



# Barnburgh Primary School

## Newsletter

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Well we have finally reached the end of, what has seemed, a very strange start to the new academic year! You will know that I missed the first few weeks of school due to two broken arms! I would like to start my first newsletter for this year by thanking all the staff at Barnburgh Primary school for working above and beyond to ensure the smooth running of the school in my absence. In particular, I would like to extend my very sincere gratitude to Mr Longley who stepped into the role of headteacher for a few weeks. He did a marvelous job at juggling his new class with his leadership role. This was made easier for him because Mrs Hill, once again, stepped into the breach to help us out. Thank you to Mr Longley, Mrs Hill and all the staff for ensuring that all our children had the best possible start to the year.

A very big welcome to all our children who started nursery with us this year. It is so hard to believe that we will be saying goodbye to them in 2027 at the end of year 6. I wonder what the world will look like in 7 years' time! All our new starters, including children who have started with us in other year groups, have settled into school superbly and are already making wonderful contributions.

This half term we have achieved so much. Too much to summarise in one newsletter. Therefore I have made the decision to slim down my newsletter and, instead, point you all in the direction of our website. We have a very active website that is continually being updated. Information and photographs about all aspects of school life can be found on the website and if there is more you would like to see then please don't hesitate to offer your suggestions. We copy all our letters and communication notes onto the website and, to make them easier for you to access, we have created a new link to them via the app. You may find our NEWS AND EVENTS page interesting to watch because we post all our whole school events on here. This half term this has included our harvest celebrations, Halloween disco, world mental health day etc. Other popular pages on our website include the class pages. These can be found under the PARENTS tab. This is where class teachers post photos and information about all the wonderful things your children are doing in class. We are always willing to offer support and advice on how to get the best from our school app and website, please contact us for more information about this.

On a sad note, our lovely business manager, Mrs Grange, has secured a new job with a newly formed academy trust. Mrs Grange will be offering all her expertise and knowledge to help develop the operations across four schools! We are so excited for her but we will be

sad to see her go. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of our whole school community, to thank Mrs Grange for the fabulous contributions she has made to our school during her time with us. In addition to this, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Finney who joined us at the start of the year to help support individual pupils. Miss Finney has forged some wonderful relationships with families at our school and I know they will miss her as much as we will. A huge thank you to Miss Finney for making such a difference to the lives of some of our children.

I can't end my newsletter on this sad note, so I will end with the announcement that Miss Yates returns to work following her maternity leave after half term. Miss Yates will return as our deputy head and will be with us on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. She will pick up the role of SENDco and will work closely with Mrs Jones to develop our SHINE provision. On behalf of Miss Yates, staff, governors and families at Barnburgh Primary, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Longley for covering the role of deputy head and Mrs Ocock for covering the role of SENDco in Miss Yates' absence. Both staff members have done a wonderful job.

Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to seeing you all when school re-opens on Monday 4th November.

**Don't forget to visit our website to see what we have been doing this half term!**