



BARBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the new school year. We hope you had a good summer break and are ready to start a wonderful new term.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A letter has gone home today regarding after school clubs. If you would like to request a space for your child please return the letter asap.

YEAR 6 PARENTS

Mr Cox, the Head teacher of The Parker E-Act Academy, is coming here to Barby on Friday 13th September at 2.30pm and would like to invite parents of Year 6 children to come along to hear more about what The Parker has to offer. Parents of Year 5 pupils are more than welcome to come along too. Please let the school office know if you plan on attending so we can advise on numbers.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Following the survey that went out to parents over the holidays we have made the decision to move our celebration assembly to Friday afternoons at 2.45pm on a trial basis. This was based on the majority of parents saying this would work better for them or have no impact to them. We will review this again later in the term.

DIARY DATES



- Tues 10th Sep Swimming starts for Year 4, 5 & a number of Year 6.
- Fri 13th Sep Mr Cox , Head Teacher of The Parker E-Act to meet YR 6 parents
- Tues 24th Sep School Photographs
- Tues 1st Oct Harvest Festival—9am Church
- Thurs 24th Oct School Closes for Half Term

SHOE BOX APPEAL

St Mary's Church is once again supporting the Shoe Box Appeal. Shoe boxes filled with items such as tooth brushes & toothpaste, stationary and new socks or underwear plus a small toy are collected and sent to deprived communities in Eastern Europe. For more information on how you can support this please pop into the school office for a leaflet.

REWARDS SYSTEM

As we are committed to promoting positive behaviour and excellent attitudes to learning, we have made some changes to our rewards system for this year. You may have noticed some children going home with lanyards at the end of the school day - this is to acknowledge and celebrate the children that have completed something that they should be very proud of. It could be a piece of work that they have worked exceptionally hard on or a particular act of kindness for example. If your child comes home with a lanyard, please ask them what it is for and celebrate with them too.

We are also introducing 'Hot Chocolate Fridays'. This will be held every other week and children will be selected for going above and beyond expectations for attitude and behaviour. During a Hot Chocolate Friday, the children will be invited to attend to have hot chocolate with the headteacher and share their achievements.

We will continue awarding 'Stars of the week' certificates as this is also a very positive way to acknowledge children's achievements. Children will still be able to collect house points for their team, but we will no longer be giving out certificates for individual house points. We will also encourage children to continue to read at home and will praise them privately when they do so but we will no longer be rewarding children with certificates. Please continue to record all of your child's reading in their reading record whether it is their school reading book or any other literature.

We are committed to promoting good behaviour and rewarding children, and these changes will allow children to be proud of their achievements whilst being inclusive for all.

If there are any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me as I would be very happy to discuss the reasons for these changes in even more detail.

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS THANKFULNESS

