



Newsletter

Friday 8th October

Dear Parents & Carers

Parent Teacher Consultations

Sign-up sheets for all of the meetings are in the main foyer. Please sign up for these if you haven't done so already.

Barns Green Staff

Over the course of the year your child will work with a number of adults in addition to their teacher. The following is intended to give you a picture of who we are and (some) of what we do.

Headteacher – Mr Simmons. My job is to provide leadership for the school which secures its success and improvement, ensuring high quality education for all pupils. Amongst many other things, it's my job to make sure that the best teachers and support staff are working with your children. An important document for me is the School Development Plan. I will share details of this year's plan in a future newsletter.

Deputy Headteacher – Mrs Newbold. Mrs Newbold is there to deputise in my absence. She also leads the teaching of English in the school, runs the school council and teaches Fox Class (amongst many other things!)

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator – Miss Bennet. She oversees the day to day operation of our special needs policy and is our link to outside agencies, such as the Speech & Language Team and the Child Development Centre. She also teaches Squirrel Class.

Class Teachers – Miss West (Dormouse), Ms Friedli (Hedgehog), Miss Bennet (Squirrel), Mr Griffin (Otter) & Mrs Newbold (Fox). These are the people who deliver our [curriculum](#). They prepare lessons, teach the lessons, assess the work the children have done and use this information to inform their preparation of the next lessons. In Secondary schools, teachers teach only 1 or 2 subjects. In Primary schools, teachers tend to teach all subjects.

Teaching Assistants – Miss Edwards, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Campbell & Mrs Berry. In the mornings, these staff support learning in English & Maths. In the afternoons, they work with groups or one-to-one to deliver learning interventions that have been organised by the class teacher.

Early Years Teaching Assistant – Mrs Cooper. Does a similar job to other teaching assistants, but with our youngest children.

School Business Manager/Front of house – Mrs Coxon. Keeps the business side of the school running and also maintains the school's information management system and is responsible for delivery of all communications.

All teachers are entitled to 10% time out of class for planning, preparation and assessment. In addition, teachers new to the profession are entitled to a further 10% out of class for training purposes.

Planning, preparation & assessment cover – Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Rogers. Both are qualified teachers and work in partnership with the class teachers.

Site manager/Caretaker – Mr Coxon ensures the school site is safe and fit for purpose.

Mid-Day Meal Supervisors – Mrs Berry, Mr Wallington, Miss Edwards, Mrs Oldfield & Mrs Wilkinson ensure that the lunchtimes run smoothly.

Mr Meaney – School Games Organiser – PE teacher from the Weald School. As a school we buy into their support package using our Sport Grant. Mr Meaney will deliver lessons for teachers to observe, organises tournaments and leads some staff meetings.

Student teachers – Miss Donohue (Squirrel) & Mr O'Donnell (Otter) We take in trainee teachers from the University of Brighton for teaching placements with our more experienced teachers.

Barney – although he's getting old, Barney the Golden Retriever still makes occasional visits into school to meet the children he used to help read.

There are also other occasions when teachers are out of class. This can be because they need to attend meetings in the day, for training purposes or because they are unwell. We use an agency called Class Cover who have provided us with qualified supply teachers for many years. We monitor the quality of the supply teachers and will request ones who worked well.

Cleaning Vacancy

We are looking for another cleaner to join our team. This would be for 2 hours on a Friday between 3.30pm and 6.30pm and for 1 hour on a Tuesday between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. The rate of pay is £9 per hour and the position is term-time only. If you would like further information please contact Mrs Coxon.

Harvest Donations

Thank you to those of you who brought in a food donation for our Harvest Festival. These have been passed on to Reverend Hall to distribute to those in need.

Before school club time change

Before school club will be starting at 8am from the 1st November. The cost of this will now be £4 per session. You are welcome to drop your child in on the day, without prior booking.

Squirrel Class

If pencil cases cannot fit in your child's tray they will have to be taken home each day.

Clubs

There are still spaces available on the following after school clubs:

Hockey – Monday

Multisports – Wednesday

Your child is welcome to have a trial session for either club.

Diary dates

October

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