



Bernards Heath Junior School

Newsletter 4

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Spring Term 2017

Harry Potter Day at Hogwarts Heath

I hope you all saw the lovely article in the Herts Ad this week. The children had a lovely day. Teachers transformed the school into Hogwarts the evening before. We had Diagon Alley, an invitation to don an invisibility cloak, and a 'floating magical key'. The children were sorted into houses for the day with the sorting hat, and they enjoyed a game of Quidditch with Mr Nagler. After making their own cloaks and wands, the children enjoyed reading and writing activities based on Harry Potter. Thank you to all parents who sent in £2.00 to pay for all the cloaks. Mrs Hall is already planning next year's event! See pictures on our twitter feed @bernardsheath

- ❖ **De-fibrillator:** I am pleased to tell you that we have now purchased our de-fibrillator. 12 key staff have received the training and it is sited in our library. It is useful for our school community to know that we have one and where it is sited. Training is not necessary to use the equipment in an emergency as the machine gives clear instructions. We paid for this using part of the money raised in the mini marathon.
- ❖ **Holidays in term time.** I am receiving an increase in the number of requests for taking children out of school during term time. Please refer to the schools Absence Policy indicating that term time holiday will not be authorised. Our current whole school attendance is very good and we are keen to keep it this way.
- ❖ **Sports and Music Blogs:** Remember to look at the sports and music blogs for updates.
- ❖ **Yr 4 Play 'Ye Ha'. Thursday 23rd March at 7pm.** See separate letter for tickets. We allocate 2 tickets per family. For 90 children this gives us 180 audience seats. We are unable to accommodate more people (adults or children) as this will exceed our fire regulation limit.
- ❖ **Safety in school car park:** We have ordered a new safety gate barrier to be sited at the top of the drive. This will prevent any vehicle going down for kitchen deliveries when the children are on the drive.
- ❖ **Website:** We know how important our school website is as a means of communication for you and as a portal into our school. Following the parent questionnaire feedback about school communication we are planning to design a new website. Our current website has served us well for the past 6 years and we have worked hard to ensure that all information that you need is on the website and meeting statutory requirements. However, Mr Reynolds and our school

business manager Mrs Claxton, and governors, will be working together to provide a new style of website to give you better and more immediate access to key information as well as more of an insight to your child's school. This will take a while to commission and to get it right but we are working on it.

- ❖ **What is going on in school?** I have reminded teachers about keeping class blogs up to date with useful information about your child's class. Mrs Erlandsen updates the **music blog** for choir and orchestra activities and updates. Mrs Astley and Mr Brown update the **sports blog** regularly, and we are working on producing a @bernardsheathsports twitter feed to give you specific sports matches updates. May I recommend that you follow us on our @bernardsheath twitter feed. Many parents follow us on this for photographs, updates etc..... The feed runs permanently on the front page of the website as well. It's instant and free!
- ❖ We are pleased to welcome Mrs Forrester Fellowes, who has joined our team of Teaching Assistants (TAs) and Mid-day supervisors.(MSAs). She is working in 3F.
- ❖ **PTA Bernards Heath Junior School Music Quiz:** Thank you to all of you who joined us for the quiz on Saturday. It was a lovely event which certainly challenged a few brains. I understand that PTA have raised **£1736.00** with this event for parents. Thank you especially to Dan Geoffrey, Jayne Reah, Katie Carr, Colin Auchterlonie and PTA members who helped.

Forth coming dates until the end of term

Dates	Event
Thursday 16 th March	PTA Disco See PTA letter*
Thursday 23 rd March	Yr 4 Production 'Ye Ha' 7pm By ticket*
Friday 24 th March	Muddy Challenge Garden Fields School*
Saturday 25 th March	Netball Tournament*
Monday 27 th March	Art Week *
Monday 27 th March (limited numbers)	Alban Arena Concert. Choir 7pm By ticket*
Thursday 30 th March	Yr 4 trip to Kew Gardens*
Friday 31 st March	Autism Awareness Day. ONESIE or Pyjamas
Friday 31 st March	End of Spring term Close at 1.30pm
Mon 3 rd April – Mon 17 th April	Easter Holiday. School Closed
Tues 18 th April	Summer term starts.

- Indicates see separate letter

Yours sincerely

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