

Barr PS and EYC Newsletter



September
2020

Return to school

The first half of term one has flown in and the new routines are second nature to us all. Thank you for your support and reinforcement of this. Staff have spent this time celebrating and building on 'lockdown' learning whilst focusing on literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.

You will be aware that a lot of learning is happening outdoors. As we move into Autumn, I ask that you please send your child to school dressed appropriately for the inclement weather. All Primary children should wear outdoor sports gear on a Wednesday, Thursday and P1-3s on a Tuesday also.

Health and Wellbeing

Due to the amount of energy the children use through the increase in physical and outdoor activities, I will be providing an additional healthy snack. Your child may choose one piece of fruit or a cereal bar after 'Go Noodle' or at breaktime - if they wish. If you would rather your child didn't have an extra snack, please let us know.

Parent Council

The AGM will be held online within the first term. New members are always welcome-please let me know if you wish to join and I will send you a link when details are confirmed.

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

18th – Holiday

21st – Holiday

22nd – Teacher/Parent phone calls from 3.15pm

23rd – Ragbag collection

25th – HT Hot Chocolate

30th – Flu immunisations

OCTOBER

8th – Pupil Groups

9th – Schools close at 3pm for October holiday

19th – In Service (staff only)

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21st – Pupils return

29th – HT Hot Chocolate

30th – Committee Day

Childsmile

We are currently not toothbrushing in the EYC and school, as per guidelines. Thank you to Childsmile for providing every child with a toothbrush and toothpaste for home.

School Improvement

There are so many exciting things happening in our EYC and school this year, please see improvement priorities attached. Each of the classes will send out monthly blogs alongside the newsletter to update you. Teachers will also be making short phone calls home on the 22nd to let you know how your child is doing. If you miss the call, they will leave a message-please contact the school if you would like further information.

Staff are continuing their Leadership of Learning work from last year, with further study planned across many curricular areas. The senior class pupils have also nominated themselves to be subject ambassadors and will work with staff to lead and develop this year's curriculum.

Staff and pupils are working hard to achieve accreditation in a number of areas this year: Silver Rights Respecting Schools; Digital Schools Award; Gold School Sport Award. We will keep you updated with our progress.

Pupil Leadership

Congratulations to Molly and Rosie who have been voted School Captain and Vice-Captain. They will be instrumental in leading school improvement as the year goes on.

Active Schools

We are delighted to have Connor and Aaron working with us for a full day every Thursday. They are helping to develop pupil leadership skills; support with outdoor learning and lead active play sessions in the EYC. As time goes on and national guidance changes, they will also deliver after-school clubs and a parent programme.