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School
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Homework

Thank you for the responses to our homework surveys last month. The overall result was very mixed. The majority of parents enjoy the style and nature of the project based work due to the fact it allows children to develop independence skills. There was also a significant group who felt children benefit more from structured weekly tasks and specific maths and English activities.

The overwhelming majority indicated listening to children read at home is important and this is a homework task frequently completed.

In response to your feedback, we have decided to reduce the frequency of project based tasks and alternate these half termly. All children in KS1 and KS2 will receive projects in the same half term. At other times, children will receive basic skills work in maths, English and science. Children in Year 6 may receive different tasks which are appropriate to their preparation for transition to secondary school.

Listening to your child read regularly and sharing story times at home is the most important type of homework for primary aged children and we believe this should be completed in addition to (and prioritised above) other homework tasks. You will receive a set of question prompts at parents' evening this week which can be used to support your child's understanding of texts read at home. The Oxford Owl website has a wealth of free e-books that are matched to your child's reading age. Go to <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>- My Class login. The username and password is the word 'class' followed by the year group number. For example, if your child is in Year 1, the username and password would be: class 1. These are book banded texts which follow the same colours as the school reading scheme.

I trust you will be satisfied by these adaptations to our homework policy. We have taken all views into account and tried to respond in a way that meets the views of the majority of parents.

Parents' Evening

Meetings will take place after school on Wednesday. At the meeting you will be given information about how your child has settled into their class this year, their particular areas of strength and focus areas that will be targeted this year. Class teachers will be sharing information related to your child's current attainment against the end of year group expectations. A copy can be downloaded from: <http://barlbybridge.n-yorks.sch.uk/our-curriculum/age-related-expectations/>

Please come with any questions or queries you may have so that they can be discussed further at the meetings. Each meeting will last ten minutes, if you require an additional session, this can be organised with your child's class teacher on Wednesday.

Please note- Forest Schools club is cancelled this week due to parents' evening. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our governing board. This is not a parent governor vacancy, however, we are asking whether any of you may know relatives or community members who may be interested in becoming a governor at our school. We are seeking a member with expertise in Finance. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please could you speak to me, or Julie Duckett, the Vice Chair. Many thanks

FoBBS News

The Christmas fair will take place in school on Monday 8th December from 3.10-4.30. We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 25th November to support the FoBBS in raising funds and prizes for this event. We ask that children bring either a small chocolate item for the raffle or a £1 donation. The money donated will be used to purchase wine for the chocolate and wine bingo. We thank you for your support and look forward to celebrating the start of the festive season with this special event.

FoBBS are also organising a fashion show which will take place at M and Co on Thursday 1st December. Time to be confirmed. If you would like your child to take part in modelling clothes at the event please let a member of the office staff know. This is limited to one child per class and if there are a number of children interested we will draw a raffle to decide.

New FoBBS members are welcomed warmly. Becoming a member offers a great opportunity to meet other parents and become more involved in school life. Please let us know if you are interested in joining the group or can offer your support at the Christmas fair on Monday 8th December. Thank you.

Assessment Dates- Year 1/2/6

Please make a note of the following assessment dates where applicable:

Year 1- Phonics screening check: - week commencing Monday 12th June 2017.

Year 2- Key Stage One test period:- May 2017

Year 6- Tests are timetabled from Monday 8th – Friday 11th May 2017.

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 31st October	Number Know How sessions start today- Reception + KS1
Wednesday 2nd November	Parents' Evening
Friday 4th November	School Equality Team at Pupil Voice Conference
Monday 7th November	Robin Wood information evening – Y5/6 parents
Tuesday 8th November	Year 1, 2 and 3 flu vaccinations
WB: Monday 7th November	Y6 will be selling poppies this week- info to follow.
Friday 11th November	Year 6 out at Remembrance Service
Monday 14th November	School football team match against Barwic Parade
Thursday 17th November	School pantomime
Friday 18th November	Mars class assembly
WB Monday 21st November	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 22nd November	Parent reading session- please join us for story time today at 2.45pm
Friday 25th November	Non-uniform day- FoBBS Christmas fair
Friday 25th November	Earth class assembly
Friday 2nd December	Venus class assembly
Thursday 8th December	Christmas fair- 3.10- 4.15pm
Thursday 8th December	Nursery nativity- 10.00am
Friday 9th December	Mercury (Reception) nativity -10.0am
Tuesday 13th December	KS2 (Year 3,4, 5) Christmas performance- 6.00pm
Tuesday 13th December	KS1 (Year 1/2) afternoon performance- 2.00pm
Wednesday 14th December	KS1 (Year 1/2) Christmas performance- 6.00pm
Wednesday 14th December	KS2 (Year 3/4/5) afternoon performance -2.00pm

Save the Date!