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'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'
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Dear Parents

School and Playground Rules

We have a wonderful array of posters now returned to school so thank you to those children who completed them. They will soon be on display. We have had a real emphasis on expectations of our children's behaviour, at all times while in school, since the start of the term. This is to ensure that all children understand what is acceptable and what we expect of them at all times during the school day, not just learning time. As a result of this the staff and children have reviewed our playground rules, changing them to make them more child friendly. They are as follows:

1. We are kind and respectful to all children and adults.
2. We look after our plants, toys and equipment.
3. We are always honest.
4. We stay away from the red bricks to keep us safe.
5. We look after others if they are hurt.

School Lunch Theme Days and Competitions

Our first theme day was extremely popular today with approximately two thirds of the school enjoying a 'dinosaur' lunch. Well done to Mrs Cullen and Mrs Gould who had a very busy time but made it a great success.

For those children who took part in the theme day by having a school lunch, they will have received a colouring competition. If your child wishes to complete this they need to be returned back to school by Monday where one child will be presented with a small prize.

Useful Literacy Websites

If parents are looking for games or ideas to support their child's reading or phonics work, you might find these sites of use.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.oxfordowl.co.uk Gives you access to over 250 free eBooks



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/>

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html

http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kentict/content/games/literacy_menu.html

<http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/firstsounds-fullscreen.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/> The Learning Zone from the BBC provides short videos on phonemes and alphabet. Please select Primary - Literacy - Phonics to have access to lots of short phonic related television clips.

<http://www.iboard.co.uk/activity/Channel-Earth-206>

PE Sessions

Please can we ask for your help on your child's PE days. Can children who have pierced ears please leave earrings out on PE days. All long hair should be tied back and named clothing would be a big help in avoiding wasted time searching for the correct clothing.

Though we cannot guarantee your child's PE slots always being on the same days the following can be used as a guide:

Reception - Monday and Wednesday

1S - Tuesday and Thursday

1W - Tuesday and Friday

2M - Wednesday and Friday

2K - Wednesday and Thursday

Old Furniture to a Good Home

We have some furniture from Mrs Walker's classroom which we no longer require. If you think you can make use of this for storage in a garage or similar then please speak to the office to take a look before it goes to the tip. We have a paper storage unit and a drawer unit.

School Photographs

Your child will be having their individual school photograph taken on the morning of Thursday 18th October. These tend to make lovely Christmas presents for family and friends.

Volunteers Meeting

We are always most appreciative of any time parents/relatives can offer to work with the children in the classroom. If you can spare half an hour or more on a regular basis we would love to hear from you. A meeting for volunteers will be held on Wednesday next week at 9.15am. Please note that volunteering in school is subject to a CRB check. If you are interested then please come along to the meeting to find out more.

Burton Mail - Reception Photographs

We have been informed by the newspaper that the photographs taken last week of reception children will be published in the Burton Mail on Tuesday 23rd October. Copies will be available from Burton Mail offices or website. Please contact them directly if you wish to purchase a copy.

PTA

Reception parents are welcome straight after dropping children off on Wednesday morning. Stay and enjoy a cake and a drink and listen to the children singing. If you are attending some children find it difficult to go back to class afterwards without any tears so if you can help to prepare them for this by having a chat to them beforehand, we would be grateful.

2K Parent Lunches

We look forward to welcoming the parents of our 2K children who have booked a school lunch on Monday 22nd October. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, if you can arrive a few minutes earlier it would be appreciated by the cook. Thank you.

Lost and Found

An AA roadside relay/home start membership card has been found in the school grounds, belonging to Mr S Williams. Please contact the school office if this belongs to you or somebody you know.

Workers of the Week

Our well deserving children for 'Worker of the Week' this week are:

2K - Lewis Da Rosa for fantastic sentence work using adjectives

2M - Dominic Gardner for fantastic use of adjectives in your sentences

1W - Max Yates for writing a super wanted poster

1S - Kloe Gadsby for being an excellent learner all week

Keep up the super work children!

Barton Churches Together

Diary dates:

5th October 2012 - Fun Factory meets at the Methodist Church Hall for children aged 6+.

6.30pm-8pm

31st October 2012 - "Saints and Angels" night at the Bowls Club as an alternative to Trick and Treating (Children must be accompanied so there is no age limit)

2nd November 2012 - Fun Factory meets at the Methodist Church Hall for children aged 6+

6.30pm-8pm

28th November 2012 - "How to have a Stress Free Christmas" at the Bowls Club, alternative ideas for Christmas. Time to be confirmed.

Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer

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