



# Barns Green Primary School

## Newsletter

05.09.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! The summer seems to have flown by and judging by the weather Autumn has already arrived. I do hope you all enjoyed the summer and were able to make the most of the extended break.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week. Some of them have definitely shot up over the holidays! Everyone looks smart and it is lovely to have the corridors filled once again with excited chatter and learning.

Whilst these two days have been utilised to aid transition, to get to know new teachers and friends, I know that the children have already been engaged in learning. It is wonderful to see them calm and settled. Impressing the teachers.

In assembly on Thursday we spoke about the new school year being a new opportunity, a new beginning. A time of possibilities, where they can write a whole new story for themselves. Our children are so lucky, they have so many opportunities and possibilities both at home and at school. We look forward to seeing what they achieve as they embark upon the next stage of their education.



Here at Barns Green we start the new school year feeling confident and proud of what we achieved last year. The school has once again been recognised for what it achieves. We are the 5<sup>th</sup> highest performing primary school across East and West Sussex and Brighton and Hove. This is a wonderful achievement and a reflection of the hardwork and dedication of the entire team and something we can all justifiably feel proud of!

For more information please follow this link.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/16wVyQuGGr/>

So the challenge this year is to continue to build and move forward. To find ways to continually strengthen and to meet the needs of our ever changing cohort of pupils.

Onwards and upwards.

Warm wishes,

Tracey Newbold



### A warm welcome

This week our new Reception cohort have joined Dormouse Class. They look so smart, grown up and tiny in their new uniforms! I am delighted that we are full in Reception, and we very much look forward to getting to know these new additions to our school!

I would also like to officially welcome Miss James to our team. Miss James will be teaching in Squirrel Class. She is an experienced teacher who will further strengthen our team. I am confident that you will all make her feel very welcome and supported as she settles into her new school .



### How you can help us:

#### Arrive on time

Please ensure children are not late for school. The gates open at 8:45am and children start activities from the moment they arrive in class. If children are late they miss out on valuable settling and learning experiences.

Letting in children who are late is a considerable drain on Mrs Coxon's time and this has a knock on impact upon the rest of her day.

**PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

#### Be aware of Children's PE Days

It helps children feel settled if they arrive in the correct uniform and are the same as their peers.

Once again P.E days are as follows:

Dormouse – Monday and Thursday

Hedgehog - Monday and Wednesday

Squirrel – Tuesday and Friday

Otter – Tuesday and Thursday

Fox – Wednesday and Friday

#### Support learning

You will soon be receiving topic webs and knowledge organisers. Please discuss these with your children and talk about their learning.

We all know how vital reading is and that it is pivotal to future success and well-being. All children are at different stages but please do make reading with and around your children a priority. We work so hard to promote a love of reading at school and we need you to continue this at home.

## Mobile Phones

We do not allow children to bring phones into school, please ensure children do not bring them to school under any circumstance. If you need to discuss this further please speak to Mrs Newbold.

## Parent Helpers

Your help is always appreciated and if you do feel able to help support the school in any capacity e.g. Reading, gardening etc. please, please do let us know!

## Special Dates

We plan to resume our highly successful Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read sessions as soon as possible, when our new Reception starters are settled into their new school routines.

## PTA

Very sadly the end of the last term saw the end of the PTA. There is currently no PTA here at school.

I really do hope that this unfortunate situation is temporary. The PTA hold many enjoyable events throughout the year and as a source of fundraising they are vital to the school. Without their support children will undoubtedly miss out.



There really is very little capacity for school staff to fill this void although we are always happy to discuss ways in which we can support fundraising and future possibilities which will benefit the children.

I really do hope that some of you may choose to step in and reinstate a PTA.

This is a wonderful way to get to know parents, staff and engage with the school community!

## School uniform giveaway (select items)

Due to the high volume of school uniform we have on the premises, we are kindly asking for no more donations of grey skirts/trousers/shorts or white polo tops as we do not have the capacity to store these. Moving forward we will accept any donations of purple jumpers/cardigans and grey PE hoodies please and we will at some point try to resume our selling of this. In the meantime, we would like to hold a 'Freebie Monday' after school next week, where we are inviting you to take for free any grey/white uniform items to save us having to take these to charity/recycling. This will be outside the community room (weather permitting) on the patio.

## Education Sunday – Invitation from Rev Caroline Armitage

*This year, on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026 our new Parish Priest, Rev. Caroline, will be celebrating Education Sunday across our parishes. This is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of Education. We would like to invite anyone involved in the field, and particularly those involved with our local schools in our villages, to join us for the service which this year will be at 9.30am at St Peter's Slinfold. During the service there will be an opportunity for children to bring their school bags forward for a blessing for them and all they represent for the coming year. There will be children's activities during the service time as well, and refreshments after the service. We would love to see you there.*

## **Messy Church – Village Hall**

Messy Church is moving to the second Tuesday of the month in the Jubilee room after School (3:20pm).

All welcome to come with a parent/carer.

Crafts, bible talk, songs, and a light tea.

Dates for this term are:

16<sup>th</sup> September (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

14<sup>th</sup> October

11<sup>th</sup> November

9<sup>th</sup> December

## **Dates**

### **September**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 3:30 -4pm – Squirrel Class – meet the teacher

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30 -4pm – Fox and Dormouse Classes – meet the teacher

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 3 :30 -4pm –Hedgehog Class – meet the teacher

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30 -4pm –Otter Class – meet the teacher

w/c 29<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability for Year 6 children (details to follow)

### **October**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Flu vaccination

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - INSET day (no children in school)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Children back in school