



# Barnham Primary School

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**Successful Learners**



**Confident Individuals**

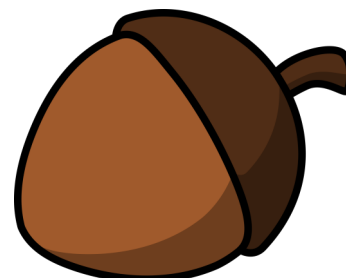


**Responsible Citizens**

## Barnham Pupils Shine

Welcome back to you all. May we first take this opportunity to wish you a fortune filled 2017 and also to say that we hope that you had a good holiday break, filled with fun, family and festive cheer. We cannot wait to get stuck into the year and particularly the term ahead. There is much to do and much to be achieved, but we know that with the spirit and energy of our children guiding us through, we will be in as good a place as any in order to succeed. All aboard the Progress Train. Choo Choo!

## January 2017



### Successful Learners

At the end of last term, we spent some time sharing with the children the progress they had made over those months. We shared information for Reading, Writing and Maths, and looked at how each year group had progressed, as well as the goals ahead. It was fantastic to be able to join together to celebrate the achievements of the children and will be something that we will do again at the end of this term.

As we move forward, there are two key targets that we will be focusing on and which will return to as the year unfolds. First, is for the children to continue to use their mathematical knowledge and skills to solve problems and puzzles using reasoning and investigations skills. Secondly, a focus will be on embedding grammar and spelling rules to all pieces of writing which the children complete. Our attention to detail here can waver and this can result in work which has missing spellings, punctuation and grammar which we would expect for the children at the age that they are at.

For further information as to what the age expected outcomes are for your child, refer back to the Learning Guides which we produced this term and shared at the parent/ carer meetings in October.

### Confident Individuals

During the final week of last term, numerous events and activities were held which provided the children with opportunities to continue to develop their confidence through school community wide roles or performances. Events such as Barnham's Got Talent, The Community Carol Service, the Choir singing at Abbey Dean Nursing home and House Captain led activities, all were blended together and provided great opportunities for the growth and development of all. These experiences also reinforced what a vibrant, dynamic and talented group of children we work with, for which we thank you.

### Responsible Citizens

Thank you for your support with my request through the previous newsletter regarding water bottles and snacks at break time. We greatly appreciate this.

Over Christmas, some children may have been lucky enough to receive a new mobile phone or tablet. For some top tips for helping children to stay safe online, then these website addresses can be very useful:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#tips>.

West Sussex County Council has produced an online guide for parents and carers available here <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/8523/online-safetycompleted.pdf>