



## Barby C of E Primary School

### Newsletter

June 2021

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As we enter the final term of the year, it is wonderful to see the start of a tentative step towards a return to more normal school life.*

*Our calendar is once again being populated with events, activities and opportunities that broaden our children's educational experience and enable them to learn, have fun and develop their many strengths and talents. It is certainly a very busy term!*

*Whilst we cannot yet do everything in quite the way we used to, we will strive to give our children the very best opportunities that we can in their final term of what has been an extraordinary year. I look forward to enjoying the coming weeks with you and your children*

### Dates for the Term

*Please note that these are our planned dates but may, should circumstances change, be susceptible to alteration. We will notify you of any changes as soon as they arise.*

Date	Event	Information
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Chestnuts Class: Mindfulness with Lemonkind, session 1	Weekly until the end of term
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Silver Birches Class NMPAT First Access Project, session 1	Repeated weekly
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Fencing Demonstration with Rob Parsons	
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Girls' Football Tournament	(Letters sent to specific parents)
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> June	7-9pm Jogo Anxiety and Uncertainty Workshop for Parents	Please sign up via the link



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Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Lisa Jeffries Informal Portrait Photos – all children</i>	Children to wear smart mufti, photos available to order
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Orienteering Day – Toni Tull (Northamptonshire Sports partnership)</i>	Orienteering for all classes
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Mrs Bedi visiting school, am</i>	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2.45 – 3.15	<i>Acorns, Conkers and Silver Birches (Y2) RSHE Resources Share Drop in for parents</i>	An opportunity to see the resources and content that will be covered
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2.45 – 3.15	<i>Silver Birches (Y3) Chestnuts and Oaks RSHE Resources Share Drop in for parents</i>	An opportunity to see the resources and content that will be covered
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<i>ZOOLab visiting Reception, Conkers and Silver Birches</i>	
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<i>Y5/6 Hockey Competition</i>	(Letters sent to specific parents)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<i>Mrs Bedi visiting school, am</i>	
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Anglo Saxons Day (Y4,5,6)</i>	
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>School Nursing Team: Puberty Talk (Y5 &amp; 6)</i>	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<i>Watersports Day (Y5 &amp; 6)</i>	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<i>Cricket festival (Y3 &amp; 4)</i>	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<i>Sports Day</i>	Details to follow
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<i>Year 6 Leavers' Food and Fun Evening (5 -7pm)</i>	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Relationships, Sex, Health Education week</i>	All classes
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Healthy Living Week Begins</i>	Details to follow
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>PDET Sports Day (Y4 group)</i>	Details to follow
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Mrs Bedi visiting school, am</i>	
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Reserve Sports Day</i>	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony and Celebration</i>	
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Last day of the academic year – Summer holiday begins!</i>	

### **Staying Covid Vigilant**

Whilst we are aware that Covid restrictions are gradually easing, we are maintaining our measures in line with our risk assessment to minimise the risk of transmission amongst our community, particularly of the vigorous new strains.

Please could I remind all parents and carers that measures including social distancing and the wearing of masks when visiting the school site must continue. If you don't have a mask with you, please just let us know and one can easily be provided. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Attendance**

Now that school is back in full swing, we are beginning to analyse our attendance figures.

We are acutely aware that children have missed enough schooling this year, something that could not be avoided. Illnesses also cannot be helped. However, it is noticeable that our attendance data



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shows the greatest number of absences occur on Mondays and Fridays. Whilst we understand that families need days together, we ask that you carefully consider the impact on your child when taking days off here and there.

Please know that formal letters will be served where attendance drops below 90%. Where necessary, parents will be asked to explain absences, or invited into school to agree plans to improve their child's attendance. Fixed fines can be issued for unauthorised absences or holidays.

We will always try to work with families and try to find a way to help but please be aware that family holidays in school time cannot be authorised.

### *Jogo Managing Anxiety and Uncertainty Workshop for Parents*

Please join us between **7 and 9pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June** for a helpful workshop from Behaviour Support Organisation, Jogo. The free session will offer support, guidance and practical strategies in managing children's anxieties and worries.

To join, please register by following the link [Click here to register](#)

### *Sun Safety*

Now that the weather is improving, we are conscious of keeping our children sun-safe during their break times and PE lessons. We will encourage them to take shade breaks on hot days but would appreciate your support with this as follows:

- ensuring that they have a sunhat (named please – lots of them look very similar!)
- coming to school with sunscreen applied.
- ensuring that your child has a bottle with a non-spill lid containing plenty of drinking water.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### *Lisa Jeffries Photographer Visit*

As Lisa will be visiting school on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June** to take informal portraits of the children, please send them to school wearing '**smart mufti**'. Lisa produces beautiful portraits that I'm sure you will treasure. Details of how to order are to follow.

### *RSHE Consultation*

Thank you to those parents who shared their thoughts on our revised Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy. Your feedback is very much appreciated and will be considered in our approach to delivery. **Our forthcoming RSHE lessons that will take place in the week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July.** We would like to offer you an opportunity to see the resources that we will be using and the content that we will cover. Teachers will be available to share these with you outside of their classrooms on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> June, please see the Dates for the Term listing for more details.

Please note that should you like to share your views in our RSHE Consultation, your completed questionnaire should be returned no later than Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June.



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## *Sports Day 2021*

Our planned date for this year's **Sports Day is Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. We hope that, weather permitting, the children will have a fun-filled day of both collaborative and competitive sport. Sadly however, we are unable to open this event to spectators this year. I am sure that you will appreciate our disappointment with this but also our need to maintain the safety of our school community. We will, of course, share lots of photos of the day with you.

Children will need to come to school in their full PE kit which will be worn for the entire day. Please ensure that they bring a sun hat, are wearing sunscreen and have plenty of water in a non-spill bottle for the day.

Please note that, should adverse weather prevent Sports Day taking place on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, a **Reserve Sports Day** date has been organised for **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**.

## *Healthy Living Week*

In the week commencing **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July**, we will be holding a **Healthy Living** week where all of our pupils have the opportunity to learn more about their physical and mental health, to try new activities and to have some fun!

We are looking for volunteers to offer short workshops for our children linked to diet, exercise, mental and physical health. If you think you may have some expertise that could be shared or have a contact that may be willing to help by running a short workshop session, please do let us know – we would love to hear from you!

## *School Annual Reports*

Our teachers are busy preparing your children's annual reports. These will be sent to you in PDF form on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact the office if you require a paper copy.

## *Year 6 Leavers*

We are planning a series of events to mark the transition of our wonderful year 6 children to their secondary schools. Full details of arrangements are still being finalised and will be shared with parents and carers very soon.

*Thank you all for your continued support with all aspects of school life. Your children are working hard, enjoying their learning and having fun. We look forward to a fantastic final term of 2021.*

*Kind regards,*

*Sally Beaton*

*Headteacher*



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