



# Bearpark Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015

## Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. As the new term starts again, I would like to thank you for your support last term. I am pleased to inform you we had a very positive start to the school year. The children's behaviour was no less than 93% good across the school and many of them made more than the expected rate of progress. School attendance was 96.8%; an improvement on last year. School continues to make good progress.

## Holiday Dates

Please note the holiday dates photocopied on the back of this newsletter. Hays Travel are offering a discount for holidays booked during school holidays. Please call into school for more information. Year 6 SATs take place week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

## Attendance

Overall attendance is improving; however we still have a minority of children who continue to have 'odd days off'. These days add up and it is surprising how much work children miss when they are absent- even for one day. The Education Welfare Officer will be informed when attendance becomes a concern.

## Clubs

All clubs start next week.

## Netball League

Due to the small number of school participating in the netball league, the team will now play their first match at DCBC on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015. The team will stay back after school this Thursday until 4.15pm to practise. Miss Polley will supervise the training.

## School Uniform

School uniform (including black shoes/boots) must be worn by all children. Parents are informed of school expectations regarding uniform in Reception and this does not change as children move up the school. Thank you for supporting us in our efforts to achieve and maintain high standards of uniform.

## Reading and Homework

Please support your child's progress by encouraging them to read every night. Homework must be completed and returned to school.

## P.E

Please remind children to leave their kit at school and write names on all articles of clothing (including P.E. shoes). Thank you.

## Dates for your Diary (Please check our school website too.)

Dates can be found on the back of today's newsletter.