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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are almost at the end of the school year now and I know that many of you will be preparing for a break or at least chance to see families and get together with people you may not have seen for some time.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that we are able to get to the end of term without having isolation periods and classes closed, which would be such a shame. I do realise that many of you are worried about this and how it could affect events that you may have planned for the beginning of the summer holidays. If you do have any specific concerns, please contact me via the school office.

Where a case is identified, contact tracing procedures will take place until Tuesday 27th July.

Following Department for Education advice, our protective measures will remain until the end of term. Therefore, we will still require face-masks to be worn on site and social distancing to be adhered to.

With this in mind, I have attached this message from Telford & Wrekin Council, 13th July 2021:

'Living safely with Covid-19

We have come to a point where we have to learn to live with Coronavirus without restrictions.

But we should exercise personal responsibility and continue to practice good hygiene, such as washing hands, keeping space from others, and wearing masks.

Now is not the time to throw your mask in the bin.

Although it will soon no longer be mandated, it is still a recommendation for people to wear a mask. Especially indoors, on public transport, local hospitals, and other areas where face coverings have become the norm.

Wearing a mask is a simple thing we can do to protect others, and importantly, it also helps others feel safe.

We also need to keep testing when we have Coronavirus symptoms and to get two doses of the vaccination.

There will always be some risk, so be cautious and think of others.

We have summarised some of the restriction changes below but you can see the full list of changes on the government website.' Can I remind you that for the remaining three days,

next week, from Monday 19th July, until we break-up on Wednesday 21st July, we will be returning to the normal Barrow timetable for all pupils.

In the mornings, between 8:20 and 8:30, children should be handed over to a member of staff either at the gate or at the entrance to the path from the top car-park. There will be two members of staff to greet the pupils and send them to their classes. Parents should then leave the site promptly, taking due care.

If there are any immediate safety issues with parking that become evident as a result of this change, we shall address them before the start of next term, in whichever way possible with resources that are available.

At the beginning of next term, parents/carers will be invited to take part in a survey that will initiate the consultation period referred to in my previous newsletter.

A huge thank you to our lunchtime supervisor, Jenny Brewer, for helping us out in Yew Tree class as a teaching assistant, this year. Her support has been brilliant. We also wish all the best to Katherine Baister, who has been a valuable assistant in Yew Tree class as part of her college placement. Thanks also to our volunteers who we hope to see again in school in the autumn term.

We welcome, Liz Rhead and Sam Evans, to our Barrow Staff Team as they have taken part-time positions, as teaching assistants, in school, from September.

Annual Reports for pupils were sent out to parents earlier today so please check your emails.

We look forward to seeing the Year 6 pupils and parents/carers at their graduation ceremony on Wednesday.

Well, what a year! We return to school on Thursday 2nd September for a brand new year and we are looking forward to the opportunities that it will bring. This will be my final newsletter of this academic year.

Thank you all so much for the way we have successfully worked together this year, through the good times and those that were more challenging. Have a wonderful time with your brilliant children over the holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Sian Stephenson

(Headteacher)

Please see, on the next page, a message from the Friends of Barrow.

Good afternoon everyone,

Friends of Barrow committee here. We've been quiet for some time but we wanted to update you on all the ways that the money you've helped us to fundraise over the last few years has been spent.

In consultation with the teachers and governors, we have put £1000 towards a new school library for the children, £300 for a fabulous literacy activity to be enjoyed by Elm and Ash in Autumn term and (drum roll please) a magnificent £10,000 towards the new reception building at school. This last item was sorely needed to increase usable space in school, important now more than ever, and we were proud to be able to help with this new development on behalf of parents and committee members past and present.

However, we're now almost entirely spent out! Normally each year we run events for fun and fundraising. Each autumn term we have provided approx £1100 for a panto trip for each pupil and we'd like to be able to provide for a magical Christmas experience this year too. So, we need to start fundraising again soon to build our reserves back up with a few good ideas that we'll soon reveal. We appreciate that this last year has been hard on all of us, but some more than others. For this reason we simply ask that you support us wherever you feel you can and by how much you can manage. Every last penny or offer of help will be sincerely appreciated and will go directly towards enriching Barrow for our kids and those yet to join us!

Our latest initiative is the Barrow Coin Collection, each class has a clear jar in which they're encouraged to bring in any or all loose change at home. The class with the heaviest jar will receive a small present at the end of term.

Thank you,

Gary, Christian, Sally, Ben and Lucy