



# BARNFIELDS' BULLETIN



Autumn Term Newsletter - Issue 7 18.12.2020

**Our School Values: Reflection, Respect, Positivity, Responsibility, Resilience.**

## A MESSAGE FROM MR BALL:

WOW!! We've made it!! I still cannot believe that we have managed the whole term without having to shut a single class down. When I hear all the stories from other schools in our local area and the constant juggling of classes and teachers, it amazes me that we haven't had to do it. This can only be down to the way that the children, yourselves and the staff have really followed guidance and advice and helped to keep us all safe. The children have been amazing through it all and despite all the changes we have had to make, school has always seemed relatively normal.

Mrs Darlington and I have completed our 'Learning Conferences' where we spend 2 days in each phase in school observing teaching and learning, talking to the children and looking through all the books and we have been blown away by the quality of work that is being produced, especially given the changes. What has also been very evident, is that the hard work that all our families put in during the lockdown period, has paid off with it having very little impact on the children's learning and progress.

I hope those of you who have children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 have had chance to watch the Christmas Nativities and dances that the children have produced. It has been such a shame that we haven't been able to have parents in school to watch these, but we hope the DVDs have gone some way to putting a smile on your faces. We had a lovely Christmas lunch last week and the children looked great in their Christmas jumpers. It was lovely to be able to pop around and see all the children getting into the festive spirit.

Even though we haven't been able to get everyone together this year, the children have all been part of a Christmas Poem. We have recorded each class saying a few lines from the poem 'Twas the night before Christmas'. Miss Young has kindly co-ordinated it all and has put it up on the Children's secure pages on the school website for you to enjoy.

Please do take note of the text below the video.



It just leaves me to thank you all for all your support during this strange and difficult year and to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and all the best for the start of 2021.



### What to do if your child has a positive test during the Christmas holidays

We have been asked by the DfE to ensure, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the Christmas holidays:

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, **the school should not be contacted**. As the last day of school is Friday 18th December, this means that if your child tests positive and developed symptoms on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th then you should contact school in order that we can inform the parents of the children in the rest of the class to advise their child to self-isolate, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. If your child tests positive over Christmas, but their symptoms started after Sunday December 20th then there is no need to contact school. In this case parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Please contact [headteacher@barnfields.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@barnfields.staffs.sch.uk) to inform us of a confirmed, positive case.

### SCHOOL VALUES



At Barnfields everything we do at school is underpinned by our vision and values. Children have a clear understanding of what they are, what they mean and how to put them into practice, both individually and collectively as a school.

For next half term, we will be thinking about **POSITIVITY**

### SAFEGUARDING LEADS

Your child's welfare and safety is of paramount importance to us here at Barnfields. Mrs Darlington and Mr Ball are the Safeguarding Leads, with Mrs Jones being the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

### RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

Reception Application Process: The application process for a place in Reception next September 2021 is now open. Please apply online at: [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

The closing date is **15th January 2021**.

### INSET DAY

We will be breaking up for Christmas on 18.12.2020. There will be an INSET day on Monday 4th January.

**Children will return back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.**

### Anti-Bullying Week 2020



## Barnfields' Well Done Certificates: 11.12.2020

Last weeks winners were:

**RH** - Charlie F and Ffion S      **RM** - Amelia P and Brody M  
**1DJ** - Isla E and Tarunika H      **1T** - Ellis T and Brodie C  
**2M** - Dory H and Luca B      **2HY** - Alex G and Sophia F  
**3N** - Beth G and Daniel V      **3E** - Nancy S and Hugo W  
**4M** - Belle R and Isla T      **4J** - Georgia S and Gideon W  
**5A** - Rudra M and Edison J      **5S** - Rebecca H and Ishaan S  
**6H** - Poppy C and Noah A      **6T** - Alfie C-M and Elsa M

## School Ambassadors

Each year the Y6 children have the opportunity to apply to become a school ambassador. They have to fill in an application form explaining why they think they will be a good ambassador and how the school values have supported their learning during their time at Barnfields. We have very high expectations of the ambassadors and they become the role models for the rest of our children to look up to. This year we have chosen 12 ambassadors based on each of our school values and I am pleased to introduce this years ambassadors. Well done to:

Zara, Hollie, Emily, Elsa, Violet, Faith, Kyrah, Ruby, Dexter, Emily, Sam and Charlie

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

The school office is temporarily closed to visitors due to current restrictions but there are other ways to contact us!

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## Barnfields' Squirrel Awards: 18.11.2020

The Squirrel Awards for this half term is:



**RH** - Penny and Trsitian

**RM** - Sofia and Meerab

**1DJ** - Isla and Connie

**1T** - Joshua and Oliver

**2M** - Henry and Isla

**2HY** - Harry and Lottie

**3N** - Scarlett and Ella

**3E** - Frankie and Poppy

**4M** - Phoebe and Bora

**4J** - Harry and Emily

**5A** - Erin and Alexis

**5S** - Faye and Esme

**6H** - Jack and Eva

**6T** - Dylan and Violet

