | Director of Education



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Kell

“Rocksteady really has put a massive smile on their faces and this has helped with wider engagement when they are back in class.”

Headteacher

“My son's confidence has changed so much since being in his band. He now loves singing in front of people and even speaking to people when he used to be so shy.”

Charlie

“As a musician myself, I was emotional and proud to see the progress my son has made after only a short amount of time on the drums.”

Melanie

“They really feed off the teamwork and the kind and supportive tuition. We have found that the confidence built as musicians translates to confidence throughout the curriculum.”

Headteacher

“My son is autistic and has anxiety and low confidence. Rocksteady has done such a fantastic job of reassuring him and increasing his confidence.”

Sarah

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