



Barnburgh Primary School Newsletter



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I can't believe we have come to the end of our second term this year. Despite the fact it has only been a four day week we have managed to fit a lot in.

On Tuesday our Year 6 pupils went on a school visit to Crucial Crew. They spent the day learning about how to keep themselves safe by participating in a number of role play activities. They had a great day and represented our school well.

It is with very great regret that I have to announce that Miss Wilkinson and Miss Connell will be leaving us at the end of this year. Miss Wilkinson teaches in Year 3 and is in her second year of teaching. She has made a fantastic start to her career at Barnburgh but is now looking to develop it further, closer to her home town. Miss Connell has been teaching in Year 6 since September and has made a very positive impact in such a short space of time. Miss Connell is leaving to move back to her home town of Glasgow. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing them both the very best for their future - we will miss them very much. As a result of this, we have appointed two new members of staff to replace Miss Connell and Miss Wilkinson. I am delighted to welcome Miss Watson and Miss Kehoe to our team. Miss Watson is an experienced teacher who will lead on writing at Barnburgh and Miss Kehoe is re-locating to South Yorkshire after spending much of her career in Cornwall.

Many of you will know that Miss Johnson left us on Friday to begin her maternity leave. Although we will all miss her very much, we are very excited as she awaits her new arrival. We took a vote in assembly and the majority of staff and pupils are predicting she will have a baby boy. I look forward to sharing her happy news when the time comes.

I think the baby stalk must have visited Barnburgh recently because many of you will be aware that Mrs Ocock is also pregnant. I feel so privileged that I get two Barnburgh babies in my first year as head! Mrs Ocock will begin her maternity leave at the end of July.

Due to Miss Johnson temporarily leaving us I am delighted to announce that Mrs Kilby will be filling her role as a higher level teaching assistant. She will work alongside Miss Machin to cover classes in the absence of teachers.

We have made a few minor changes to where our teaching assistants are delegated next half term in order to provide enough academic and nurturing support in our year 2 and year 6 classes as they prepare for the SATs tests.

You will all know that Miss Yates agreed to temporarily fill the Deputy Head role from September. It gives me great pleasure to announce that she was successful in securing the role of **permanent** Deputy Head at Barnburgh Primary School. I can't think of anyone better for the job. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating her.

With a lot of effort and hard work we have successfully managed to move our Early Years provision into the school hall and ICT room in preparation for the building work. It is going to be very busy in school over Easter to try and get as much of the work completed as possible before the children return. It may also mean that Church Lane will experience an increased volume of vehicles over the holiday. We are lucky that our site foreman, Dave, is a member of the community and I am confident the work will be completed to a high standard. It's very exciting! Can I please take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us to make this possible including parents who gave up their own time to help?

All that's left for me to do now is to wish you all a very happy Easter. Enjoy the holiday break.

Mrs J Potts.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

From September 2017 we intend to ensure that all expectations in school are of the highest standards; this includes school uniform. As I explained in an earlier newsletter our current uniform policy needs tightening up to ensure families have clarity on what is acceptable uniform and this needs upholding in school.

We have taken into consideration pupil views, parental views and staff views and made our final decisions based on majority opinions. Whilst I appreciate that the updated policy will not suit everyone I ask that parents remain respectful of what we are trying to achieve and recognise that decisions have been made through consultation with all stakeholders. I will publish the updated policy next half term on our website but I am very aware that we have a lot of ultra-organised families at Barnburgh who like to start buying items of uniform now in preparation for September. Therefore, I can tell you that the uniform will remain largely the same including the logo and style. Parents voted overwhelmingly against shirts and ties and, whilst feedback supported the option of altering our logo to give us a more unique look, we have since learnt that there will be a cost implication to changing the design with our uniform suppliers. Obviously this would not be a priority spend for the school.

With all this in mind the expectations will be as follows

BOYS

- Grey trousers or grey shorts
- White polo shirt (with or without a logo)
- Navy blue jumper (with or without a logo)
- Plain grey or black socks

GIRLS

- Grey trousers or grey knee length skirt or grey dress or grey knee length shorts or navy gingham summer dress
- White polo shirt (with or without a logo)
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan (with or without a logo)
- Plain white ankle socks or plain grey tights

PE KIT

- All children will be expected to wear a plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts for PE.
- They will need a pair of trainers or good quality pumps for outdoor sport.
- For colder weather children will have permission to wear grey jogging bottoms and a navy blue sweatshirt without a hood.

FOOTWEAR

- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers. Patent leather will be acceptable and shoes that include some small plain embellishments will also be acceptable. Coloured logos and / or laces will not be permitted.
- Boots of any variety will not be permitted. In case of bad weather children may wear boots of any variety to school but must have a change of shoe to wear inside the building.
- In the summer months girls must remain in plain black shoes. Sandals of any type that expose the child's feet, particularly the toes, will not be permitted due to health and safety reasons.

JEWELLRY

- Jewellery of any sort will not be permitted.
- If your child intends to have their ears pierced please ensure this takes place at the start of the 6 week break so they will be in a position to remove their earrings for school by September. From September any child who comes to school wearing earrings will be asked respectfully to remove them. School staff are not permitted to do this. If a child is unable to remove their earrings a phone call will be made to parents requesting that they come to school to remove them. Children will not be able to participate in a PE session wearing jewellery of any type.
- A small plain watch may be worn in Key Stage 2 but this must be removed for PE sessions and play time sessions. Children will not be permitted to wear any watch that beeps or buzzes.

HAIR STYLES AND ACCESSORIES

- From September our policy will state that only navy blue, brown or black bobbles, bows, hair bands and hair grips may be worn in hair. A lighter hair bobble will be permitted for children with blonde hair. It will be expected that children with long hair have it tied back to minimise the risk of accidents and that very short hairstyles do not include razor patterns.