

NEWSLETTER



Autumn First Half Term

Covid-19 Update

A huge thank you for the support you have shown since we returned after the summer holidays.

As the Covid cases have continued to increase in Barnsley, we will carry on with the same procedures for staggered start, finish and break times for this next half term and if we develop a positive case in school, we will follow the advice of Public Health England regarding the closure of bubbles.

It is vital that we have your email addresses and up to date telephone numbers in case we need to contact you at very short notice as there have been instances in other schools where parents have needed to be informed in the evening or weekend that their children's classes will be closed.

We will continue to follow guidelines set out by the Government Department for Education and Public Health England.

Please help us by being aware of the rules.

Our school website has information for parents on www.brierleyschool.com

Remember, there are three main symptoms of Covid-19

- A new or continuous cough
- a change in your sense of taste or smell
- a high temperature.

If you or anyone in your household experiences these symptoms, please do not send your child into school.

Young Minds

We had a great day wearing yellow for the Young Minds charity.

Through your generosity, we managed to raise £108 so thank you all very much.

It is a wonderful, worthwhile cause.

Harvest

Unfortunately we will not be having our annual Harvest Festival service over in church this year.

Instead, each class has prepared something to celebrate this special time of year and will be posting it onto their class web pages so please have a look.

We are putting a table out at the school gates for anyone who wishes to donate non-perishable food items for harvest.

We will deliver your donations to the local food bank so residents can benefit from them but we will not be able to visit nearby homes with the food ourselves as we usually do.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



As you may know, school dinners have undergone a few changes since lockdown.

We are pleased that more choices have now been added and Schools Catering Service have introduced a new app for parents to order and pay for lunch.

After initial teething problems, we are hopeful that the app will be really successful but if you are experiencing any difficulties with this, please contact our school office on 711332

A reminder that sweets are not allowed in packed lunch boxes.



You can follow us on Twitter at @Brierley_cofe

or download our app by searching for School Jotter and type in our school name

Dates for your diary

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| Friday 23rd October 2020 | 3.15 School closes Autumn half term |
| Monday 2nd November 2020 | School reopens with usual staggered starts times |
| Friday 13th November | Flu Vaccinations |
| Friday 18th December 2020 | School closes for Christmas break |
| Monday 4th January 2021 | School reopens (start and finish times to be confirmed) |
| Thursday 18th March | School Photographs |

After School Clubs

After school clubs will start on a rota basis after the holidays.

We are sorry we can't give everyone the chance to join in straight away due to social distancing .

If you have expressed an interest in after school clubs, if we haven't already, we will be in touch with you to tell you when your child can start.



Water Bottles

Thank you for ensuring your children bring a drink to school.

Ideally, children should bring in plain water however we are conscious that some children have started bringing pop in.

As we feel it is vital for children to have a drink we are permitting sugar free diluted drinks as a last resort if your child will not drink plain water. However shop bought pop, such as Fruit Shoots and energy drinks are not permitted.

We are teaching children how to live and eat healthily so please support us with this.

The healthiest and cheapest option by far is plain water so if your child will drink this, please only send them to school with water.

School Uniform

It's lovely to see children looking nice and smart in their school uniforms.

We have had a number of children losing jumpers and cardigans though so please can we ask that you write your child's name in to save the upset of wasted money if these items do not turn up.



Christmas

As you might imagine, Christmas, along with many other things, is likely to be quite different this year.

Unfortunately, although it is still only October, we have been forced to make the decision that our annual Christmas Nativity plays and our Christmas Fayre will not take place. These events take weeks of planning and rehearsal so, rather than disappoint at the last minute, we thought it best to let you know now.

Instead, each class will prepare something to show they are still learning about the meaning of Christmas and celebrating this very special time. We will be in touch next half term to tell you how we will share this with you.

Christmas dinner plans are not finalised yet so we'll let you know what's happening with this as soon as we can.



Beech Close

Thank you to parents who are being extremely careful when dropping off and collecting their children in cars.

We have received one or two complaints from worried parents about drivers going a little too fast on Beech Close or turning when children are out and about.

Please can we work together to stay safe?

Thank you for your support with this.