



# Barnburgh Primary School

## Newsletter

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Welcome to our first electronic newsletter. I hope that by putting the newsletter directly onto our website each week we will uphold the high expectations we have for regular communication with parents in addition to saving printing costs for the school.

On Monday I met with our Parent forum and it was raised that parents would welcome all letters to go on to the website in the future. I can see the benefit of this and so have agreed to it. Anyone who has downloaded the app should receive notification when new content is placed on the website.

I trust you all had a wonderful half term break. I can see that lots of families were busy working together to complete Topic Challenges. The staff here have been overwhelmed by the variety, quantity and quality of projects that were brought in on Monday. The purpose of the Topic Challenge is to hook the children in to their new learning and I believe this has most definitely been achieved. Thank you so much to parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles that supported us with this. We look forward to sharing the projects with you at the Express Events at the end of this half term.

Next week we are due to launch our zerObesity project. National data shows that almost 1 in every 3 children across the country are overweight or obese by the age of 11. The potential health consequences linked to this both now and in later life are extremely worrying. We take the health of our children very seriously and we are determined to do something about it. Therefore, in partnership with our P.E. and Sport providers, Xcite Sports & Fitness, we will be launching a project to increase opportunities for physical fitness and promote healthy eating.

I would like to make you all aware that we are currently reviewing our uniform policy. I am in consultation with the school council, staff and Parent's Forum to gather the views and opinions of as many stakeholders as possible. We are exploring the option of offering a second uniform supplier so that parents have a choice of uniform items. In addition we are looking to modify the school logo slightly to make it more unique to our school. Finally we are considering introducing a school tie. If you have any strong views on this, please don't hesitate in contacting me. My aim is to have a new policy to launch in the summer term so parents have adequate time to prepare for September.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Hill back to Barnburgh Primary School this week. As you will be aware by now Mrs Hill is teaching our Year 5 children every morning. I know she has already made a positive impact through the work she is doing. Mrs Hill will be with us until the end of this academic year and we hope she will be very happy with us.

Finally it gives me great pleasure to announce that Year 2 and Year 3 won last half terms attendance challenge. Overall they were our top two year groups with the best attendance. The competition is now on for this half term.

*Mrs J Potts.*

