



Newsletter

Friday 17th September

Dear Parents & Carers

Communication

At the start of the year I think it is useful to share the different ways we can communicate with each other. This is especially important this year, as we have had much disruption to normal routines over the last 18 months.

Newsletter

Every Friday we send out a newsletter. At the very least this contains key dates for the week ahead, plus other important notices. These are archived on the school website:

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Barns Green Primary Facebook page. You have told us that this is a helpful way of celebrating the work we do in school. We will add photos of memorable moments as they happen. Facebook seems to be the social media site of choice for most of our Parents & Carers. We will monitor this to see if this changes.

School website This hosts a live calendar, all of our policies, weekly word lists for Read, Write Inc, our curriculum plan and much more. There are a number of information videos on phonics, plus links to White Rose Maths. It is planned that this will grow over the coming months.

Noticeboards There are 2 notice boards, one by each gate. We post our diary dates there.

Whiteboard There is a small white board by the gate where we will put up reminders of activities, events etc. Individual classes also have access to a standing 'A' board, which are used to remind you in more detail about trip times, etc.

Parent/Teacher consultations These are held twice a year, in the autumn and spring term. There is the opportunity to discuss your child's results in the summer term.

Telephone Staff may need to contact you by telephone on occasion – please make sure we have an up to date number.

Reports We send home an annual report. In recent years this has been in the spring term, linked to the Parent Teacher meeting. The timing of this is being reviewed this year.

Workshops We hope to start running workshops again this year. Previous sessions have included how to support reading at home, how to support your child through SATS and how we teach maths.

There are a number of ways you can communicate with us. These include:

Face to face – Short messages can be passed on to the Class Teacher at morning drop-off. If you require a longer meeting, this can be arranged via the school office. It helps if you let the Class Teacher know what the meeting is about when making the appointment.

Email – Please use office@barnsgreen.org.uk We aim to reply to emails within 2 working days. If the subject is more urgent, please speak to the Class Teacher at drop off or make an appointment to speak to them.

Telephone 01403 730614. Messages are checked throughout the day.

If you are dropping off a forgotten lunch box, PE kit, etc., please leave them in the box by the main entrance.

You will also receive communications from the PTA via our email system. If you wish to contact the PTA you can do so using pta@barnsgreen.org.uk or by accessing the PTA Facebook page.

Values and Vision

At the start of term we had 2 very busy INSET sessions. We spent time revisiting our School Vision and staff discussed with Governors what this looks like in practice.

Our Vision for Barns Green Primary School is:

Promoting independent thought and learning

Providing a broad-based education

Respecting individuality and difference

Emphasising the importance of team work

Nurturing physical health, emotional security and spiritual richness

Hedgehog Reading volunteers

Thank you to those of you who have offered to listen to the children read. Mrs Coxon will be in contact with you next week.

Diary dates

September

Monday 20th September – Fox Class trip to the Bluebell Railway – WW2 clothes

Thursday 30th September – School photos

October

Monday 4th – Messy Church in community room

Wednesday 6th October – Harvest Assembly

Wednesday 13th – Otter Class trip to Guildford Museum

Thursday 14th – Flu vaccination

Tuesday 19th – Parent teacher consultations (late)

Wednesday 20th – Parent teacher consultations (early)

Friday 22nd – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

November

Monday 1st – Messy Church in community room

Tuesday 2nd – Open Morning for Reception 2022 parents

Tuesday 9th – Open Afternoon for Reception 2022 parents

Monday 22nd – 26th – Bikeability for Year 6

December

Tuesday 7th – Christmas performance 9.15am

Wednesday 8th – Christmas performance 9.15am

Thursday 9th – INSET day (school closed)

Friday 10th – INSET day (school closed)

Friday 17th – Break up at 1.30pm