

## Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### Dear parents

Happy New Year to you all and a very warm welcome back to this spring term – a rather odd name for a term in the middle of winter but a reminder that we are inching towards those longer, sunnier days!

This week has been all about settling back into the new school routines which the children are managing very well. As you get into the swing of things at home a reminder to make sure that children only have fresh fruit or vegetable snacks at breaktime and that packed lunches are in line with our packed lunch guidance. A nudge for the children to make healthier food options is always a good thing and so any new year resolutions could support that.

After missing out because of the snow last term, Ladybirds had a great trip to the Chickenshed theatre today. My thanks to everyone for making this happen.

A few reminders: Gates open at 8.45, children MUST be in class ready to start their learning by 8.55.

If your child is absent please email or telephone the school office and wherever possible please arrange appointments outside school hours.

Please remember to label all uniform – you may only have a few similar looking items at home, we have thousands in school. If it is labelled, we can match with the owner.

My very best wishes to those families celebrating Orthodox Christmas over the coming days.

Have a lovely weekend

Jen Brodkin



Thank you to Efosa Class 4B for donating a book for the class library

	PE Days	
Dragonfly	Thursday	JACA.
Ladybird	Friday	6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Year 1	Tuesday <b>1J</b> Wednesday <b>both classes</b> Thursday <b>1B</b>	
Year 2	Monday <b>2S</b> Tuesday <b>both classes</b> Wednesday <b>2F</b>	
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday	
Year 4	Monday and Thursday	
Year 5	Monday <b>both classes</b> Wednesday 5D Friday 5M	
Year 6	Wednesday and Fridays	

#### **Diary**

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#### February 2023

13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term School Closed
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Support Group
8 <sup>th</sup>	Greek Day 2.30pm Year 3
8 <sup>th</sup>	Superhero Day Year 1

#### March 2023

13 <sup>th</sup>	Freightliners Reception
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Lightship Year 5
20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Kingswood Year 6
31 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term

#### April 2023

17th Start of Summer Term

#### May 2023

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	SATS Year 6

#### Parent Support Group

Our next parent support group will take place on Friday 10th February at 9am in the Sanctuary. Parenting can be extremely rewarding but can also have its challenges. This group is an opportunity to discuss constructive ideas around raising children.

This time we will be having a guest speaker called Helen from Home-start. She will be discussing home support, thinking about the challenges families face. Please see the attached poster for more information about the services they offer.

The group is also a great way to meet other parents and carers for practical and emotional support. It can be helpful to share ideas with other parents and reassuring to meet other parents experiencing similar concerns or worries

Sarah Ostroff Inclusion Lead

Sharon Gordon Kaye Learning Mentor





### We're here for parents

Life-changing events can happen to anyone. All parents struggle at one time or another. That is why Home-Start Barnet, Brent, Enfield and Harrow is ready to support families through their toughest limes.

We also offer a wide range of other services, from perinatal mental health support and practical advice on managing household finances, to groups and events for families, and parenting programmes for families with older children.



To find out more, visit us at homestartbarnet.org

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#### Would you like to volunteer with us?

Home-Start volunteers support families with individual one-to-one homevisiting and a wide range of targeted support for parents and their children.

By spending time with a family, offering emotional support, in simply listening to the concerns of parents, you will be directly improving the lates of families and children across the Up.

