

**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,

What an amazing week! I would like to say a huge thank you to every child and adult in school this week...

SATS Firstly, to our Year 6 children – Sophie, Max, Justin, Lily, Abigail, Elle, Charlotte, Jessie, Katie, Layton and Aaron who have tackled their SATS this week with maturity and calmness. They showed resilience, strength of character, hard work and with a sprinkling of humour and I couldn't be prouder. Every one of them tried their best and deserve to do well. Katie was even a little bit sad that they were all over yesterday – she said she had really enjoyed them! Our truly exceptional eleven!

Secondly, to our fantastic five Year 2's - Sienna, Eva-Grace, William, Archie and Noah - who probably didn't know they were taking their SATS tests – they have just worked their socks off, had fun filling in booklets for me and enjoyed a special time with Mrs Harris in the staff room! We are so proud of them!

Next, to all the children in the school, who worked ever-so quietly and didn't complain when break-time was a little late this week. They just wanted their friends to be able to be the best that they could be. Well done Team Barton!

Lastly, to all our amazing staff who have played their part in teaching and nurturing our children on their journey through Barton School. To Mr Weighman and Mrs Kirby, who helped keep them calm and focussed this week, but also to every one of our staff who have played an important role in preparing our children, not only for SATS but for the next stage in their education (and a special mention for Mrs Whittle, Chair of Governors, who helped monitor the SATS every day this week – we really appreciate all the time you devote to our lovely school). Thank you Team Barton!

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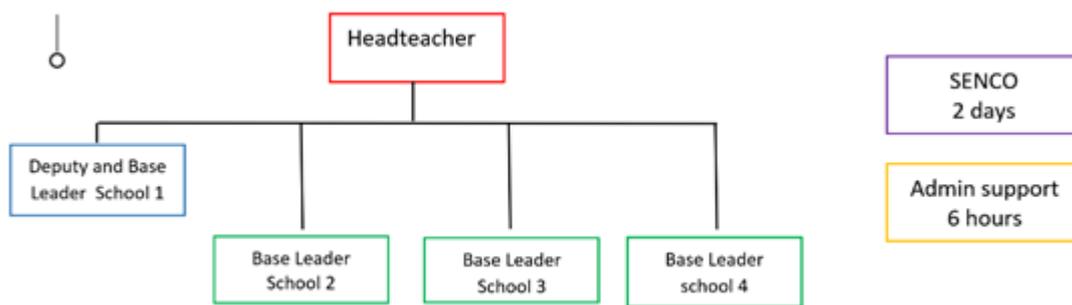


Our Exceptional Eleven



...and our Fantastic Five

Staffing As you know, Mrs Helen Dudman has been appointed as the new Headteacher of Barton and Ravensworth Primary Schools along with East Cowton and Kirby Fleetham Schools and I am now in the position to share the strengthened interim leadership structure with you.



Barton and Ravensworth will remain as a collaboration, under one Local Governing Board and will continue to build on all the strengths of working together for excellence. Miss Amy Crisp has been appointed as SENCO across the four schools and the Lead Teachers for both Barton and Ravensworth will be confirmed on Monday 20th May.

OFSTED - There is a new OFSTED Inspection Framework coming into play in September 2019 and we have agreed to be part of the OFSTED pilot, so that we can really celebrate our successes and strengths (one being our wonderful children!!) and find out which areas we need to work on before the school is inspected next year. I hope that this will also ensure that Barton Church of England Primary School continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of Mrs Dudman. The Pilot Inspection will take place on Thursday 6th June.

Whole school performance - Unfortunately, due to our Year 6 transition activities at their new secondary schools, we have had to change the date of the whole school performance. (We couldn't do it without them!!) The whole school performance of Pirates versus Mermaids will be on Tuesday 16th July, 2pm and 6pm. Please save the date, as this promises to be an hilarious musical adventure... me hearties!

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Creative Curriculum - Next half term's creative curriculum topic is 'Can I survive on a desert island?' and we will be launching the topic on Wednesday 5th June with a den-building team activity. We are looking to collect some resources for this, including: tarpaulins, tent pegs, pegs, large clips, bungee cords, rope, long sticks and large sheets of cardboard. If you have any of these that you would be willing for us to have (or borrow) please could let us know by emailing the school office. Please could you bring any resources into school by Friday 24th May. We are very excited about this activity and would be really grateful for any help with resources. Thank you.

Photographs - Don't forget it's our whole school photograph and groups on Monday – so don't forget bath night, hair wash and clean uniform... I'll be purchasing this one, so that I will always remember our awesome children and staff... so we all need to look our best!!! If your child plays a violin, please could they bring their violin to school on Monday.

Running Club – We have only had two children who have booked to attend running club on Mondays after school this term, so unfortunately, we are going to have to cancel this club. However, Mrs Percival and I are keen to ensure that the children still get the opportunity to keep active and achieve their milestones in our Golden Mile awards, so Mrs Percival's running club will now take place on Wednesday lunchtimes 12.30 - 1.00.

Attendance - At Barton School we expect all children to arrive on time and attend school every day unless they are too ill to come to school – and I am very pleased to report that the majority of our children do this, thanks to your support. We are aiming for 97% attendance this year and we are currently at 96.5%. So please can you help us achieve this by ensuring that your child is in school every day and not missing valuable and exciting learning time and by not taking family holidays during term time. **Please can I remind you that school is unable to authorise leave of absence in term time for family holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances.** The Government monitors attendance and punctuality and if your child has attendance of less than 90%, this is deemed as persistent absence and will be followed up. Thank you for your ongoing support with this – I know we can work together to get to 97% attendance!

And finally, we love to celebrate success out of school and I would like to say a huge well done to Jessie, who has done so well in her recent dance exams. And a huge well done to one of our well-loved Barton School families too – to Laura and Darren who have won the 2019 Yorkshire Countryside Alliance Village Shop/Post Office Award. What an amazing achievement for an amazing village shop! I am sure you will join me in wishing them good luck in the grand finals. If it was up to the staff and children at Barton School – you would definitely win first prize!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kindest regards,

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Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1: Phoebe Liddell

Class 2: William Littler

Class 3: Ryley Quirie

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1: Isla Horsley

Class 2: Nathan Green

Class 3: Freya Shoulder

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1: Bear Johnson

Class 2: Faith Ramsay

Class 3: Lyla McFadzean

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1: Oscar Rankin

Class 2: Chloe Rankin

Class 3: Elle Liddell

News From Class One:



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Everyone in class 1 has been really enjoying our pirate topic and have loved exploring everything pirate themed in our classroom and learning lots about different pirates and what it was like to be a pirate.

In English, year 1 wrote some excellent letters to Ravensworth about the life of a pirate while reception and nursery looked at the story of Goldilocks and different nursery rhymes. Over the last week we were all excited to receive a message in a bottle from a pirate and have been planning and writing our own message in a bottle linked to our senses. In maths year 1 have been focussing on greater than and less than using Carl the Crocodile who only eats big numbers to help and our 10, 2 and 5 times table. Reception and nursery have been doing lots of counting, adding, number ordering, doubling and shapes.

In science, we have been enjoying our animal focus we looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and created paper plate life cycles using different pasta shapes to represent the different parts of the cycle. This week we explored different animal 'poo' to identify carnivores, omnivores and herbivores the children thought it looked disgusting but were eager to get their hands in to explore! In art we have been creating a giant tissue paper pirate ship with the children as the pirates standing along the deck, they loved sticking their faces on the mini pirate templates. In history we learnt all about the life of Blackbeard and why he is known as one of the scariest pirates ever!

The children showed exceptional behaviour when walking to the village hall for dance this week and are really enjoying their pirate themed dance classes.

Can I just remind parents that next Thursday (23.5.19) the children can come to school dressed as a pirate for the day and then they will be taking part in lots of pirate activities. Please don't feel you need to go out and buy anything new black leggings or cut up old trousers and a t-shirt will be great.

News From Class Two:



Another busy two weeks has passed in Class 2 and our fantastic five, year 2s, have been working really hard completing their special papers for Mrs Stevenson (SATs) they have tackled them really well even describing them as fun!! So they enjoyed an ice-cream in the sunshine today as a well-deserved treat for all their hard work. Thank you to Class 1 who have had to sacrifice some of their time outside to ensure they could work in in peace and quiet. Meanwhile, year 3 and 4 have been working equally hard with Mrs Percival.

We have continued exploring Ancient Greece; reading and retelling Greek Myths in English; learning about the life of a Spartan Boy and creating and describing Mythical creatures in Topic; and we will be having an Ancient Greek Day next Thursday enjoying all things Greek from devising and taking part in events for the Olympics to sampling Greek food. In Science, we have investigated the best reflective materials and explored how light travels and the children enjoyed walking to the Village Hall for Dance instead of our usual school hall venue.

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The children will bring a permission slip home today for the food sampling - can we ask that you please return them as soon as possible. The weather is very changeable at the moment, therefore can you please ensure that your child is suitably prepared with a sunhat and suncream or a coat when necessary.

News From Class Three:



Wow what a busy two weeks it has been in Class Three! I am so proud of all of them! Our excellent eleven completed their last SATs test on Thursday and everyone who has seen them has commented on how amazing their attitudes were! They couldn't have done it without their friends in years four and five making sure that our end of the school was perfectly quiet – there have been lots of changes and mixed up times for break but they haven't complained even once.

We have been continuing our Anglo-Saxons topic as historians and detectives, trying to infer what things might have been used for and which things belonged to who. We also designed and created masks and brooches in D&T, so we look ready for battle. We are going to have an Anglo-Saxon day next Thursday (23rd May) where we will pretend to live like a warrior to bring together what we have learned and to finish off our topic.

The Greenpower car is almost finished! Our superstar mechanics were linking up the wiring, the batteries have been charged and hopefully the wheels can be attached for a test run next week!

We sent three teams to the Richmond Cricket Competition two weeks ago, one team of Y3/4 and two teams of Y5/6, and all three were brilliant! They all had terrific attitudes, showed great sporting behaviour and gave 100% effort – they had a great time representing our school and enjoying the experience too.

Please can you ensure that all children have sun cream and a hat or cap in school each day for when we are outside on sunny breaktimes and PE sessions.



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Words of the weeks:



Our new words for the next two weeks are: gaze, immerse, bombard, feud. Perfect for finishing off our topics about feuding warriors and as we prepare to immerse ourselves in our next 'Can I Survive on an Island?' whole school topic!

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Wrap around Care:

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

- Monday – Jigsaw puzzles
- Tuesday – Crafts
- Wednesday – Games
- Thursday – Lego
- Friday - Colouring

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

- Monday – Yoga
- Tuesday – Nature Club
- Wednesday – Film club
- Thursday – Gardening Club

Staff Led Additional School Activities for Classes 1, 2 & 3 May 2019:

Please contact the school office to reserve your child's place and advise us of pick up at the end of the session.

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Lunchtime Puzzle Club - indoor/outdoor every Tuesday with Mrs Harris

Lunchtime Drama/ Singing Club- every Tuesday with Miss Verity

Lunchtime Running Club – every Wednesday with Mrs Percival

Storytime Club – every Thursday lunchtime 12.30pm with Mrs Allan-Hooks

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.

Friends 80 Club

Thank you to everyone who has promptly returned their subscription for the upcoming year. Due to some not being returned, the draw that was due to take place this weekend has been delayed and will take place in a couple of weeks time. Please return your form with monies to the school office as soon as possible for the attention on Vanessa Husband. Thank you.

Week commencing 20th May	Barton EH = Executive Head in school
Monday	Whole School & Y6 Photographs
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	KS2 Sports Festival Richmond Cricket Club School Closes for half term
Week commencing 3rd June	Barton EH = Executive Head in School
Monday	Staff training day
Tuesday	School re-opens to pupils
Wednesday	
Thursday	OFSTED pilot day
Friday	

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Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Barton
2019	
10-14th June	Phonics week - Y1
13th June	Maths 24 Challenge – more details to follow
21st June	Tri-Golf Richmond School – more details to follow
26th June	Skip2Bfit Sports Day
2nd July	Y6 Leavers Service at Ripon Cathedral – more details to follow
3rd /4th July	Y6 Meet the Tutor Evening Richmond School
5th July	Race for Life 2pm
9th July	Green Goblin event at Croft Race Circuit
10th July	Y6 Induction Day at Richmond School KS1 Fun Run – more details to follow Y6 Disco at Richmond School
12th July	Reports out to Parents
16th July	School Performance 2pm and 6pm
19th July	Y6 Leavers Lunch Y6 Leavers Service 2pm
	School Closes for Summer term
3rd September Tuesday	School re-opens for 2019 2020

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