

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

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Newsletter
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Spring Term 2020

Dear parents and carers

Year six leavers

Thank you all for your concern regarding the leavers events this year. We are so sad that the current regulations mean that our year six children will not have the end of school treats and experiences that usually take place. We are planning to make a video for them this year and are hoping to include video or written messages from all our pupils. We will be contacting those of you at home shortly to request a short message. Year six should now all have received their leavers hoodies, and they are welcome to wear them to school though I'm sure none of them have wanted to wear them this week in the heat!

Home learning

Well done to all our super stars who continue to work really hard at home, your teachers are so impressed with all that you are doing!

<p>Maddison Lea with her Diva lamp</p>	<p>William with a super picture of the Mother Wolf and Shere Khan from the Jungle Book</p>	<p>Lexie concentrating hard on her maths</p>	<p>Alfie made this amazing Indian Toran as part of his RE learning</p>

Leadership arrangements next year

As you will recall the Trust Board put in place a new arrangement this time last year with myself as headteacher over Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools. The model is an innovative approach to leadership in small rural schools and includes Base Leaders in each school and additional admin support and a SENCO across all four. This system has been constantly reviewed by Governors and Trustees throughout the year, and the decision, based on positive

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feedback, has been made to continue with this interim arrangement for another year. I have been so impressed by how the staff have adapted to the new arrangements and how our schools have continued to improve and thrive over the year. I would very much like to thank all parents for their support, which has contributed greatly to the model's success.

Sports Day

Sadly, we will be unable to hold our usual sport's day this year, but Mr Irons at Ravensworth School has come up with a cunning plan, and we will be holding a virtual sports day over our four schools. The activities can be completed both at home and at school and the winning three girls and boys from each age group will be put through to the North Yorkshire competition. Further information can be found on our website <http://www.barton.dalesmat.org/teaching-learning/pe/>

End of year reports

Staff have been busy writing the end of year reports which will be sent home on Friday 10th July. For obvious reasons, these are slightly different this year and do not include end of year results or targets for next year. There will be the option of telephone consultations with staff during the week beginning Monday 13th July for any parents who have concerns or questions.

Keeping children safe on line

The DfE have published updated guidance for parents about keeping children safe online whilst working from home. Please click the link below for more information. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Key worker bookings

Thank you to our key workers who continue to book the days they need in school each week. We use these bookings to plan our week ahead. If your shifts change suddenly during the week, we will do our best to accommodate you, but please be aware that this may not always be possible. It is essential that we know in advance which children will be in each day.

Summer weather

We have been enjoying some wonderful weather this week. Please could we remind all parents that children will only be able to play outside if they have a hat in school. Please apply suncream in the morning. Children may keep a named bottle of suncream in school, but will need to be able to apply it themselves.

Kindest regards,



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