



Friday 10th January 2020

Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents

We have a fabulous start to the new year and have enjoyed hearing all about the exciting things that the children got up to over the holidays. As you will see in the individual class sections, the children have launched themselves enthusiastically into their time travellers topic and have learned so much just in these first two weeks.

Moto in the Community Book Pledge 2020



As you may already know, we are MOTO's adopted school for our area, and they have kindly given us the opportunity to select two bundles of new books for our school libraries. Our school 'Reader Leaders' looked through the bundles on offer and selected the two which they thought would interest our children the most. Now they are super excited for the package of **476 books** to arrive! A huge thank you to MOTO for their continuing support!

Keeping everyone safe in school

Last week we had a Safeguarding Quality Assurance visit from an external adviser. She was impressed with the policies and procedures that we have in place and the safeguarding culture of the school, but she was most impressed by our wonderful children who were so friendly and welcoming towards her. She remarked on their understanding of how to keep themselves safe on line, the warm relationships between children and adults, The Stonewall work that school has been doing and the respect that pupils showed for people who are different to themselves. All the pupils she spoke to told her that they feel safe in school, and all knew who they would go to if they had a worry or a problem.

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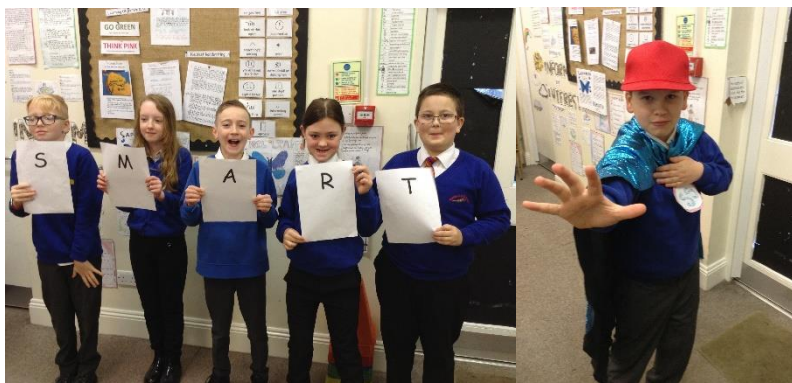
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Staying safe by being SMART online



In assembly this week, our Worship Leaders and some Class Three actors reminded us all about the importance of being safe online, whether we are in school, at home or out and about.

'**S**' make sure you keep your device and information **secure**.



'**M**' do not agree to **meet** anyone you meet on the internet – they may not be who you think they are.

'**A**' do not **accept** any e-mails or messages from people you don't know.

'**R**' **remember**, do not always rely on information that you find on the internet. It may not be correct.

'**T**' if something upsets you when you are on the internet, always **tell** an adult, whether you are in school or at home.

There has been a lot in the news this week about protecting children online, and evidence of a rise in the number of pre-teen children being tricked into posting inappropriate images. If you want more information on how to keep your children safe online you could try the following websites:

	<p>If you are worried about a child or if you want advice about keeping your child safe online https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/</p>
	<p>Think U Know is a website that we use in school but also has lots of good advice for parents https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/</p>

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Attendance

As you will see from the table below our current attendance figure is below the national average of 96.1%. This is in part due to so many of the children being so poorly with the bugs that were around last term.

There is very strong evidence to show that attendance has a significant impact on pupils learning, not only because they miss lessons, but because they develop gaps in their learning that are difficult to fill at a later date. We would request that all holidays and routine medical appointments are taken outside of school hours. The government expects us to promote good attendance and reduce absence as far as possible and only in exceptional circumstances will pupils be granted authorised leave from school.

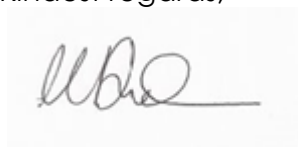
Lessons start at 9:00am each day. Please could you ensure that your child arrives at school by 8:50am so that they are ready to learn when the school day starts. Pupils who arrive late not only disrupt their own learning, but that of the others in their class.

School term dates have been emailed to all parents this week – please note that we do not return to school after the summer holidays until 8th September. If you fancy an overseas holiday the first week of September might be a cheaper time to go and may avoid taking unauthorised holiday in term time.



East Barnby

It was good to see so many parents at our East Barnby meeting this week. If you were not able to attend, or would like more information, please do contact Mr Weighman or myself or visit their website: www.outdoored.co.uk/our-centres/east-barnby/

Kindest regards,



Mrs Helen Dudman
Headteacher

Attendance this week:	National Average:
Week To Date  95.87%	96.1%
Year To Date  94.53%	

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Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1: Thomas Wise

Class 2: Isla Horsley

Class 3: Rhys Gamble

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1: Cole Gamble

Class 2: Poppy Banner

Class 3: Lexie McMillan-Smith

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1: Sophie Quirie

Class 2: Archie Johnson

Class 3: Ryan Wool

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1: Thomas Horsley

Class 2: Sienna Meer-Dewhirst

Class 3: Lyla McFadzean

Communication/Emergency School Closure

As texting service is unavailable at present until further notice please check your emails for all communication and especially in case of emergency closure.

Parentpay:

Please can all parent/carers ensure that Parentpay payments for lunches and other activities are fully paid to date. If the school office is not advised as to reason late payment or debit balances could instigate further proceedings. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Head Lice:

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Please be reminded to regularly check your child's hair for head lice and should an infestation be found, treat. Once treated your child can come in to school.

Further information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

We ask that all long hair is tied back – this helps reduce the spread. Thank you!

School Term Dates 2020 2021

Whilst we have emailed a copy of the school term dates to parent/carers please check out the school website should you wish to view these or 2019 2020 term dates <http://www.barton.dalesmat.org/parents/term-dates>

Community Lunch:

Watch this space our next Community Lunch will be early March

FOBS – Friends of Barton School

80 Club Prize Draw – January 2020 and the prize winner is.....

11 - (number not taken)
51 - (number not taken)
58 - Joanne Banner

Congratulations Jo!

Wrap around Care:

We run some fantastic wrap around care for your children and in January we will be running the following sessions – book through the school office!

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

Monday – Homework Club

Tuesday – Board games

Wednesday – Jigsaws

Thursday – Creative Play (moulding, building)

Friday - Arts and Crafts

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

Monday – Lego Club

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Tuesday – Film Club

Wednesday – Craft Club

Thursday – Board Game and Jigsaws Club

Staff Led Additional School Activities for Classes 1, 2 & 3 for the Spring term

Lunchtime Homework Club – every Monday and Tuesday with Mrs Kirby and Mr Weighman

Lunchtime Lego Club – every Tuesday with Mrs Harris

Lunchtime Dance Club- every Wednesday with Miss Verity

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

KS2 Book Club – every Thursday breaktime with Mrs Kirby

Lunchtime Guitar 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.

Please note that as usual at the end of a full term there will be no Staff Led Afterschool Activities.

News From Class One:



Happy New Year from us all in Class 1! It has been a busy two weeks and the children have been working very hard with a super attitude to learning. We launched our

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new topic 'Time Travellers' at the beginning of this week, we got in our time machine and role-played journeying back in time to the Victorian era. We landed in a Victorian School and for the afternoon the children had to be Victorian children, following Victorian school rules, having a go at writing with feathers and ink, playing Victorian games, singing the National Anthem and eating some Victoria Sponge Cake. The children had lots of fun but were not keen on the Victorian school rules and couldn't believe that children use to get caned!

During our topic in History we will be focussing on the Victorians, looking at Victorian toys, schools and comparing their way of life to ours. We will also look at Florence Nightingale and her life as a significant individual. We are hoping to end our topic with a Victorian Day where the children can dress up as Victorians but more information regarding this will be sent out.

In English we have started looking at the story 'Kipper's Toybox' we have been making predictions, sequencing the story and writing lists or drawing pictures about what we would include in our own special toybox and why. In maths Year 1 are focussing on addition and subtraction, they have been practising counting on, using number lines to add and number bonds to 10 and 20. Reception and Nursery have been practising counting, 1 more 1 less, positional language and measuring.

In Science we are looking at Seasonal Change from Autumn to Winter we loved going on our Winter Walk last week to see if we could find all the signs of Winter that were on our list. This week we have looked at the weather associated with Winter and dressed our own characters for a Winter Day out.

In RE we have started to explore 'What makes some places sacred and special to believers', we started the topic by drawing our own special places and talking to our friends in the class about our special place and why.

Can I just remind parents that children should be reading as often as possible even if it is just for 5 minutes and should be coming to school with a warm coat, hats, scarves etc. In class 1 we go out in our area in all weather. Thank you for your continued support.

News from Class Two:



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Class Two have had a wonderful start to 2020 they have all come back from the Christmas break (which seems so long ago now) with fantastic attitude to learning and are determined to do their best in all they do. They are very enthusiastic to start learning about the Great Fire of London in our whole school 'Time Traveller' topic and have been thinking about what they what to know and researching facts on the internet and using books. We have read Vlad and the Great Fire of London – a book about a flea that rides on the back of a rat and experiences the Great Fire first-hand and are writing diary entries as Boxtan the rat.

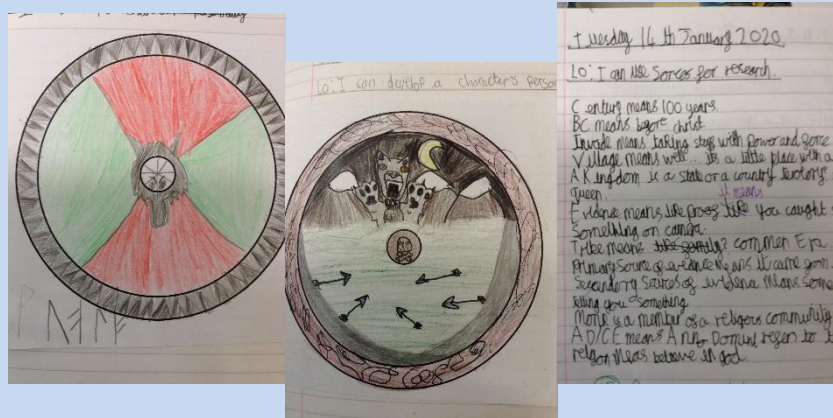
In Maths we are continuing learning multiplication and division; the year 2s are applying their knowledge in counting money and the year 3 have been learning the 8 times table and have just moved on to formal multiplication along with a couple of year 2s who were keen to try it.

In Science we are exploring Uses of Everyday materials and have begun by recognising and classifying them the children enjoyed examining and describing the properties of each material.

In RE we are looking at 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' and will be exploring the deeper meaning of Easter to recognise how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus as a saviour in church worship and how Jesus is the bridge from God to humans.

Some children haven't brought in PE kits yet, please can they do so for next week. Can we also please remind you that in this cold weather some of the girls wear tights but need socks for PE to stop shoes rubbing we kindly ask that you provide a pair of socks that the girls can keep in the PE kit just in case. As always please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for the cold weather as we do like them to go out at break times for fresh air.

News from Class Three:



Class Three have been amazing so far in 2020! I am really proud of how they have all returned to school with can-do and hard-working attitudes for our new term. We have started learning about the Vikings as part of our new 'Time Travellers' whole

school topic. In English, our class book is called 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman, we are up to chapter 4 so far and the action is awesome! The whole class sat with bated breath when the Wolf Clan invaded Gunnar's camp and we were all gutted when his father was killed by Skuli!

In Maths, year four are learning about multiplication and division whilst year five and six are learning about fractions. I have been really impressed with the perseverance and attitude to learning that everyone is showing – picking my Rainbow Learner for celebration assembly has been really tricky.

As part of our Geography learning, we went on a walk around the village to study and photograph the land use in our local area. After researching online, we found that it was tricky to uncover information about Barton or its history and so we have planned to do some additional fieldwork and research so we can present some ourselves. Our RE topic is about spiritual and special places in our area – children were surprised to find so many different places of worship from such a wide variety of religions in the Darlington area.

PE is still on a Monday and Friday afternoon – please ensure that outdoor PE kit is in school all week and that children are prepared for the cold weather conditions with tracksuits, gloves and hats.

Homework continues to go out on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday in order for it to be looked and new homework to go into the book.

Class Three pupils all take part in our reading challenge and currently Jack is leading the way on the Green stage. Please keep encouraging children to read at home and sign their planner so we can track their progress.



Words of the Week(s):



Our Vocabulary Champions, Jack and Alfie, have picked out some great new words for us to start off the new year. Look and listen out for: *lashing*, *ambush*, *impenetrable* and *immaculate*.

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Barton
2020	
January 2020	
6th Monday	Staff training day
7th Tuesday	School re-opens to pupils in Spring
14th	East Barnby 2020 Parent/Carer/Pupil open evening 6pm Barton
February 2020	
4th	Collaboration Next Steps Gymnastics – more details to follow
10th	Patron of the Benefice visit
11th	Collaboration Tag Rugby – more details to follow
12th - 14th	East Barnby 2020 Y5/Y6
14th	School closes for half term 3:30pm
24th Monday	School re-opens for Spring 2 term 8:50am
March	
30th	Collaboration Y5 Y6 Science morning at Richmond School – more details to follow

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