

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

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Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

As you can see from the diary dates below, we have a packed programme for our final few weeks of this school year. From Class trips to BBQ's ; from Sports' Days to Race for Life and from Performances to Leavers' Celebrations ; this half term has it all.

The children have all come back to school raring to go and are looking forward to rising to the challenge of our creative curriculum theme, "Can I survive on a desert island?' We launched our topic with a whole school challenge. We started with an oracy project where the children worked in mixed-age teams to decide which three items they would most need to survive on a desert island and they had to convince and argue their points to the other teams. Our launch pad ended with an exciting den-building activity – where they had to make a shelter that would fit all their team into. We all had a fantastic afternoon!

I am delighted to share with you the 'final' interim leadership structure for next year: Amy Crisp has been appointed as SENCo across the four schools and after a really robust assessment process for both the Base Leader and Deputy Head positions: Andrew Weighman (Barton), Kirstie Petch (Ravensworth), Marie Mann (East Cowton) and Kirsti Anna Hume (Kirby Fleetham) are our new Base Leaders. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Kirstie Petch, who has been appointed as Deputy Head across the four schools. Karen Coates has been appointed as a central Administrator across the four schools in addition to her Administrative role at Barton.

Damian Chubb (CEO), Helen Dudman (Headteacher), both Chairs of Governors and myself are confident that with such a talented team of staff, middle leaders and senior leaders, the new leadership structure will enable our schools to build on existing strengths and ensure that our Barton and Ravensworth family continues to 'Learn with love and flourish in faith'.

There are so many events and celebrations to look forward to... so please put the dates below in your diary and we are looking forward to celebrating them with you all.

Here's to a fabulous final five weeks.
Kindest regards,

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Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1: Cayleb McFadzean

Class 2: Nathan Green

Class 3: Justin Hepper

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1: Maddison-Lea Gamble

Class 2: William Littler

Class 3: Abigail Wooff

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1: Florence Hardy

Class 2: Boo-Betsi D'Silva

Class 3: Jack Banner

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1: Florence Hardy

Class 2: Faith Ramsay

Class 3: Ryan Wool

News From Class One:



It was a brilliant end to our 'pirate topic' last term when we celebrated with our pirate day. The children had lots of fun looking at each other's costumes, working out our own pirate names, singing pirate songs, playing pirate games with the parachute and completing our own treasure hunt on the field. The fun then continued and obviously the children's favourite part of the day was making orange and jelly pirate cups and making pirate biscuits. The biscuits received mixed reviews, some children thought they tasted like bread while others said they were 'disgusting!' (I think I may be with the children who thought they weren't very nice as the lack of sugar made it taste like dried bread).

Last Wednesday we had a great afternoon launching our topic 'can I survive on a deserted island'. The afternoon started with the children deciding out of a pile of objects, which ones would be essential if deserted on an island. We then in our teams used the available resources to build our own dens as if we were on an island and needed shelter. The children were very competitive but had lots of fun at the same time.

This term in English, year 1 will be focussing on writing to excite and creating their own adventure stories set on a deserted island while reception and nursery have been building scarecrows and will be looking at the story of the rainbow fish and traditional tales. In maths year 1 will be exploring fractions, multiplication and division while the reception and nursery will be continuing to learn all about numbers, adding, subtracting, one more, one less and ordinal numbers. In science we are looking at plants and have already planted our own sunflower seeds (let's hope they grow!) while in topic we will be exploring the islands that make up the United Kingdom and the continents and oceans of the World.

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News From Class Two:



What a fabulous end we had to our Ancient Greek topic (seems so long ago now). We were very impressed with the homemade Greek costumes they were amazing thank you to you all for supporting us with this, the children had a great day making wreath headdresses, writing their names using the Greek alphabet, making Greek pots. We also learnt all about how the Greeks started the Olympic games and held our own mini Olympics and finished off with sampling Greek food – some of the children surprised themselves by unexpectedly liking the things they tasted!

We launched our new topic 'Can I survive on an Island?' by deciding as a team what three essential items we would need if we were to be stranded. We then went off in our teams to gather some resources and build a den that would shelter the team – there was lots of good-natured rivalry and great fun was had by all. To support our learning in this topic we will be writing to describe in English, and in Maths we are revisiting calculating with Money with year 2, and Year 3 are learning about Perimeter. We are exploring Forces and Magnets in Science; discovering the small islands around the British Isles and looking at the work of Artist – Andy Goldsworthy in Topic; and preparing for sports day by honing our athletic skills in PE.

News From Class Three:



Class Three loved launching the new term's topic with some survival discussion and den building on the field. We have been busy learning about volcanos and what creates an eruption in Science. In Maths, we have been converting measures of length and measures of time. Our class reader is a survival book called 'Hatchet' by Gary Paulsen, we have been writing some poems and narratives about being on a plane that crash lands in the middle of nowhere inspired by the book.

The Greenpower car is complete! We took it for a first test drive around the school car park and it was great to finally see all our hard work and careful planning come into action!

PE sessions are on a Monday and a Friday afternoon and Music is on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that kit and instruments are in school on these days. PE kit

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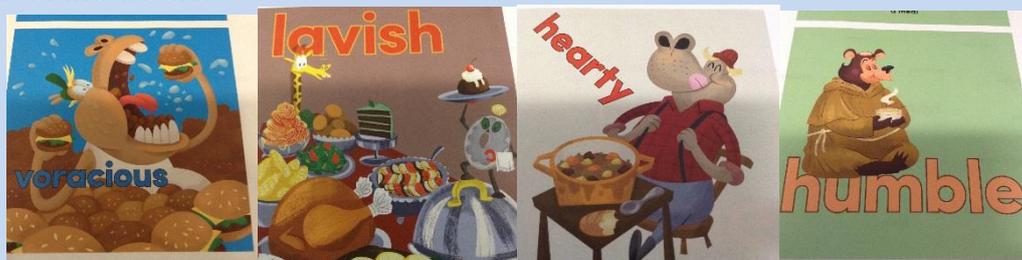
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should be white t-shirt and dark shorts with a jacket or hooded top and tracksuit trousers, leggings or joggers for colder conditions.



We performed brilliantly at the Richmond Sports Festival on the last Friday before the holidays. We entered teams for: cricket, girls' football, Y3/4 football, Y3/4 tennis, KS2 athletics and tri-golf. As always, I was proud to hear about their amazing sporting behaviour and terrific attitudes. Well done Team Barton!

Words of the weeks:



Our new words are: voracious, lavish, hearty and humble.

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Hats 'n Coats 'n things!

We have had lots of unpredictable weather lately and some children have been in the sun without sun cream and in the cold without warm tracksuits (for PE) - they also need coats. Please ensure that children are equipped for any weather. Thank you!

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

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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 June 2019:

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

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

The draws have taken place and full details will be sent via email next week.

Week commencing 17.6.19	Barton EH = Executive Head in school
Monday	School Health Vision Screening
Tuesday	EH
Wednesday	Mrs Gardner - SFX meet with Year 6 Transition
Thursday	EH Y5 Food Science Transition Trip – more details to follow
Friday	
Week commencing 24.6.19	

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Monday	Work Experience to start Collective Worship – Moto – book presentation
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Skip2bfit Sports Day New Parents Evening and Meet Mrs Dudman 5:30-6:30
Thursday	
Friday	DEAP Class1 2-3pm

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Barton
2019	
26th June	Skip2Bfit Sports Day Followed by Friends BBQ & Summer Fayre Newstarters Evening and meet Mrs Dudman 5:30 – 6:30
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
8th July	Transition day Y6 for both SFX & Richmond School Nursery to Reception Class 1 Transition afternoon
9th July	Nursery to Reception Class 1 Transition morning plus lunch 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

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12th July	Reports out to Parents
16th July	School Performance 2pm and 6pm
18th July	Class 1 Trip – more details to follow
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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