



Barnburgh Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back to the summer term. I thought I would start my newsletter this week by sharing some images of the building work that is taking place in our Early Years unit. The work is going to plan and it's very exciting. Can I please take this opportunity to thank all our Nursery and Reception parents for their patience and support while the building work is taking place.



KITCHEN RENOVATION

I am delighted to tell you that, following the building work in Early Years, the Local Authority have agreed to renovate our school kitchen. This work is long overdue! Our fantastic team of cooks are currently producing delicious meals for our children in a kitchen that regularly floods, has no dishwasher and is furnished with old wooden units! The renovation project will see the kitchen receive modern stainless steel storage, a double freezer, improvements to the ventilation AND a dishwasher! The work is planned to start on the week beginning 22nd May. It will take approximately 3 weeks to complete. During this time our kitchen will be completely closed and all school meals will be ordered in from another school. Our catering service is confident that there will be minimum disruption. The band system will continue but there may be a slight alteration to the menus. As soon as I have any more information, I will share this with you.

HANDWRITING

In response to recommendations made from the teaching and learning review that took place last half term, our focus over the summer term is to develop and teach a consistent handwriting style across school. We have developed a new policy which you can find on our website, staff are currently receiving training and the children have started to learn about our new expectations this week. We recognize that all our parents will want to be aware of how we are teaching handwriting so that you are able to support your children with it at home. We are teaching the children the continuous cursive style of handwriting where each lower case letter starts on the line. This supports the children with developing a fluent, joined style. Your children will be bringing home some handwriting example sheets which have been created by one of our parents, Mrs Rolls. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Rolls who gave up her time to learn about our new policy and to practice forming the letters. The outcome of her work demonstrates how easy it will be for you all to support your children with this style of writing even if this is not your usual style. We have included the sheets that children will be learning to develop their handwriting on, on the school website. Go to SCHOOL INFORMATION then to SCHOOL POLICIES where you will find 'beginners handwriting paper' and 'refined handwriting paper'. Please feel free to print any of these to further support your children at home.

SCHOOL EVENTS

This week our year 2 children visited Lincoln Castle to launch their new topic. They had a fantastic day learning all about castles. And in Year 3 the children welcomed Lance Bombardier Ben Parkinson MBE to our school. He inspired all the children with his courage, bravery, positive outlook and, most of all, his sense of humor. It was an honour to meet him. There have been lots of other exciting things happening across school to launch new topics, including a day of superheroes in year 1. Please don't forget to keep checking the class pages on our website for videos and photos of things that have happened or are currently happening in school.

CALENDAR DATES

All dates for this term will be found on the school website by the end of next week. The dates will include sports days, Express Events, training days, etc. Please take the time to look because we do not intend sending out letters to inform you of all of these dates. We will notify you of any new dates that go on the website via the school app. Please keep encouraging families to download this onto their electronic devices.