



Bassenthwaite Primary School

January Newsletter 2017

Thank You!

A great big, thank you to all who supported our Christmas events. We had a very busy end to last term, but thoroughly enjoyed the festivities. It is wonderful to see and hear the appreciation and responses of parents and friends for the hard work that children and staff put into Christmas at Bassenthwaite.



Dinner Money

The cost of school dinners will be £12.50 per week, or £80 for the half term. Please place payment in the letterbox in the entrance cloakroom.

FOBs

I take this opportunity to thank Friends of Bassenthwaite School for their sterling efforts raising funds so far this academic year for our children and for organising a wonderful Victorian Fayre, which raised over £600 for the enhancement of our children's outdoor learning areas.

Playground Update

Miss Lyle has very successfully bid for a £10,000 grant from National Lottery to enhance the outdoor learning area. Following some tough hands on work from Bassenthwaite Rotary who prepared the groundwork, the area has been artificially turfed and a variety of exciting equipment has been installed. The area should become fully operational for the children next week. When it is completely finished with a brand new shed to house the equipment we will hold a grand opening and invite parents, members of the community and local press.

Parentmail

Please may I take this opportunity to remind parents to read Parentmail messages on a regular basis? The system has certainly cut down on the amount of paper being used for messaging parents and the level of communication, but it is vital that we receive the online permissions etc on time. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Academy

Governor discussions are still ongoing regarding conversion to academy status as part of Keswick Multi Academy Trust. The governing body have contacted the DFE to express an

interest to convert, and stakeholder meetings have been held in November. Next steps will go through a due diligence with Keswick School to ensure the conversion will benefit both parties. A final decision will be made following this as to whether Bassenthwaite School converts to an academy. We will keep you informed with the process.

School Absences

It is vitally important that you inform the school office if your child is absent for any reason from school. This should be done on the first day of absence, preferably by 9.10am so registers can be completed accordingly. This should be repeated for every consecutive day of absence.

Parking

Please be advised that parents are not to park on the school car park at the beginning and end of the school day. The car park is needed as a turning area and can cause congestion if not adhered to.

Hope you all have an enjoyable half term
Sara Royle