



Barnfields Primary School
'Believe & Achieve'



School Newsletter

8 September 2017

Our School Vision

To be a school where children achieve well and make good progress through a love of learning that is fun and relevant.

Children will be curious, ask questions, tackle challenges, solve problems, make informed choices and take risks in a supportive environment.

Children will have high self-esteem with strong values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Reflection and Positivity.

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome children and their families both old and new to a new academic year at Barnfields.

We have some very exciting work and topics planned for the children this term and we would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of your child's learning.

We would like to welcome some new members of staff to Barnfields: Miss Anderson, who will be teaching in Year 5, and Miss Fereday and Miss Hough who will both be teaching in Year 3. Miss Lucie Munday is also joining us in Nursery.

We would like to send our congratulations to two members of our Nursery staff who got married in the holidays. Miss Emily Munday is now Mrs Kowalewska and Miss Hill is now Mrs Davies. Mrs Davies is also our new Barnfields Extra Manager.

Thank You

All the staff would like to thank you for your good wishes and for the very generous gifts you gave us at the end last term.

They were greatly appreciated.

Reminders School Day

Please remember that the school gates open at 8.40am and children must be in class and ready to begin learning at 8.50am.

Children in Reception finish school at 3pm; Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) finish school at 3.05pm and children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) finish school at 3.10pm.

Absences

If your child is unable to attend school, please inform us of this before 9.30am by either sending a note in to school, telephoning the school office, leaving a message on the school answerphone or by emailing the school office.

Please provide as many details as possible about your child's absence.

Sickness

Please can we remind you that if your child suffers from diarrhoea or is sick for any reason, he or she must stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or sickness to prevent spreading any infection to others.

Contacting Us

We are always willing to talk to you about any pressing issues or concerns you may have about your child.

Class teachers are available to speak to you at the end of the day when they accompany the children out and onto the playground. If this is not a convenient time for you, please contact the school office to make an appointment. Messages can also be relayed to your child's teacher via his or her Learning Log (please remember to tell your child to show it to the teacher!)

Contact Details

If you change your address or if any of the contact telephone numbers we hold for your child change or have changed, please remember to inform us.

School Uniform

Please ensure that all school uniform and any belongings brought into school are clearly marked with your child's name.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day.

Please ensure that all items of kit are clearly marked with your child's name.

Lost Property

We still have some lost property remaining from last term. If your child is missing any belongings, please come and look through our lost property box, which is situated in the main school hall, before Friday 15 September when any remaining items will be recycled.

Reading

We are all avid readers at Barnfields and we would like you to hear your child read at home every day and to record any reading in your child's Learning Log at least three times a week.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. We have a number of water coolers around school where these can be refilled during the day.

Fruit at Breaktime

We are a healthy school.

Children in Key Stage 2 may only bring fruit to school to eat during the morning break. No other food or snacks may be consumed.

Dinner Money

If your child has school meals, please ensure that you make regular payments to his or her dinner money account so that the account is in credit or has a zero balance.

Educational Visits

We arrange many informative and enjoyable educational visits or activities to enhance your child's learning and may ask for a voluntary donation from you to cover the cost of your child's participation in them.

Please note that it is always the true cost of the activity that is charged for eg entrance fees and transport costs, divided between the total numbers of children involved and that where there are not enough voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the activity, it will be cancelled.

Mrs Branson

Mrs Branson, our wonderful school cook, will be going into hospital for an operation at the end of this week and is likely to be absent from school for some weeks.

We wish her well and wish her a speedy recovery.

Head Lice

Please remember to check your child's and family's hair regularly for head lice and administer treatment if necessary.

For more information, please visit:

www.onceaweektakeapeek.com

Website

Our new website is up and running - it is very informative and user-friendly.

You can find us at:

www.barnfields.staffs.sch.uk

Dates for Your Diary Thursday 7 September

Y6 Bikeability

Friday 8 September

Y6 Bikeability

Monday 11 September

Y5 Bikeability

Tuesday 12 September

The Animal Man visiting Reception

Friday 22 September

Tempest Photography in school

Monday 2-Friday 6 October

Y6 residential visit to Shugborough

Monday 23-Friday 27 October

Half Term

More information about events will follow and we will advise you of any additional dates as soon as possible.

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