



Barns Green Primary School

Newsletter

27.06.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write, preparations for Sports Day have been in full flow and we are very much looking forward to the event!

It has been another busy week at school. The highlight for me was accompanying our wonderful school choir to The Weald for the County Big Sing event.

Working with the West Sussex music leader, children from several local schools learnt some impressive choral techniques to perform two pieces together. The impact of so many children singing was very powerful. Our choir also performed their individual piece. They did this wonderfully well and it was a real credit to their work this year with Mr Chalk. I know they enjoyed the experience.

Next year we intend to build on this further, with Mrs Callaghan taking over singing.

We will also begin our work towards the school achieving an Arts Mark, This is one of our school priorities for 2025-26, as we explore the many benefits that creativity brings to the curriculum and school life. I believe this will be an exciting and timely journey for us as a school.

I look forward to seeing you all this afternoon.

Warm wishes,

Tracey Newbold



School Gates

You will have noted that we are shutting the school gates, including the car park gates during the school day. The safety and wellbeing of children and staff is in the forefront of our minds here and it brings the school in line with other schools.

We will monitor the impact of closing the footpath gates and review this in due course.

It is my belief that the friendly, community feel of the school is something that makes us special and I do not wish for this to change. However, we do live in an increasingly complex world which is why we have been advised to increase our site security.

You will also note that we are in the process of installing CCTV to cover the school office / lobby area and the staff carpark. We have taken legal advice to ensure that this has been done in accordance with the law. Again, it appears to be quite standard in schools these days and will not cover the inside of the school.

We will publish the CCTV policy on the school website and send parents a link to this when it goes live.

None of these changes impacts upon the experience of the children here. Once again, this week visitors have noted the calm and productive atmosphere within the school. Visitors comment upon the skill and expertise of staff and County are increasingly noting our good practice and asking us to support colleagues from other schools. Whilst we are pleased to be in such a position our priority continues to be the children here and of course the whole Barns Green community.

Library Summer Reading Challenge



Summer Fair

Please can as many members as possible of the school choir be present and ready to perform at the school fair on the 11th June at 1:15pm. Home clothes are fine!

After a few songs from the school choir, we will be asking the whole school to sing together to celebrate the building's 10-year anniversary.

We have several popular favourites which we look forward to sharing with you!

The more children we have, the better we will sound, so participation is encouraged!



PTA news update

School 10th Birthday celebrations summer fete – Saturday 12th July:

Donations

Thank you for all the school fete donations, we are still gratefully accepting the following -

- Sweet jars
- Bottles
- Clean, washed soft toys
- Secondhand books & toys



One of the most popular and which raises good funds is the cafe and can only run with the support of donations. If you can **donate cakes**, please can these can be dropped off on Friday 11th July or on the morning of the school fete. Thank you for supporting.

Next PTA meeting

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 1st July at Barns Green school from 5.30pm**. This meeting will focus again on summer fete planning and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible to help plan this big celebratory event.

The final **PTA** meeting is the **AGM** and will be held on **Monday 14th July** after school in the hall. The meeting is to finalise this school year.

As with every year, the PTA chair, secretary and treasurer are yearly roles, and the PTA is looking for parents to volunteer for the next academic year.

If you are interested in any of these roles please come along, if you are not able to make the meeting and are interested please email the team – pta@barnsgreen.org.uk OR barnsgreenpta@gmail.com

Dates for your diary.:

- PTA fete planning meeting – Tuesday July 1st at 5.30pm - Barns Green School
- Summer Fete – Saturday 12th July.
- Monday 14th July – PTA AGM.

Dates

June

Monday 30th – Otter and Fox trip to Lodge Hill

July

Tuesday 1st – Pride Day – wear bright colours

PTA meeting at school 5.30pm (fete planning)

Thursday 3rd – Year 3/4 swimming lessons (last session)

Friday 4th - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 7th – Messy Church (**at the village hall**)

Year 6 swimming

Dormouse and Hedgehog sharing afternoon 2.30pm

Wednesday 9th – Year 5 Bikeability

Dormouse and Hedgehog Classes Preston Manor trip

Thursday 10th – Fox Class trip to Hever Castle

Dormouse Class assembly 2.45pm

Friday 11th – Reports sent out

Whole school transition afternoon

Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Saturday 12th – Summer Fete 12-3pm

Monday 14th – Year 6 swimming

Tuesday 15th - Whole school transition morning

Wednesday 16th - End of year production – Yr 6 and all of KS2 to attend - 6pm

Thursday 17th - End of year production – Yr 6 and all of KS2 to attend - 6pm

Monday 21st – Leavers’ assembly 2.45pm (for families of Yr 6) followed by adults v children rounders match (3.30-4.30pm)

Tuesday 22nd – last day of term – break up at 1.30pm

September

Wednesday 3rd – INSET day (no children in school)

Thursday 4th – All children back to school

October

Wednesday 1st – Flu vaccination