



Barnfields Primary School
'Believe & Achieve'



School Newsletter

18 July 2018

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 within a creative curriculum that promotes emotional and mental well-being.

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

Dear Parents and Carers

After 37 years in education, this Friday will be the end of an era for me as I move on to the next chapter in my life! I started my career as a physics teacher in a high school in a deprived part of Walsall and moved from there to Four Oaks First School in the leafy suburb of Sutton Coldfield (polar opposites but both with their challenges which I loved). From there I moved back to my home town, Stafford, and taught at St. Leonards Primary School for 10 years before then moving on to be Deputy Head Teacher at Leasowes Primary School. Becoming Headteacher of Barnfields Primary School made all my dreams come true and I have had an incredible 12 years.

The parents, staff and governors are such a caring community, passionate about their children's futures and, as a team, provide an education that is second to none. Through the school values, children learn respect, responsibility and resilience, they remain positive when things are tough and are reflective about their work and situations they find themselves in.

Barnfields staff, and I include everyone working in Barnfields Primary School, are such a hard working team providing amazing opportunities for our children to learn and thrive. I have been so privileged to work with such talented and dedicated people who work together to ensure our children have the tools that lead them to successful happy lives.

I have been so proud to call myself the Headteacher of Barnfields and I will find it very hard on Friday to hand on the baton but that has been made easier for me as I am handing it to Mr Ball who I know has the same vision for the school and will be there for all the children, parents and staff whenever they need him.

Thank you everyone for the support over the last 12 years which has been second to none and I have so many memories which will live with me for ever.

Mrs Gillian Richards

Celebration Assembly

12 July 2018

RH - Thomas, Reid, Hadassah
RM - Jessica, Michaela
1DJ - Lyra, Dylan
1T - Henry, Finley, Georgia
2M - Daniel, Matilda, Erin
2T - Millie, Dakota
3F - Elsa, Violet
3H - Ruby, Lucy
3M - Utsav, Kyrak
4A - Madison, Victoria, Alannah,
Kyle, Hope
4RY - Beckett, Max, Mason, Evie
5A - Joseph, Iona
5T - Mason, Wolfie
6H - Eve

Headteacher's Award

Phoebe (1DJ)

Mckenzie, Jayden, Armeen (3F)
Oliver, Paul (4A)
Ciaran, Liam (5A)
Alyssa, Alicia, Simrit, Billy, Mia
(5T)
Katie-Louise (6S)

Walk to School Awards

The classes with the highest percentage of children walking to school in June were:

KS1 - 1T
KS2 - 6H

Au Revoir

We are saying goodbye to the following members of staff at the end of this term - Mr Mayne, who is off to university, and Miss Fereday, Miss Hough and Mrs Wilson who will be taking up positions in other schools in September.

We will miss them all and wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Dinner Money

Please remember to check your child's dinner money account and ensure that any outstanding amounts are paid to us now so that the account has a zero balance or is in credit

Please ensure that all accounts are paid in full and have a zero balance at the end of this week.

SchoolMoney

In September, we will be introducing a new online payment system, SchoolMoney, to replace ParentPay.

Please see the recent letter for more details.

Bikeability

Years 4, 5 and 6

Thank you to everyone who has returned their child's permission slip for Bikeability training next term. If you have still not returned your child's permission slip, please do so immediately.

This training is for all children who will be in Years in 4, 5 and 6 next term. Cycling safety and road safety are essential life skills that everyone needs to learn and acquire so it is imperative that your child participates in this course.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school office now.

Y5 Visit to the Black Country Museum

Children in Year 5 will be visiting the Black Country Museum on Tuesday 11 September to enhance their topic work on the Victorians.

If you have not already done so, please return your child's permission slip and the payment for this trip in cash to the school office as soon as possible.

Cook's Corner

Please remember it's our BBQ tomorrow, Thursday 19 July.

The lunchtime supervisors and I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing the children for hot dinners next term.

Mrs Branson

Staff Vacancy

We are looking to appoint two Lunchtime Supervisors to start in September 2018.

If you are interested in joining our team, or if you require any further information about the post, please call into the school office.

Please note that two references will be required and that this post is subject to a clear check from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Recent Letters

*Let's Dance with Nicole
*SchoolMoney
*Y5 Payment for visit to Black Country Museum
*SchoolMoney

Talk Homework

Over the weekend please have this family discussion - all classes will be discussing this next term

What's been your favourite memory of this year?



PTFA News

It's hard to believe that we've reached the end of yet another school year. The whole PTFA committee would like to thank everyone for supporting the events that the PTFA has put on this year. We're circulating a separate newsletter later this week which will update you on what we've raised and how we've spent it, but we wanted to let you know about a couple of fundraising initiatives that we hope you'll be interested in.

Have a great summer break, whatever you have planned, and goodbye and good luck to all in Y6 and, of course, to Mrs Richards. You will be dearly missed.

The PTFA team

Stamptastic

Stamptastic – A new way to save you time and raise funds for our school!

Stamptastic is a personalised stamp made in the UK, usable on fabric, metal, wood and some plastics. No more sewing or ironing in labels! One ink pad lasts 2 years and provides over 2000 impressions. The ink lasts up to 50 washes on most fabrics and Stamptastic has been used by over 50,000 happy parents since 2011. In addition to saving you time, the organization will give **20%** commission to our PTFA for any purchases you make. Simply go to the website (www.stamptastic.co.uk) and enter the following cashback code "**ST174RD**" in the discount field. The website has other useful items too. This scheme will help to generate extra income for the school – please use Stamptastic if you can!

Bags2School

We'll be holding another Bags2School collection in late September and will send out bags and information after the holidays. Please, please start saving your unwanted clothes, shoes, curtains and bedding. Tell your neighbours and friends and let's see if we can collect even more than we did in May!

easyfundraising

easyfundraising is the simplest way to raise money for Parents and Friends of Barnfields School.

Please register to support us today
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pfobs/>

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 19 July

6pm Y6 Leavers' Party

Friday 20 July

School closes at the usual time
for summer holiday

Monday 3 September

Tuesday 4 September

INSET days

Wednesday 5 September

Children return to school

Thursday 6 September

Friday 7 September

Y6 Bikeability

Monday 10 September

Y5 Bikeability

Tuesday 11 September

Y4 Bikeability

Y5 visit to Black Country Museum

Friday 21 September

Tempest Photography in school
to take individual photos of
children

Monday 1 - Friday 5 October

Y6 residential visit to

Shugborough

Monday 29 October -

Friday 2 November

Half term



Summer Holiday Events

Stafford Library

Join the
Summer Reading Challenge
Saturday 14th July –
Sunday 9th September

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SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE THE
READING
AGENCY

Date	Time	Activity	Price Per Child
Saturday 14th July	9.00- 4.00	Join the Summer reading Challenge and grab some sweets from our lucky dip box Free colouring Guess how many items are in the jar to win prizes at the end of the summer when you join the challenge (running all summer) Face painting 10.30-12.30	Free to join the challenge Lucky Dip 20p Guess the amount 50p Face Painting £1.20
Saturday 14th July		Come and listen to some amazing stories by BB Taylor	FREE Booking Essential
Thursday 26th July	11.00am- 12.00pm	ZooLab 2018 Summer Library workshop – Motley Zoo! ZooLab have a whole host of comic capers in store at Stafford Library! Inspired by much-loved comic characters, ZooLab animals participating in all sorts of mischief, pranks, escapades and shenanigans as they descend upon their local village fete. What could possibly go wrong?! There'll be role play, storytelling and animal handling to fire children's imagination, confidence and love of the written and spoken word.	£4.00 Booking Essential
Friday 27th July	10.00am- 12.00pm	Eco Crafts and Games linked with the Summer Reading Challenge - Mischief Makers! Visit Stafford library to get involved with different crafts and games, all around the topic of the Beano, brought to you by the Forest of Mercia team!	£1.00 Booking Essential
Friday 3rd August	10.00am & 11.15am	Lisa Fairy-Fairy Making Craft Activity	£7.50
Monday 6th August	11.00am- 11.45	Storytelling and colouring workshop with Author Mel Woodend	£3.00 Booking Essential 3+
Tuesday 7th August	10.30am- 12.00pm 1.30pm- 3.00pm	Wacky Willow Weaving-Make a dream catcher with Ellen Spray Family event to create and make while learning the skill of willow weaving. Interacting and sharing the experience together	£7.00 Booking Essential
Tuesday 14th August	10.30- 12.30	Matt Black and Family Fun with the Poetry Jukebox Groanies and childers – all welcome. Come and meet Matt Black, and visit the world's first ever Poetry Jukebox. Hear favourite poems, ask Matt to write you a poem on any subject, or write your own poem. You'll be able to choose from rapping Grannies, grumpy unicorns, love sonnets, political rants, poems about worms, and favourites and classics by famous poets too! Free prizes for good listeners.	FREE DROP IN
Tuesday 16th August	10.30am	Learn about coding and make some LED badges to take home	£1.00 per child Booking essential
Thursday 23rd August	10.30	BB Taylor 6+ BB Taylor will be launching her new book The curse of the Nomed. Come and meet BB and listen to her read from her latest thrilling adventure and also take part in an exciting craft activity linking to the book.. Also meet her pets :)	£2.00 Booking Essential
Saturday 25th August	11.00am- 12.00pm	Little brown mouse is a mischief maker who seems to get into all sorts of sticky situations. Based on Mel Woodend's debut children's book 'Tails of a little brown mouse', children will devise their own ideas how to help mouse and his friend Grasshopper find their way through the forest and away from Viper the scary snake. Age 7-11	£5.00 Booking Essential

Saturday 1st September	9.00- 4.00	<p>Completers Day Come along with your medal and join our completers events Prize draw Face painting-10.00-12.30 Enjoy some snacks and watch CBBC on our big screen TV 12.30- 14.30 Only children who have completed the challenge are able to join in the events (excluding face painting) for free.</p>	<p>FREE Face Painting 50p Party booking essential</p>

Bookings in person open Saturday 14th July.
Telephone bookings open from Monday 16th
July.
Please contact the library on: 01785 278351

All children who book/take part in activities will be required to join
the Summer Reading Challenge.
For telephone bookings payment must be received within 1 week of
booking otherwise booking will be cancelled.
Paid bookings are non-refundable.
Activities may involve children getting messy.
Parents are expected to supervise their children during activities.
Prices are per child, adults are free. Cost is to cover resources/
provider fee.

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