



Barby CE Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL

INFORMATION

Many of you will have watched the Prime Minister's address to the nation earlier this week and will have lots of questions surrounding your child's return to school. The Prime Minister indicated that the government believes it may be in a position to implement a phased re-opening of schools starting with pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Year 6. This is part of the government's conditional plan which it states will remain under review. We are working with the guidance given to us from the Department for Education to ensure a safe school environment and will soon be contacting you via Class Dojo to gather an understanding of the number of children that we are to initially expect back to school in Reception, Year 1 & Year 6 however we are aware that there may be some parents who decide that for their family situation this is too early for them. In order for us to plan our reopening as safely as possible, we would like to understand how many children we may be expecting to return. Please look out for the message and reply at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

YEAR 5/6 RESIDENTIAL—KINGSWOOD STAFFORDSHIRE

We have been in contact with Kingswood regarding our Year 5/6 residential that was scheduled for 8th-12th June. Due to the current situation it is clear that the trip won't go ahead this year and for our Year 6 children we share their disappointment that it won't be possible for us to reschedule it for them. To enable us to issue refunds to parents of children in Year 6 please send an email to bursar@barby-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk with your child's name, your account name, number & sort code. Please be assured this is a secure email. If you would rather you can put these details into a sealed envelope and drop it to the school. For our current Year 5 pupils we are looking to move the trip to next year (hopefully the same week) and our plan is to include the Year 4 pupils who will be in Year 5 next year. We will have more information on this very soon.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

The class photographs will be available to view from Monday. We will send out information on how to view and order them using the school app.

HALF TERM

Half term holiday week begins Monday 25th May. This is a bank holiday Monday so there will be no Key worker provision at school. There will however be provision on the other days. Please email enquiries@barby.northants.sch.uk if you require your child to be in school.

THANK YOU MRS SABINE!

Big thank you to Mrs Sabine for the very kind cake donations! They have been very much enjoyed and appreciated.

READING BOOKS YEAR R,1 & 2

While we have the ability we are taking the opportunity to run an audit of our reading books in school. We are particularly interested in our phonic level books. Therefore can we ask all parents of children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 to send the details of their child's current reading book to enquiries@barby.northants.sch.uk including the title and the scheme that it belongs to. You could do this by simply writing the details or by sending a photo. With much appreciation, thank you.



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MESSAGE FROM REVEREND NIGEL

Hi Everyone, I hope you are all OK. It's very strange not coming into school each week, seeing you all, sharing a story and singing together. It's very strange just spending most of the day with my wife Mary, being at home nearly all the time and only seeing a few other people... at a distance... in passing... and then only saying 'hi' or just nodding and smiling.

We probably all know of someone who has been very ill because of this virus, perhaps even someone who has died. It is a very difficult time especially for those having to work long hours with people who are poorly. I hope you are all doing the best you can to not make things any worse.

None of us thought we'd wake up one day and not be able to just go out, walk down the street, go to the shops, or go to work or school, but it suddenly happened. Everything changed and even after all this time life is still very different. I'm sure we all hope that soon we will be free to do all those things again. It will be wonderful. Perhaps we will appreciate and enjoy those freedoms more and value more the things that we see, the places we go to, and the people we meet? If we do, I'm sure we will get more from each day. Perhaps this time will teach us to be content and happier where we are, with what we have, and with what we are able to do?

You may remember that at the beginning of Lent we thought about Jesus being Baptised in the River Jordan. That was an important event for Jesus. God said, 'This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased!' It seemed like a lot was about to happen and that Jesus would have a lot to do. But no, instead Jesus was led into the wilderness to be alone for 40 days and 40 nights. What a long time we thought that was!

But we've been in 'lock-down' for longer than that now. Jesus had that time in the desert so he could get ready, prepare himself and be prepared, for all that was going to happen next.

We don't know for sure what is going to happen next with this virus, but we can be using this time to prepare ourselves, to get ready, for whatever it might be. There's so much for us all to learn, so much to appreciate, so much that we can be getting ready to share.

And it's certainly a time for prayer. When I've been stuck for words I've found this one helpful...

'O Lord our God,
give us by your Holy Spirit
a willing heart and ready hands
to use all your gifts to your praise and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.' Amen.

Meanwhile, Spring is still happening. All around us, we see new life in plants and flowers; there's been blossom on the trees and now new leaves in an array of greens. I'm more aware of that new life this year because I've had to stop and stay and just be. That's been special even though I haven't been able to spend time with the special people in my life... including you guys. Hopefully we will soon be together again.

Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, all your mind and all your strength, and your neighbour as yourself,

Reverend Nigel

Matthew 3:17 - can you find it?

Deuteronomy 6:5 - can you find those words anywhere else?