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NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust that you and your family had a wonderful Easter and we are pleased to have the children back at school! We have lots of exciting events and activities planned for the Summer Term and look forward to seeing as many parents, carers and grandparents as possible.

The conversion to Consortium MAT is progressing well and we are already seeing lots of positive changes throughout the school, with academic support and guidance, new classroom structures including an early year's nursery and our Extended School Club 'ESCAPE', launching September 2017. More information will follow as soon as we can.

We are delighted that our pupil numbers have now increased to 80, and plans are in place to support further growth to ensure that the school thrives going forward. As part of this development, we are implementing a wider timetable of after school activities for the children to enjoy and hope that this provision will support increasing pupil numbers.

Safety

Bearing this in mind, we would like to ensure the school stays a safe and tidy place for our children. At the moment, we are experiencing a great deal of children bringing to school big rucksacks, which take up a lot of room on their pegs or are being left on the floor in the corridor.

From September 2017, all children from Nursery to Year 4 will need to have a **Barnby & North Cove School Bookbag**, which are not as cumbersome as a rucksack. **Years 5 & 6 will need to use flat backpacks**, which are more structured than rucksacks. Whilst this solves the issue of space, it also allows your child's work to remain neat and not get crunched up at the bottom of their bag; bookbags can be purchased from the School Office for £4.50.

Playbarn Safety


We are also increasingly concerned that children are climbing on top of the playbarn and jumping off it. Please ensure that when dropping off or collecting your child(ren), they are supervised and do not climb on or jump off the playbarn.

Class Topics

This term our class topics are as follows:-

- Oak Class – The Seaside
- Willow Class – The North Pole
- Chestnut Class – Famous Political Figures & The Iron Age

Please do try to engage with your child about their topic, you can visit the library, read books and join them in researching online. Oak Class will be visiting Southwold School and Seaside, and further details will follow shortly.



Please visit our website at:
www.barnbynorthcove.suffolk.sch.uk

Warmer Days and School Uniform

Now the days are becoming warmer, your child may wish to wear our summer uniform which is a light blue gingham dress or tailored dark grey shorts; open toed sandals or Crocs are not permitted. Please can all jumpers and cardigans be named, as the children have a habit of taking them off and leaving them around the school!

Accessories

Please may we remind parents that girls should only wear grey tights or white socks; hair accessories should be small, with no large bows or flowers please.

Belongings

Please ensure that your child(ren) do not bring in personal belongings which may be lost or broken and can we remind parents that phones should not be brought into school. If it is essential to bring in a phone, they should be handed in on arrival at the School Office.

Nearly New Uniform Sale Rail

We appreciate that children often grow out of their school uniform well before it is past its best. We are therefore pleased to be launching a 'Nearly New' Uniform Rail *next half term*, where parents are able to bring in any clean uniform, which is in good condition, for re-sale. Please present this on a clothes hangar to the School Office with an envelope attached with your name and price; a purchaser can then place the money inside the envelope which the School Office will forward to you. If any garments are received without a price or envelope attached, any re-sale donations will go towards the school income.

Mrs Hunter
£1.00

Abandoned Lunch Boxes & Lost Property

We are experiencing a lot of left lunch boxes at the end of the day and each week on the trolley. If your child brings in a packed lunch, please ensure that they bring it home with them. Once again, our lost property box is overflowing! Please come in and check to whether any of the items belong to your child; lost property which is in school for a long period will go on the Nearly New Rail for re-sale.

PE Kits

We are having a lot of children borrowing PE Kit and do not have the space to store a great selection. Your child's PE Kit should be in school everyday, not just brought in on their specific PE day. PE Kits do not get too dirty and smelly, so it is a good idea to leave the kit in school for the whole half term. We would sooner the PE kit were creased, than not be in school at all. If any parent/carer is unsure of the schools current PE Kit, we have listed it below.

- **Black or Navy Shorts**
- **Light Blue Polo Shirt**
- **Black Plimsolls**
- **Tracksuit**
- **Trainers**

Drinks

All children should have a named drinks bottle in school and do ask that the children only have water in school and not squash or fruit juice. Sun hats and sun cream are essential, as the children will be outside as much as possible during the summer months.

Summer Swimming

Year 2, 3 & 4 will be starting their weekly summer swimming lessons from **Thursday 8th June at Beccles Lido, up to 13th July**. The children will need to bring in a towel and swimming costume or shorts, not bikinis or baggy Bermuda shorts please. Please also apply sun cream to your children before school and ensure they have a bottle of named sun cream to reapply themselves.

SATs

All our children are working very hard preparing for their forthcoming SATs. Mr Vaughan would especially like to congratulate his Year 6 children who have shown real dedication to their studying by attending SATs club on a Wednesday after school. The Year 6 SATs will be taking place **week commencing 8th May**. The children will have a test every morning that week, apart from Friday, so we kindly ask you not to come into school that week if you can avoid it, and to be as quiet as possible if you really need to.

So that the children have the best start to the day that week, Mr Vaughan would like to offer the Year 6 children an opportunity to attend a special **SATs Breakfast Club**, where the children will have the opportunity to have a nutritious breakfast and to start the day on a fun note with their friends. There will be no fee for the breakfast club which will be held in the Resource Room from **8:15am**. As in previous years, Mrs Hogg will prepare a **SATs Buffet Lunch on Friday 12th May** at the normal price of £2.30. **Please note that Wednesday 3rd May will be the last After School SATs Club.**

Residentials

We have two very exciting residential visits coming up, **Aylmerton Study Centre for Year 5 & 6 and Eaton Vale for Year 4** children. An information meeting for both visits will be held in June and are on your 'Dates for your Diary' page. This meeting will give parents, carers and children an opportunity to find out the finer details of the visits and to raise any questions or worries you or your child may have. Please make sure that all payments are up to date, if you are unsure of the amount you have left to pay, or have any issues about making any of the payments, please speak to the School Office.

Educational Visits

This year, our whole school end of year educational visit will be to **Benace Estate** where the children will be involved in a number of different activities that have been organized for them by the Estate. The date of this visit is on 'Dates for your Diary' page and we are sure it will be super day out; more information will follow.

Share Afternoon

Weather permitting, this terms Share Afternoon will be **'Outdoor Adventure'**. The afternoon will start at 1:30p.m. and activities will include pond dipping, den building, flower pressing and some fun summer family games organized by Mr Cooper from Premier Sports. From 3:00p.m, we are planning a game of **'Family Rounders'** on the school field, followed by refreshments and sizzling Hot Dogs from the Bar-B-Q! We really hope that this will be something our children, families and staff can enjoy together, so please bring your trainers!

After School Clubs

With our growing school, we are delighted to announce a **new and improved After School Club Timetable** which will be issued over the next few weeks. We are very conscious that with the popularity of our Clubs, we are not always able to offer all children a place and hope that with the increased number of clubs, most children who wish to join in will have an opportunity to participate in something. We are aiming to offer at least two Clubs each evening and some days we will have three! I would like to thank our fantastic staff who have agreed to support our extra curriculum activities.

A ParentMail Form will be sent out in the next couple of weeks with next half terms After School Clubs and Timetable. You will be pleased to know that **ALL** clubs will finish at **4:00p.m. every day, and will operate on all school days**, other than in unforeseen circumstances or for parents evenings etc.

To participate in Clubs, your child must have the correct P.E. Kit or clothing, or you will be asked to collect them.

ESCape Club

Our new Extended School Club (ESCape) will be launched from September 2017, offering supervised and fun provision for the children up to **6:00p.m** and will operate on **all school days**. Further information regarding 'ESCape' will follow in due course and we again hope that parents will benefit from the additional provision which the school will offer from **8:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. every school day**.

Sports Tournaments

Well done to all the children that took part in the Cross Country this week, and the 7-Side Football and Skittleball tournaments last half term. These tournaments are a great way for our children to gain some competitive experience, work as a team and to meet other children from local primary schools.

We have a number of other tournaments coming up before the end of summer term, including ***Gymnastics, Rounders and a Swimming Gala***. The school aims to involve all year groups and children in as many as tournaments as possible, so if your child has not taken part in a tournament yet, they hopefully will do soon.

School Lunches

Hopefully, you should have all received a copy of our new lunch, pick and mix and snack menus, and the children are enjoying their lunch options. Please do take advantage of the Universal Free School Meals that the Government offer to children up to the end of Year 2. If you think you may be entitled to claim Free School Meals, please check online at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals; this is completely confidential and enables the school to offer additional support and resources, as well as subsidized trips and help with uniform costs etc.

Hedgehogs Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is proving very popular with children and parents and we now have **26 children** using it. Breakfast Club can be used on a regular basis or as a one off; if you do require this facility, please pick up an application pack from the School Office and return along with payment. Mrs Davidson would like to tell parents how much she enjoys supervising the children, how well behaved the children are and she hopes they enjoy it has much as she does!

PTFA Events

The PTFA are busy organizing lots of exciting things over this term including ***2 Discos, a Quiz and the Summer BBQ!*** If you are able to help at any of the events, or have any suggestions, please speak to a member of the PTFA or the School Office. Alternatively, we really hope to see lots of families join us, as they are great ways to catch up with friends, make new ones, as well as raising valuable additional funds for the school.

Parking

As part of the conversion, Consortium MAT are looking at infrastructure for the school and parking will be considered as part of this review. Parking is always an issue around schools and Barnby is no exception; there have unfortunately been several complaints made to the school and local parish by residents, and we would ask all parents, carers and staff to park considerately, not to block driveways, dropped kerbs or park over white lines at any time, and avoid parking on verges where possible. The Garden Centre is always happy for parents to park there for short durations at drop offs and collections.

Academy Developments

With the approaching academy conversion and ongoing improvements and developments, we hope that you and the children are excited and reassured that the school is continuing to grow from strength to strength, and that through the ongoing commitment of our dedicated and hard-working staff and volunteers, our pupils and school will continue to flourish.

Where together excellence and pupils thrive.

Kind regards,

Miss Pope

Senior Teacher



Dates for your Diaries

DATE	EVENT	CLASS	TIME
Saturday 29th April – Monday 1st May	North Cove Flower Festival	All Welcome	Church Open
Wednesday 3 rd May	Kwik Cricket Tournament	Year 3	1.00pm-2.50pm
Wednesday 3rd May	LAST SATs CLUB TODAY		
Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th May	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 Only	N/A
Friday 12 th May	SATs Lunch	Year 6 Only	N/A
	PFTA Quiz Night	All welcome	6.15pm
Monday 15 th May	PTFA Disco	Whole School	3.15pm-4.45pm
Monday 15th May	NO CLUBS TODAY		
Wednesday 24 th & Thursday 25 th May	Bikeability more information to follow	Year 5	All Day
Friday 26 th May	Share Afternoon	All Welcome	1.30pm-3.00pm
	Family Rounders Match		3.00pm-4.00pm
	Year 2	SATs Lunch	Year 2
Friday 26th May	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM		
Monday 29th May	START OF HALF TERM HOLIDAYS		
Monday 5th June	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL		
Wednesday 7 th June	Whole School & Leavers Photographs	Whole School	1.00pm
Thursday 8 th June – Thursday 13 th July	Swimming at the Beccles Lido Every Thursday	Years 2, 3 & 4	1.30pm-2.30pm
Thursday 8 th June	Aylmerton Parents Meeting	Years 5 & 6	3.05pm
Wednesday 14 th June	Benacre School Trip	Whole school	All Day
	Sir John Leman Awards Ceremony	Singing Club Choir and Award Children	TBC
Tuesday 20 th June	Eaton Vale Parents Meeting	Year 4	3.05pm
Friday 23 rd June	JRSO Awards at Ipswich	JRS Officers	Morning
Monday 26 th June – Wednesday 8 th June	Aylmerton Field Study Centre Residential	Years 5 & 6	3 days
Saturday 1 st July	PTFA Summer BBQ	All Welcome	Afternoon
Tuesday 4 th July – Wednesday 5 th July	Eaton vale Residential	Year 4	2 days
Friday 7 th July	Sports Day	Whole School	1.00pm-3.00pm
Thursday 13th July	LAST SWIMMING TODAY		
Friday 14 th July	Latitude	Year 6	All Day
Monday 17 th July	PTFA Summer Disco	Whole School	3.15pm-4.45pm
Monday 17th July	NO CLUBS TODAY		
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	All Welcome	1.30pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 19 th July – Friday 21 st July	Sir John Leman High School Transition Days	Year 6	TBC
Friday 21st July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM		
Monday 24th July	START OF SUMMER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 5th September	START OF AUTUMN TERM - PD DAY		
Tuesday 6th September	PD DAY		
Wednesday 7th September	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL		