



# Barns Green Primary School

## Newsletter

17.10.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school is a wonderful place and after a week marked with meetings and a number of administrative tasks it has been a privilege to also spend time out on the playground and in classes.

Yesterday afternoon, as I visited each class, by some coincidence everyone was engaged in art. I was struck by how calm and happy all the children were. I saw some wonderful exploration of pattern, linked to topics in both Fox and Squirrel classes, Still Life in years 1 and 2, and some fantastic paintings, which were linked to our Black History month celebrations in Otter Class. Dormouse were especially busy using their mud pies to decorate the stage area!!

Everyone was keen to talk, share their artwork with me and proud of their achievements. It was so nice to be able to spend time with the children.

I am also struck by how well the majority of our children play and communicate on the playground. They engage really well with various forms of play and are well supported by the adults who supervise and promote behaviour. Again, our playground is a happy place. (Possibly made easier by the lack of rain this week!)

It is easy for us here at school to get caught up with the operational pressures of life at school and this week has been a wonderful reminder of what a fantastic community we are. Filled with fantastic staff, wonderful children and supportive parents.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Newbold

### Parent's Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming all parents to Parent's Evening on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Please remember that this is your opportunity to meet teachers and discuss the progress your child is making. It is important to utilise this time as it is challenging for teachers to make alternative arrangements with busy workloads.

We recognise that communication is always important and strongly support parent's desire to feel well informed regarding your children's progress so we will ensure that work is out in classes for you to look at with your child.

Thank you if you have already booked a meeting with myself to discuss issues relating to SEND. I will be around on both evenings for all parents.



**Parent's Evening**



### Pumpkins

Please let your creativity run wild and take part in our annual pumpkin carving event. We are once again running a pumpkin carving competition.

Please bring carved pumpkins to school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

All pumpkins will be celebrated with some small prizes to winning entries!

A special thank you to Gemma Root for sourcing these prizes in the

absence of the PTA.

### PTA

It would be good to hear your thoughts on what's next and the possible re-establishment of a PTA at school.

Whilst the school cannot organise this we can facilitate conversations and help with ideas.

**To give this a helping hand we plan to run an afternoon tea in the community room on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 1.45- 2.45pm.**

I very much hope this brings the matter forward to the benefit of the children and school.



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### Miss Harris

Miss Harris will be returning to school after the October half-term. We very much look forward to welcoming her back and into her role as SENDCo. To ensure consistency and continuity I also intend to maintain a role within this area however Miss Harris will be the official SENDCo. She will also be covering PPA in Otter Class and Dormouse Class.

### Supporting your child with worries



We are here to support, and the lovely Rachael Highfield will be running a drop-in session relating to supporting children with worries on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October starting at 9:10am.

Parents are faced with so many challenges and sometimes it can be hard to know what is best to do and where to turn.

Rachael is an enormous support to many parents both here and elsewhere. She is kind, encouraging and a font of knowledge.

Please do come along if you have any concerns or niggles, no matter how big or small. Feel free to pop along, even if you do not have a worry, come for a cup of tea!

Who knows, the information shared on supporting children with worries may be helpful at some point...



As part of Black History Month, Otter Class learned about an influential black artist called Jean-Michel Basquiat. We really enjoyed learning about his life and creating artwork in a similar style to his work.

### Parent Governor Election

We are delighted to announce that Mr Oliver Morley has been elected unopposed as the new Parent Governor at Barns Green Primary. As an army officer, he has extensive experience of leadership, service and the development of people and we are fortunate that he is willing to contribute his understanding of strategy, planning and accountability to strengthen our Governing Body, holding the school to high standards of performance and integrity. Many of you will know Mr Morley as the parent of children in Squirrel Class, Dormouse Class and Playgroup. We very much look forward to working more closely with him in the coming years.

Dawn Martin, Chair of Governors

## Guitar lessons

West Sussex Music will be offering guitar lessons to pupils at Barns Green Primary School after half-term. Please follow this link showing costs [Music lessons - West Sussex Music](#)

Please contact the office if you would like to register your interest in lessons.



## Dates

### October

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

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Supporting children with worries workshop 9.10am

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent/Teacher consultations

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parent/Teacher consultations

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkin carving competition

Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

### November

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

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Yr 3/4/5+6 Cross Country at The Weald

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Open day for 2026 Reception children 9.15am  
- PTA afternoon Tea 1.45-2.45pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Open day for 2026 Reception children 2.15pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Fox Class trip – Brighton Take Shelter

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Multiskills Festival at The Weald (details to follow for selected children)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Stay and play session for 2026 Reception children 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Hedgehog and Dormouse trip to Stanmer Park (details to follow)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Stay and play session for 2026 Reception children 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Otter class assembly 2.45pm (parents/carers invited)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Otter and Squirrel trip to Butser Ancient Farm

### December

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Christmas holidays

### January

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Children back in school