



Friday 18th September 2020

Dear parents and carers

We have all really enjoyed the warmer weather this week and the children have been making the most of the chance to learn outside in the sunshine while they can. We are so proud of how well everyone is settling back into the school routine and managing all the changes that have come their way.



You will recall that we said a sad farewell to Mrs Farrow who retired at the end of last term. It was lovely to hear from her when we returned to school, and she sent this message to everyone:

"I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone for the very generous gifts and heart-warming messages which I received on leaving school. I was extremely touched by your memories and thoughtful gifts. I particularly loved the memories book which made me laugh and shed a few happy tears.

With my very best wishes to you all
Joan Farrow"

Building work

The work to replace the roof in the older part of the school is going well, and although it is causing a little disruption at the moment it should make that part of the building warm and watertight by the time winter arrives. The work is due to be finished in the next two weeks and internal redecoration will hopefully take place at half term.

School dinners

As you will be aware we have switched to a new school meal provider, 'Mellors'. We are delighted that Mrs Luce stayed on to work for the new company and would like to thank her for all the hard work she has put in to training and preparation over the summer. Well done Mrs Luce, so far it's a big thumbs up from all the children!

- The Autumn 2020 menu can be found on the following link

<http://www.barton.dalesmat.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Menu-Autumn-2020.pdf>

Home learning

All schools are required to prepare for the eventuality of a local lockdown, or for pupils having to self-isolate. There is an expectation from the Government that children who are well, but are not in school will continue to complete their learning at home. Class teachers will do their best to support families if this happens and will keep in contact through email and class dojo. The curriculum has been designed to link in with national on-line learning provision, and paper resources are also being prepared. Next week the children will be learning how to use their school email addresses and will learn how to use Microsoft Teams. Today you will receive a questionnaire from Dales Academies Trust to help us to understand how we can best provide for all our families. It would really help us to plan for your children if you could take time to complete this.

Coronavirus Testing

We have all seen in the news the challenges surrounding coronavirus testing, and how difficult it is to get a test at the moment, however you must still seek a test if you or your child has **any one** of the main symptoms:

- A temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of smell or taste

While waiting for test results the whole family will need to self-isolate. If you need to take your child to be tested, please let us know. Please can we ask that you let us know the result in writing before your child returns to school.

If you need to contact us urgently and it cannot wait until you see your child's class teacher, you can do so via email or Class Dojo, though please be aware that it is Trust policy that teachers don't reply to emails or messages after 6pm or at weekends unless it is an emergency.

A letter about flu immunisation was emailed to all families this week, please make sure you sign up online by 18th October if you would like your child/ren to benefit from this

Wild flower Garden



In the spring term our very pro-active Eco Club planted a wild flower garden at the end of the school field. They appealed for seeds in the Northern Echo and during lockdown we had many generous donations from people from all over the area. At the end of the summer term the children really enjoyed playing in the wild flowers and long grass (a great hiding place when playing 'blocky'). In order to protect their garden from the mowers of our groundsmen, they appealed for someone to build a fence. We are very grateful to Mr Wise for giving up his time in the holidays to build this lovely picket fence for us.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend,

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Wise'.

Barton

Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1: Tom Horsley

Class 2: Maddison-Lea Gamble, Bear Johnson, Oscar Rankin, Thomas Wise

Class 3: Boo-Betsi D'Silva

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1: Maci Wool

Class 2: Phoebe Liddell

Class 3: Faith Ramsey

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1: Florence Hardy

Class 2: Finley Hardy

Class 3: Lyla Bell

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1: Alice Wise

Class 2: Lexxie Yarrow

Class 3: Lexie McMillan-Smith

Year 6 Transition

SFX have announced that their Year 6 information has now gone live on our website at this link, including videos, and our online prospectus:

<https://www.sfxschool.org.uk/Virtual-open-evening/> - please take a look!

Richmond School

Communication/Emergency School Closure

Please check your emails for all communication and especially in case of emergency closure.

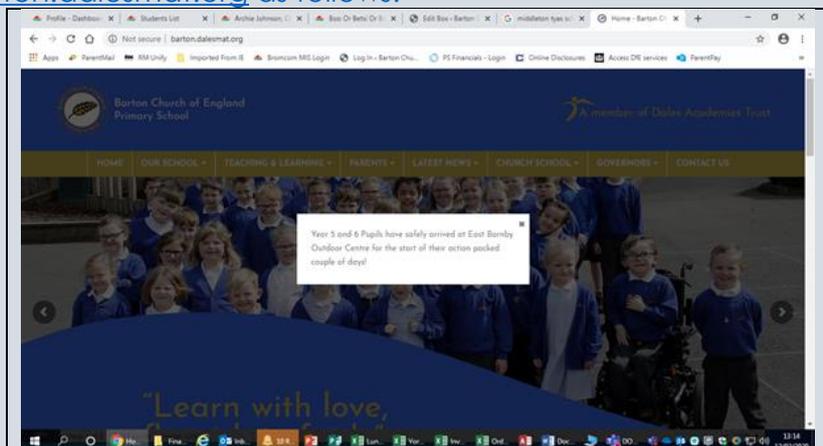
Usually at this time of year we would send out a Data Collection Sheet showing emergency contact information, address and other vital details that are held on our Management

Information System (MIS). This information can then be checked by Parent/Carers and if necessary amended and returned to school.

However, in the present climate it has been decided that this would not be prudent to issue this paperwork and we ask that you **please keep us fully advised should there be any change of telephone numbers or addresses via email and as soon as they take place.**

Important and Emergency Announcements via the school website www.barton.dalesmat.org

Should there be information or an emergency announcement it will appear on the school website www.barton.dalesmat.org as follows:



You can remove the message and access the remainder of the website by clicking on the X in the top right-hand corner of the message.

Please note that should the decision to close the school, due to adverse weather (or other emergency reasons) conditions every opportunity will be made to post an update on the website by approximately 7:45am in the morning – we ask that you keep checking the website as sometimes a decision may need to be taken at the very last minute. Thank you

Parentpay

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

School Holidays/Term Dates

Please see the following link where you are able to view 2020/2021 dates

<http://www.barton.dalesmat.org/parents/term-dates/>

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)

Includes a choice of cereal or toast and a drink of milk or water.

Monday – Comic Club.

The children can put down the adventures of the weekend into the form of a comic on paper giving them the chance to draw and write after a healthy breakfast with friends, capturing your child's imagination on paper.

Tuesday – Colouring Club

With choices of the children's favourite superheroes to mindfulness colouring sheets available for the children to enjoy.

Wednesday – Puzzle Club

A great way to get the mind working is a jigsaw puzzle. With plenty of choice for all ages the children will have a jigsaw each. If the children prefer puzzle sheets will also be available.

Thursday – Lego Club

Each child will have a small selection of Lego to build and create their own masterpiece.

Friday - Craft Club

Each child will have a craft project they can enjoy after breakfast, from to creating scarecrows with lolly pop sticks to making stained glass effect window art there will be something fun for the children to create and bring home.

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

What's going on in our afterschool clubs



Monday – Yoga Club

Making Yoga and Mindfulness fun!



Tuesday – Gardening Club

From preparing the ground for the seeds to watching them grow and finally enjoying the delicious fruits. The children will partake in a variety of activities around gardening.



Wednesday – Arts and Crafts Club

Drawing styles, bead work, Origami – you name it we will be exploring and learning lots of new and exciting art and craft activities this term



Thursday – Film Club

After a busy week in school it's time to sit back and enjoy a film with school friends at Thursday Film Club. With a huge choice of films available and the children each getting a chance to choose which one to watch on weekly basis.

Staff Led Additional School Activities for Classes 1, 2 & 3 will not be available for the Autumn term.

Friends News

Please can you help "The Friends" raise money for school?

Yes, you can and it won't cost you a penny! "The Friends" have established a link for fundraising which will not cost you any money and will provide fantastic much needed funds for school events! Please see below how you can register.

Shop on AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1062743-0>, and Amazon donates to The Friends of Barton Church Of England School, at no cost to you.

Every little bit counts

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The Friends Of Barton Church Of England School has received:

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All charities have received:

£4,621,862.95

as of August 2020

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Remember, only purchases made at smile.amazon.co.uk, (not www.amazon.co.uk) generate AmazonSmile donations.

Also....

Friends are also registered with **Easyfundraising**, it's a great site where you can help Friends of Barton C of E Primary School raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping!

Over 3,600 big name retailers are included, such as Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boden and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you!' It's completely FREE for anyone to use and over £27M has been raised for causes just like us so far.

We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up, spread the word to friends, family and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bartoncoeprimary/>

DONT FORGET TO USE IT DOING ONLINE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!!!!

News From Class One:



It has been absolutely brilliant being back at school and it has been amazing to see how well the children have returned and adjusted to the changes we have had to make to keep ourselves safe. Our new nursery and reception children have settled in fantastically and you would think they had been with us for ages! We have spent the last two weeks exploring our new classroom and getting back into routine. The children have loved being back together socialising, playing and having lots of fun in the different areas.

We have been looking at the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers; a resource we have used to support the children in class to re-connect with each other and re-engage with school life. It has allowed the children time and space to settle and share their experiences, thoughts, feelings, reflections and questions. We have done a lot of our learning with Class 2 which has been excellent to further allow the children to share ideas and talk with others. So far, we have looked at planet Earth and talked about what we find there we have also located where we live. We have explored the different parts of the body, had the opportunity to re-engage with nature and the outdoors, discussed the solar system and looked at animals and the different places they live. The children's attitude to learning has been amazing!

Over the coming term children will need to bring in their PE kits every Monday and then take them home every Friday to be washed and then brought back into school the following Monday. We will be trying to do as many of our PE lessons as possible outside so as it starts to get colder it might be good to include some tracksuit bottoms and a warm jacket.

From next Friday I will start sending homework for the reception and year 1, this will be given out on a Friday and should be handed back in the following Thursday.

In class 1 an important part of our daily routine is our outdoor learning, we spend a lot of time completing activities and learning outside no matter what the weather. Please make sure your child is prepared for the weather with a coat every day and as the weather gets colder, they may need hats, gloves and scarves.

The children in year 1 and reception have now started to bring books home to read and practice their phonics. Reading and phonics is such an important part of children's development and our reading challenge is now back up and running so keep reading at home. When the children read at home, they receive a star at the front of their planner when they fill that coloured reading challenge, they receive a certificate and go onto the next colour of the rainbow.

Any questions or queries please get in touch either by just sending me a quick message on dojo or by writing a note in their planner. Thank you for your continued support.

News from Class Two:



What an amazing start we have had to the new school year, all the children are settling in very well to their new style of learning and following the guidance to keep ourselves and each other safe. Our new year 2s have settled so well it is like they have always been here! They are all enjoying being back with their friends and being able to play socialise and learn together. For these first few weeks we are looking at the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers which is giving us lots of opportunities to learn how to reconnect with each other and school routines. We have been lucky enough to share our learning with Class 1 lots too which has helped so much with the transition into new classes. So far we have discussed where we are on the Planet and what else is here with us and all the things we can do here on Planet Earth; we have explored all the different parts of bodies and how to stay healthy. We also enjoyed some wonderful outdoor learning this week looking closely at plants and nature and taking time to watch the clouds and listen into the sounds of nature. The children have had lots of opportunities to share their learning, ask questions, do lots of thinking and reflect on their thoughts, we are so proud of their attitudes to learning.

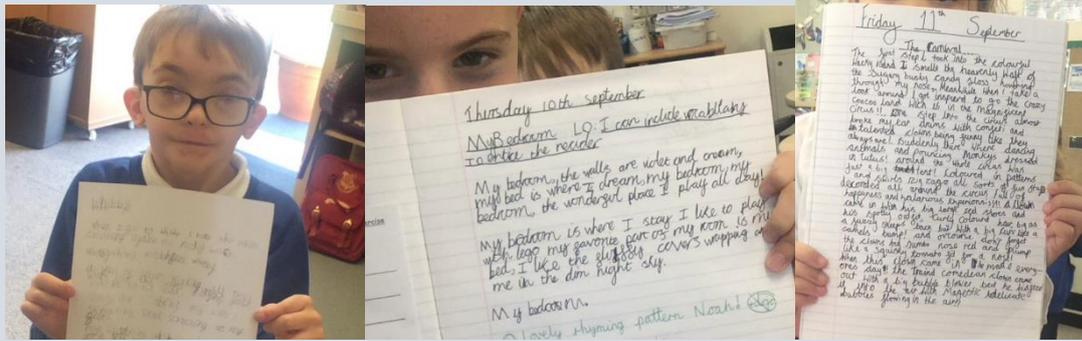
Please make sure children bring in their PE kit every Monday this will be sent home every Friday so it can be cleaned and returned again the following Monday, please ensure the kit contains warm kit (hoodie/joggers) as we will be doing PE outside as much as possible this term. The same goes for water bottles please send in on Monday to be returned on a Friday.

Homework will be sent home in a folder on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday each week. We are also continuing with the reading challenge certificates so please encourage your child to read the book they bring home or a book of their choice each evening – the children will progress on to more challenging books in Year 2 these do not need to be read in one sitting they should read as much as they can for at least 10 minutes each evening. Record their reading in their planners to help them achieve the certificates.

Thank you for sending in spare shoes for the children to play on the field, however some of these aren't suitable for keeping their feet dry even in this lovely weather the field is very wet in the mornings and we are getting complaints of wet feet and socks therefore can you please send in suitable shoes – wellies are ideal!

Thank you for your support in helping the children settle into a very different new school year, if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to message me on Class dojo, put a note in planners or make an appointment through the office.

News from Class Three:



I have absolutely loved having Class Three back together again. Our newest class members feel like they have been with us forever – they've settled in so well! It has been a busy start to term and the children have all come back to school with amazing attitudes to learning, I can't believe how many Dojo points they've already racked up!

We have been reading 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers as part of our whole school transition topic and 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman to find out about human bodies and people who have different circumstances to us. In maths, we are learning about place value and doing lots of times table practice ('to shake off the rust' as Matty said!). My favourite moment of being back so far was a game of bench ball in PE that was so close! Both teams were showing such super teamwork that we just couldn't separate them and we had to call it a draw.

PE sessions will now be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, please ensure that PE kits are brought in on Monday and taken home each Friday. Homework is given out on a Friday (now in a folder) and needs to be returned by the following Wednesday for it to be marked. Reading challenge is back so please note whenever children have read in their planners.

All of Class Three have adapted really well to our new class and school rules, I am very proud of how sensible and mature they all are. If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact me on Class Dojo messages, by writing a note in their planner or through making an appointment by contacting the school office.

| Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary | Barton In the present climate please note that planned events may be subject to change/cancellation at short notice |
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| 2020 | |
| September | |
| 21st | Y6 SFX Open evening 6pm |
| October | |
| 9th | Skip2Bfit Day Hello Yellow -World Mental Health Day. Wear something yellow and make a donation to Mental Health Charity |
| 15th | Bike Day – more details to follow |
| Date to be confirmed | Harvest Festival |
| 23rd | School Closes for Half term |
| November | |
| 2nd | School re-opens for Autumn term 2 |

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| 3rd | Tempest School Photos – individual/family 1pm |
| 6th | Influenza Immunisation Programme in school 1pm |
| 11th | Remembrance Day – poppies will be on sale and pupils will attend Church/Service – more details to follow |
| 13th | Children in Need - Non uniform day/Fundraising activities |
| 18th | School Closes for Christmas |
| 2021 | |
| January | |
| 4th | Staff Training Day |
| 5th | School re-opens for pupils |
| February | |
| 3rd | Skip2Bfit |
| March | |
| 4th | World Book Day – themed dress day |
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