



Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 17th July 2020

We have made it to the end of term and it is time to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. It has been so disappointing for them that their final year at primary school hasn't been as expected, they have missed out on all the usual leaver's treat and events - some of them had even been looking forward to sitting the SATs! We know that as parents you will also be disappointed not to be able to attend a leavers celebration assembly in school to send them on their way.

Each Year 6 child will be bringing home a memory stick today with farewell messages from members of our school community which they can share with their families at home (please do not share on-line).

We will all miss them enormously but wish them lots of luck at secondary school. We hope they will keep in touch and let us know how they're getting on.

Our leavers this year have wonderful "Leavers Hoodies" and picture books with memories from their time at Barton C E Primary school – a massive thank you to the "Friends" for supporting us in providing these precious gifts. Year 6 were also able to enjoy a fun Pizza and Film evening on Monday night.

Sadly, we also have to say goodbye to Mrs Farrow today. Mrs Farrow has worked at the school for over 25 years, and her knowledge and expertise in the Early years is going to be sadly missed. Joan will continue to work on the family farm and hopefully enjoy her young grandchildren.

Another end of an era as Jacob leaves today and this means he is the final child from the Sandhu family – a long connection with our school - we wish Jacob well!

September return to school

I am very much looking forward to being able to welcome all pupils back to school in September. Our amazing school staff have been busy preparing the classrooms in line with the new guidance, and have planned carefully for the individual needs of their children as they transition back in to school. My plans for reopening will be signed off by Trustees early next week and I will inform parents about more detailed plans towards the end of the holidays.

A letter from Mr Chubb, CEO of the Trust is attached to this letter regarding some of the regulations in place from September. A copy of this letter will also be available on the school website www.barton.dalesmat.org under 'Latest News'/'Letters'.

Children will be pleased to hear that from September they can bring essentials such as bags, books and lunchboxes into school again.

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Summer Activities

If your children are looking for things to keep them busy over the summer holidays, how about looking in to one of the following:

Lifestyle 2020.

North Yorkshire Police Lifestyle Challenge competition is back for 2020. The challenge is now open to **8-18 year olds** who are resident in York or North Yorkshire.

All they have to do is get together with a maximum of 6 other friends (either virtually or in person adhering to social distancing guidance) think up a project between them and do it. The project needs to benefit their street, community or even the environment. It's entirely up to them, it just needs to make a difference in their community.

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/public-campaigns/lifestyle/>

Silly Squad - Summer reading Challenge

North Yorkshire libraries are running their annual reading challenge, and this year is all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh! You can sign up online right through to September at sillysquad.org.uk and find activities, quizzes, videos, games, a place to keep track of your books and rewards to unlock along the way.

The challenge is aimed at all children from 4 to 11 and they just need to read anything that makes them happy - whether it be a comic, joke book, poetry, fiction or non-fiction, in digital or print format, an e-book borrowed from the library or a something they already have at home.

North Yorkshire Libraries are still closed but have a terrific selection of children's eBooks and eAudiobooks available to download for free at www.northyorks.gov.uk/digitallibrary You'll need your library card and PIN to download them but it's no problem if you are not a member - just call call 01609 533878 to join.

My first year at Barton CE School has certainly been different to how I expected it to be, but it has also been wonderful in many ways, and I have been made to feel so welcome by Governors, staff, parents and children alike. I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone, thank you so much for all your support; it really is the 'Small school, with the big heart'.

I hope everyone has a fantastic summer holiday, and look forward to seeing you back in school on September 8th.

Kind regards

Mrs H Dudman
Headteacher