

**The Collaboration of Barton and Ravensworth  
Church of England VC Primary Schools**

*Executive Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Stevenson*



**Newsletter**  
*Together, Stronger.*



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Dear Parents & Carers

A huge welcome back to school for everyone here at Barton and a very special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception starters: Oscar, Bear, Maddison-Lea, Florence, Thomas and Cole. Welcome to Team Barton – let the adventures begin!

We have had a lovely start to the new school year and it never ceases to amaze me how all the children (and staff!) settle into their new classes. The learning behaviour in school is calm, busy and productive and the children are enjoying their learning about “Who do you think you are?”, as you can see below! Our school value for this half term is, ‘HOPE’, we have looked at our Hopes for the new school year and what we are going to do to achieve them. My HOPE for the school year is to be much fitter and healthier and I ‘hope’ to achieve it by eating healthy and doing lots of swimming. I wonder what your hope for this year is?

Being a full time Executive Headteacher leading both schools means that I am sometimes off site. We have therefore established the role of Lead Teacher, who is an experienced teacher with a thorough insight into the working of each individual school and its pupils and is confident to make decisions about everyday issues, queries and concerns. The Lead Teachers in our schools are: Mr Andrew Weighman at Barton and Miss Amy Crisp at Ravensworth. However, you can always contact me via email or phone whatever school I am in, any day of the week.

### **WWI Weekend**

The children will be working hard this half term producing leaflets, letters, arts and crafts to be included in a museum in the village hall to celebrate the WW1 commemorative weekend in Barton on 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October. We will be working in collaboration with the Green Howards Museum and the School House Trust have kindly funded a visit to the museum for Class 2 and 3. Members of our Barton Community will be working with the children to look at the village history and to research ‘The Barton Boys’. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a community film night in school, where we will be showing ‘Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero’: A 2018 animated film, which is a true story of a stray dog who joins his new master on the battlefields of the First World War. For his valorous actions, Sgt. Stubby is still recognized as the most decorated dog in American history. Please keep the date free!

### **Wrap Around Care**

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We have welcomed Miss Maitchell into Team Barton this term to run our Breakfast Club and our After School Club, while Mrs Dreaves is on maternity leave. Miss Maitchell has an exciting programme of clubs planned – so please get in touch with Mrs Coates if you would like your child to attend Breakfast or After School club. Our staff-led extra curricular activities will take place on a lunchtime this term – please see below for further details. Kath Jones, 'Discovery Club' will still take place after school every other Thursday – please see dates below.

### **School Uniform**

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniform and new shoes. Just to remind you that our school uniform consists of a white polo shirt, grey or black trousers, grey skirt or pinafore, 'Barton' blue/ royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan or a blue and white gingham dress in the warmer weather. Dark socks or tights. For PE please provide a *white* T-shirt only, plain dark shorts and black plimsols and dark tracksuit bottoms and top for outdoor PE. Our Year 6 children can wear a white collared shirt, v-neck jumper and school tie. These are all available via the School Shop website. It is essential that all items of clothing and PE kit are named. Many thanks for your support with this – the children do look very smart indeed around school and in PE. They are a real credit to the school.

Thank you to The Friends of Barton School, who presented our Year 6 children with their ties during Collective Worship on Friday.



### **Planners**

Your child will be bringing a Home School Communication Diary home this week, known as their planner. This is a vital link between home and school and will be used for recording reading at home and at school, homework in Class 3 and any messages from school or home that you think it is important for your child's class teacher to know.

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We expect children in Class 1 and 2 to read every day and children in Class 3 to read at least three times a week. Please sign your child's planner every time they read and feel free to comment when your child has read at home, including reading books, magazines or e-books!

### **Correspondence**

The newsletter and other correspondence will be forwarded by email and can also be found on the school website. If you have difficulties getting electronic mail, please contact Mrs Coates, who will be able to provide paper copies. We continually strive to improve home school communication so please could you ensure that school has up-to-date information regarding your contact details. Mrs Coates can now be contacted on the new email [admin@barton.dalesmat.org](mailto:admin@barton.dalesmat.org) and I can be contacted on [ehtbar@dalesmat.org](mailto:ehtbar@dalesmat.org)

### **Collective Worship**

Parents, carers, friends and family are all welcome to join us for Community Collective Worship on a Friday afternoon from 3.00pm- 3.30pm. Come along and enjoy a song, a prayer and a celebration of the week in school.

### **School Lunches**

We are really fortunate to have an amazing cook, Mrs Butler, who uses fresh local ingredients to provide a healthy school lunch, including optional jacket potato or sandwich plate choice. We would always recommend that children have a school lunch (especially as winter approaches) but appreciate that some children prefer packed lunches. We have had requests from parents about what foods to include in packed lunches. As we are a healthy school we would suggest sandwiches, wraps, pasta and rice salads, one small packet of crisps, fruit, dried fruit, vegetable sticks, yoghurt, small cake or biscuit (not chocolate) and water. Nuts, fizzy drinks, sweets and chocolate bars are not allowed in packed lunches. I would like to remind you that we have no chilling facilities available.

### **Holidays in term time**

Due to changes in the law, holidays in term time are now only granted in "exceptional circumstances". Please do not book a holiday in term time without consulting the guidance on our website or the Swaledale Alliance website. Application forms are available from the office or website.

### **Friends**

The school is extremely fortunate to have a particularly active and supportive fund raising and social group known as "The Friends". Every parent is automatically a member and we hope that you will join in with the varied programme of activities. You are warmly invited to join us on Wednesday 12th September at 3.30pm for the AGM in the school hall.

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## Jeans for Genes Day

Our annual fundraising in aid of Cystic Fibrosis will take place on Friday 21st September. Pupils are invited to wear their jeans to school (with their usual polo shirts & school jumpers) for a donation to this very worthy charity.

And finally...

The Newsletter is an excellent way of celebrating achievement in school and we would love to share your child's achievements out of school too. Please drop me an email with a photograph if you would like to share your child's achievements in sporting events, eg swimming, dance, cycling etc, horse riding, music, clubs or any other interests or hobbies they might have.

Please remember that we do have an "open door" policy. Your first point of contact is either the office or your child's class teacher. Please do use the planner to keep in touch too. I look forward to seeing you in school soon.

*Sharon Stevenson*

Mrs Sharon Stevenson  
Executive Headteacher

### Barton

#### Children celebrating achievements this week

##### Our Stars of the Week are:

**Class 1: Maddison-Lea Gamble, Bear Johnson and Oscar Rankin**

**Class 2: Archie Johnson**

**Class 3: Layton Szikora**

##### Our SEAL Award goes to:

**Class 1: Davey-Thomas Pattison**

**Class 2: Sienna Meer-Dewhirst**

**Class 3: Lyla McFadzean**

##### Our Rainbow Learners this week:

**Class 1: Isla Horsley**

**Class 2: Nathan Green**

**Class 3: Ryan Wool**

##### Lunchtime Awards go to:

**Class 1: Lexxy Yarrow**

**Class 2: Eva-Grace Short**

**Class 3: Elle Liddell**

### News From Class One:

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Wow! What a week it has been in Class 1 this week, it has been an excellent first week back welcoming our new Nursery and Reception children. All the children have settled in so well and the Year 1's have been fantastic role models, helping all our new starters and making them feel extremely welcome. This week has been full of exploring, we have been exploring all our new resources in the classroom and outside. We have also been having lots of fun learning all about each other, building relationships and learning to work together in lots of different situations. The new starters loved showing off their scrapbooks and telling us all about their families, likes, dislikes and their adventures over the holidays. All the children have had lots of fun creating some super displays for our classroom and especially enjoyed painting with squirty bottles to create our new class 1 sign. This term our topic is - "Who do you think you are?" Over the next few weeks we will be learning lots more about our interest, likes, dislikes and how we are all different which links to our writing which will include writing recounts, autobiographies and letters all about ourselves. In maths we are looking at Number and Place Value, in topic we will be studying our local area and exploring the towns of Richmond and Darlington and in science we will be looking at the human body and our senses. Can I please ask that make sure that your child has brought in their PE kits and they have cold weather kit – long trousers and a warm jacket.

### News from Class Two:



We have had a great first week in Class 2 this week – we welcomed our new year 2's and they have settled in so well it's as if they have always been with us. Class 2 have decided they will be the best class ever this year and we have agreed our Class Values which will help us to achieve this - why not ask your children about them? This term our topic is "Who do you think you are?" We have started this off with drawing self-portraits the children had lots of fun studying their faces and

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drawing them; in Maths we are looking at Number and Place Value; in English we are writing to inform including writing recounts, autobiographies and diary writing. We will also be studying our local area and exploring the town of Richmond and our class reader is Boy by Roald Dahl. Can I please ask that you make sure that your child has brought in their PE kits and they have cold weather kit – long trousers and a warm jacket/hoodie?

### News from Class Three:



Wow what a terrific first week back it has been in Class Three! It has been lovely having our new Year Four children join our class and everyone has returned with superb attitudes. In Maths we are learning about Number and Place Value. We are reading 'Outlaw' by Michael Morpurgo this half-term and we will be learning about Richmond Castle. We started off our topic by making some cool looking Robin Hood hats (which involved lots of careful measuring and calculating!) and they turned out to be amazing! Keep up the great work Class Three!

### Words of the Weeks:



The first Words of the Weeks for our new school year are all about hopeful and happy feelings. They are: *Idealistic*, *Gleeful*, *Promising* and *Lighthearted*. All perfect for describing how I felt when I saw all of our amazing children returning to Barton this week.

### Email address change:

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As part of the branding exercise with Dales Academy Trust the office email has now changed to [admin@barton.dalesmat.org](mailto:admin@barton.dalesmat.org) - please use this for future contact with the school office.

**Wrap around Care:**

**Breakfast Club with Miss Maitchell (£3 per session 8am to 8:50am Monday to Friday)**

Monday – Free Art

Tuesday - Lego

Wednesday – Board Games

Thursday - Construction

Friday - Non Messy Arts & Crafts

**Afterschool Club with Miss Maitchell (£5 per hour please book through the school office Monday to Thursday 3:30 – 5:30pm)**

Monday – Photography

Tuesday – Craft

Wednesday - Nature

Thursday – Cosmic Kids Yoga

**Staff Led Additional School Activities for Classes 2 & 3:**

Thursday – Discovery Club with Kath Jones 3:30 –4:30pm on the following dates 20<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Lunchtime - Puzzle/problem solving club- every Tuesday with Mrs Harris

Lunchtime - Drama/ Singing Club- every Wednesday with Miss Verity

Lunchtime - Football Club – every Thursday with Mr Weighman

*Please reserve a place by emailing the school office and advising us of your collection details or if your child is to walk home for afterschool activities*

**ParentMail – text service to parents**

We are delighted to be able to offer this feature by way of an "app" on your smartphones – please can you make sure that you are registered so that we can keep in touch especially with important messages. Details have already been sent out to the main priority contact and if you have any problems please get in touch

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early in the new term so that we can make sure you are set up and ready to receive information.

### **Parentpay**

Parentpay is an excellent way of paying for lunches, wrap around care and trips. It means that payments can be made at any time of day or night in a secure and safe transaction.

Please can all families regularly check and make sure that payments are made and are up to date with all accounts in credit at all times – thank you very much.

### **The Friends of Barton School Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 12 September at 3:30pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to join us, whether it be to get involved or just to find what we are planning for next year.

Children are welcome, there will be activities to keep them occupied.

Looking forward to lots of exciting fundraising next year!



### **Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 28th September 9:15 – 10:15 - school hall**

Everyone is welcome to join us fundraise, plus, have the opportunity to meet both old and new friends at this very popular coffee morning. It would be lovely to see friends and family too, so please bring them along.

Donations of cakes/biscuits would be gratefully appreciated.

This is always a well attended event and new families are particularly welcome to come and meet others from our school community.

Please can pupils bring a donation towards cake/biscuits for a breaktime treat.

We look forward to seeing you!

### **Year Reception to Year 5 Flu Immunisation:**

Please visit this online form to consent for your child to receive their flu vaccine in the new school term 2018 / 2019. This consent must be completed by the end of September, to ensure we can vaccinate your child in school.

Please enter the year group which your child will be in, as of September 2018.

If you do not know the class or teacher name please leave blank.

You will be asked to enter a secure school code: 79HP5

[www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent)

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This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

**Please complete the online form** (one for each child) as soon as possible. Please ensure you read and understand all the information before you complete the online form. Please visit <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/> for more information about the flu vaccination.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please go the website shown above which includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. Please ensure you read and understand the information before completing the online form. If you have any queries please contact the childhood Immunisation team on [Childhood.immunisations@hdft.nhs.uk](mailto:Childhood.immunisations@hdft.nhs.uk) 01423 542360.

Last year, most children offered the vaccine in schools had the immunisation.

Week commencing 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Barton EH = Executive Head in school
Monday	
Tuesday	EH Su Evans Music Class 3 - pm
Wednesday	Friends AGM 3.30pm School HALL
Thursday	EH
Friday	
Week commencing 17 September 2018	Barton EH = Executive Head in School
Monday	EH
Tuesday	Su Evans Music Class 3 - pm
Wednesday	EH
Thursday	Discovery Club with Kath Jones 3:30 to 4:30pm (Dates 20 <sup>th</sup> September, 4 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> October, 15 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> November and 13 <sup>th</sup> December) Richmond School Open Evening Y6 6pm
Friday	Jeans for Genes Day Village Seeds Project Quest weekend – Marrick Priory

Future Dates More details will usually	Barton
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follow but information for your diary	
2018	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> September Monday</b>	In the Community Harvest Home at the Methodist Chapel at 7pm. There will be a Harvest Supper and sale of produce in aid of local good causes.
<b>26 September Wed</b>	Collaboration Multi Skills Richmond
<b>27 Thursday</b>	SFX Open evening Y6 from 6:30pm
<b>28 Friday</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:15 – 10:15 school hall Y5/6 Boys Football at Richmond School Astro turf
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October Wed</b>	Money Sense – Class 3
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Friday</b>	Y3/4 Boys Football Richmond School Astro turf
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday</b>	Netball at Richmond 1pm Tempest Individual Photos
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Friday</b>	Power Down Pete TBC Harvest Festival Church at 6pm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b>	Collaboration Crucial Crew Y6 RAF Leeming am TBC*
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</b>	WW1 Community Lunch Parents Consultation Evening
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b>	Collaboration Crucial Crew Y6 RAF Leeming am TBC* Parent Consultation Evening
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Friday</b>	Community Film Night for WW1 celebration School Closes for half term
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November Monday</b>	School reopens
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Friday</b>	Flu vaccination programmer YR to Y5 – please make sure online form is completed – see above for link and further information
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December Wednesday</b>	Collaboration Whole School Theatre Trip Darlington Hippodrome pm
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Community Christingle and Nativity 3pm in Church
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday</b>	Christmas Party 1pm School Hall
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b>	Christmas Lunch noon School Hall
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Friday</b>	School Closes for Christmas
<b>8<sup>th</sup> January Tuesday 2019</b>	School re-opens for Spring