



BARROW 1618

A Church of England Free School



It is with great pleasure that I

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extend a warm welcome back to all of you for the start of our new academic year. It was a magical moment to see all the children arrive to school yesterday looking smart and feeling optimistic and excited about the day. As I walked around the school, there was a buzz of activity as the children settled into their new classes. Particular well done to everyone who spent their first ever day as a Barrow pupil yesterday—it is our pleasure to have you with us.

A lot of work

has been undertaken around the school site over the summer holidays. Our new grounds keeping provider has done a sterling job to ensure our fields, trees and hedges are looking their best, our caretaker Mr Partridge has painted and varnished several of the external doors and frames and carried out a great deal of maintenance both inside and out. Mrs Swankie has been maintaining the school's growing areas, essential repair work to the Oak Tree Class tiled roof was completed and newly fabricated steps have been installed to the nursery entrance to replace the wooden ones that needed replacing. Inside the classrooms and communal areas, a 'deep clean' was carried out and school staff have been working tirelessly to create exciting and useful new displays and make sure all our resources are in order and ready for use. A big thanks to everyone who has contributed to preparations for the year—we're very lucky to have such a beautiful place to work and learn.



On the subject of the school grounds, we are now producing plenty of fresh vegetables and herbs that are being used by the school kitchen for our children to enjoy. On some Wednesdays, at the end of the day, a small number of boxes of surplus fresh produce will be on sale on the playground on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring along some money to purchase if you'd care to. All proceeds will go straight back to developing the growing area. Thanks!



For those who are new to the school and as a reminder to everyone, our car park operates a 'one way system' during morning and afternoon drop off and pick up. Unless you are using the overflow car park, when you enter the school site from the road please proceed ahead through the open green gates and continue clockwise until you

locate a parking space. To exit, continue clockwise through the other green gates and out the way you entered. To improve visibility, please reverse park where possible to ensure you can see our pupils clearly when departing. Thanks for your courteous and safe use of this facility.

Friday Celebration Assemblies will recommence next Friday, 15th September. You are warmly invited to join us for some or all of the assemblies at 3:00pm in the school hall, hosted by each of our classes on the following rotation:

15th September: Oak Tree Class

22nd September: Yew Tree Class

29th September: Elm Tree Class

6th October: Ash Tree Class

13th October: Oak Tree Class

20th October: Yew Tree Class

You are also invited to our informal 'open afternoon' on Wednesday 27th September between 3:30pm and 5:00pm, when you'll be welcome to return into school with your child(ren) to tour their classroom, look through the first few pieces of work in their books and chat informally with the class teacher. We hope you can join us.

Have you changed your address? Got a new phone number? Changed GP? Have your child's medical needs changed? We need your help to keep our records up to date. Please inform the office if you wish to check or amend any of the important information we hold about your child. Thank you, in advance!