



## April 2017 Newsletter

### **Well done!**

Congratulations to all of the children at Charles Baines for returning back to their learning with great focus and determination after the holidays. I hope everyone had a good Easter break.

### **London**

Our Y6 trip to London was a huge success at the end of last term. The children represented themselves very well and they all had a brilliant time.

### **Red nose day**

£186.10 was raised in donations and 240 red noses were sold. Thank you for your support.

### **Easter raffle**

Well done to the children who won Easter eggs at the raffle and thank you to the PSA for the donation of the Easter eggs.

### **Library**

Over the holidays we have had a whole new library installed and it looks fantastic! It really is a lovely space to enjoy a good book now. Thank you for your patience as we will endeavour to send books home with the children as soon as possible.

### **Parent View Questionnaires**

Thank you to those of you who completed a Parent View questionnaire at Parents' evening. This information is vital for positive change at Charles Baines School and your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Punctuality**

Please ensure that you are here on time with your children for school to begin at 8.55. It is very noticeable that the same families are arriving just after this time. We will be locking the gates at 9.00 and appreciate your cooperation.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is something we are working hard to improve and our target for the year is 97%. At the end of last term our attendance figure was 95.6%.

### **Assemblies and events**

For our last school play, it was very difficult for people to access the school building due to the volume of parents waiting outside the front entrance. For all events, such as assemblies, please arrive no earlier than 20 minutes before.

### **Twitter**

Our Twitter presence is ever increasing. Please follow us at @BainesCharles to keep up to date with what has been happening in school.

### **After School Clubs**

After-school clubs will start from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and will end on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Letters will be coming out next week.

### **Head-lice Alert**

Please check your child's hair regularly and treat immediately.

### **Residential visits**

Payment for the Y3 Rand Farm was due at the end of last term. Any outstanding balances need to be paid as soon as possible please. There are a few spaces available if your child would still like to go. The total cost is £70.

### **Holiday requests**

A letter is required for all holiday requests and unless it is classed as exceptional circumstances all holidays will be recorded as unauthorised. If a letter is not received we will need to report your child missing in education. Due to the recent court case, all holidays will be now subject to fines. If your child is persistently late, or has a number of unauthorised absences, you will also be subject to fines.

### **Governor vacancies**

Following our request for a parent and staff governor, we are pleased to inform you that John Garrison will continue in his role as Chair of Governors (parent governor) and Emma Lonsdale will continue as a staff governor.

### **Year 6 Transition**

I am aware of some concerns around the proposed early transition for our Y6 pupils to TGA. We have arranged a parents' forum on the Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April for you to air any concerns and ask questions, in order for us to work together for the best possible outcomes for the children. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Important Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Parents' forum regarding TGA transition
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Leavers Photograph
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception visit to Pink Pig Farm
W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week
W/C 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 SATS begin from this week
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closes
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Rand Farm Residential Visit

\*Any changes to dates will be communicated by separate letter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Simmonds