



Barns Green Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th September 2020

Welcome back

It has been a treat to see the school building filled with pupils once more. Attendance for the week has been at 97% - an excellent start. I would like to thank the **staff** for all of their hard work in making sure school is safe for re-opening and all **parents & carers** for the support you have provided. The most important thank you, of course, is to the **children** themselves, who have proven once again that they live up to our core values. I am proud to be their Headteacher.

PE Days

From Monday 14th September, pupils should come into school in their PE kit on PE days. These are:

Dormouse – Monday & Thursday
Hedgehog – Monday & Wednesday
Squirrel – Wednesday & Thursday
Otter – Tuesday & Friday
Fox – Tuesday & Friday

School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme

I was surprised and delighted to receive an email on Wednesday confirming that this scheme is recommencing. It is a government programme entitling every child aged 4-6 in England with a piece of fruit or a vegetable daily. You don't need to do anything – the fruit & vegetables are delivered automatically. We will provide this to every child in Dormouse & Hedgehog class. You can still send a healthy snack in as well – this is just 1 of their 5-a-day!

Curriculum topic webs

We will be sending these out by email next Friday.

Our full 6-year curriculum document is available on our website [here](#).

Parent View

Ofsted's website offers you the chance to tell them what you think of our school.

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Please could you take the time to visit the link and provide your feedback.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Coming Up...

We still have a lot of work to do to ensure that our school continues to run smoothly. Next week, Mrs Thorne and Mrs Newbold are looking at our **Purple Mash** system to ensure it meets the (updated!) needs for any local lockdown. We should be able to switch to immediate online learning (with support for children of key workers) if there is a need to close the school.

We are planning our **curriculum assessments** in the coming weeks so that we know where the gaps in core learning lie. This will be both at year group level and individual level. Mrs Newbold (English) and Mrs Aitken (Maths) will be making sure I am up-to-date with any changes we need to make to our curriculum in the next few months.

We are finalising the logistics of **reading books** going home over the next few days.



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Coronavirus (COVID-19) reminder

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

Key messages

- If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.
- This action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.
- Plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home.
- Ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home.
- Stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- Sleep alone, if that is possible.
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- You do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact [NHS 111 online](#). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.