



Barncroft Primary School

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Welcome back we hope you all had a wonderful summer.

September / October 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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8th Sept Y6 Paultons Park visit.

10th Sept Kuma Parent meetings.

11th Sept Gemini Parent meetings.

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Barncroft Primary School. I am absolutely delighted to have started in my post and consider it a privilege to be working with your children. I believe that Barncroft Primary School has many strengths and enormous potential and I am excited by the prospect of leading it through its next phase of development.

Our Mission Statement "Believe, Achieve, Succeed", is one which I fully subscribe to; I firmly believe that every child can do amazing things and it's our job to help make this potential a reality. All the staff at Barncroft Primary are committed to giving the children here the very best learning opportunities; we all want to do our best for our children. We want your child to be a motivated and enthusiastic learner who will be brave when learning; never afraid to try new things. To help ensure that this happens, we will continue to look at ways of making our curriculum exciting. I will strive to promote and support excellent practice within our school.

The relationships between teachers, children and parents are fundamental to the success of the school. Working together, we can ensure that children enjoy their time at Barncroft, make good progress and leave us as responsible, well-qualified, mature young people, ready to make a valued contribution to society.

My expectations of the children, in terms of their achievement and behaviour, are very high. I expect all members of the school community to uphold the values of our school. Your support in reinforcing high expectations is very much valued.

Yours sincerely

Julia Roberts
Headteacher

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Bicycles and Scooters

Bicycles and scooters must be pushed, not ridden, in the playgrounds – this also applies to brothers, sisters and parents please.

Permission to have a bicycle or scooter on site will be withdrawn if a pupil behaves irresponsibly with it on the playground or on the way to or from school.

Additionally, can I please remind you that children should not be allowed to play on the Trim Trail before or after school when there is no school supervision.



Swimming this half term.

**Swimming will recommence on
Thursday 3rd Sept.**

This half term the swimming rota will be,

**Y3 Monday afternoon
Y5 Thursday afternoon
Y1 Friday afternoon.**

**Please ensure your
child has their
swimming kit with
them on the day.**



REMINDER

School Uniform

I am so pleased to see the children looking very smart in their school uniforms. A quick reminder please, that shoes must be black – no trainers with coloured soles or logos e.g. Adidas or Nike. If your child has pierced ears only one pair of stud earrings can be worn. Children are not allowed to wear earrings for swimming so they must be able to remove their earrings for these lessons or not wear them on that day. If your child has just had their ears pierced they may wear a swim hat for the six weeks it takes to heal. Earrings can be taped for PE. Children should not wear any other jewellery, or coloured nail polish.

Full details of our school uniform are on the website, or please see below. Also, please do remember to name clothing as it then stands a much better chance of being reunited with its owner when mislaid. We will contact parents by phone or text if your son or daughter does not comply with our uniform expectations.

Boys

Grey/black trousers (shorts in the summer term)
White, yellow or purple polo shirt
Purple sweatshirt or fleece.
Sensible enclosed dark shoes or black trainers
Shorts and house colour t-shirt and a pair of plimsolls or trainers for PE
Swim kit - towel and trunks

Girls

Grey/black skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
White, yellow or purple polo shirt
Yellow or Lilac check dresses
Purple cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece.
Sensible enclosed dark shoes or black trainers
Shorts and house colour t-shirt and a pair of plimsolls or trainers for PE
Swim kit - towel and one piece swimsuit.
No bikinis

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ATTENDANCE LAW has changed from September 2015

Local Authority Attendance Policy

You may be aware that the legislation around school attendance has been significantly tightened up recently, with the effect that from September, I have no flexibility at all with respect to authorising avoidable non-medical absence. The Local Authority and the school have therefore had to draw up a new Attendance Policy, which is available from the school office and is also on the school website.

In brief, the threshold at which we have to make a referral to the Attendance Legal Panel has also been lowered, which means that fixed penalties and court proceedings must be triggered at a much lower level of absence.

Ten sessions of unauthorised absence (i.e. five days or ten late arrivals in school) will now trigger a referral.

All the staff at Barncroft Primary are here to help you get your child into school; please approach your child's teacher, contact the school office on 023 9248 2331 or book an appointment with either Mrs Wearn our Inclusions manager or Miss Burgess our Home School Link Worker for advice or support.



Reminder

**Classroom doors open at 8.45am and are shut at 8.55am
After 8.55am children need to be brought in by an adult through the office and will be marked as late.**

Children arriving late after 9.15 am will be marked as an unauthorised absence.



Mon	Chicken grill and tomato sauce with mashed potatoes	Vegetarian sausage puff
Tues	Roast Pork and gravy	Vegetable and bean bake
Wed	Beef curry	Pizza
Thurs	Roast chicken	Quorn burger
Fri	Baked fish fingers with ketchup.	Italian tomato pasta

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Do you know the rules for zig-zag lines outside of school ?

It might seem like a convenient place to drop off the kids, but new figures show the number of tickets issued for stopping on the zig-zags outside schools have almost doubled in 2 years.

The number of fines issued rose from 14,564 to 28,169 in freedom of information figures obtained by AXA Car Insurance show.

But it seems only 17% of people know stopping on zig-zags is banned at school-run times, their research says.

While it may be well known that you can't **park** on yellow zig-zag lines, you also can't **wait** or even **stop momentarily** to drop off or pick up passengers, according to the UK Highway Code.

The Local Government Association explains that this is because parking on yellow zig-zags outside schools puts children at risk, as outside school gates there are lots of children running around, buggy congestion and little ones on scooters and bikes.

To ensure children's safety, we ask that parents observe the yellow zigzag markings on Park Lane which prohibit parking or dropping off/collecting passengers in the marked areas.



Pencils, pens and all other forms of stationery that are needed to complete tasks in school are provided for the children's use by the school. Pencil cases are not needed in Years 3, 4 and 5. In preparation for secondary school, Year 6 children are allowed to bring in pencil cases to use at specific times. Pencil cases should be kept in children's bags when not in use. Children need to take responsibility for their own equipment and all pencil cases should have the owner's name marked on them.

And finally...
We ask that parents do not smoke directly outside the school gate, or by the dance studio.
Thank you.

