



SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Welcome back to the autumn term and a very warm welcome to all our new families. It saddens us all that we have not seen more normality on our return to school but looking out at the children playing they all seem very happy and settled which is the main thing. It is lovely to have school busy again.

The children are all working on a two-week 'settling back in' topic before we begin the catch-up programme, which we have planned following the extended absence from school for many of the children. In a few weeks time, as part of the catch-up programme you will start to see homework and reading books coming home. All work coming home will leave school on a Monday and must be returned each Friday. Returning work and books each Friday will allow us to isolate them for at least 48 hours (as per the government guidelines) before redistribution or marking the following Monday. It would be a massive help to the whole school if everyone can remember to return everything each Friday please.

The one-way system appears to be working well, please remember you have 20 minutes to drop off and another 20 minutes to pick up. I have noticed a long queue at the gate at 8.40am and 3pm. If you arrive at school 10 minutes later, but still within the 20 minutes you will find site much quieter. I am very interested in your views on what you think is working well and what we might need to look at again to ensure safety for everyone whilst on the school site. Please drop me an email if you have any feedback - headteacher@barlby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any problems, concerns or queries. Your class teacher should always be your first point of contact. we will endeavour to keep you updated as we move through these 'different' times but if you think we have missed something please just let us know.

Kind regards
Mrs J Baker
Head Teacher

Parents Evening

A letter will be coming home shortly regarding Parents Evening. This half term these will be done via the telephone.

Break time snacks - must be fruit or something healthy.

Jeans for Genes Day Friday 18th September 2020

Children can come to school wearing non-uniform on the bottom half (preferably jeans) but School uniform **MUST** be worn on the top half. School shoes do not have to be worn. Any donations for this charity can be handed to their class teacher.

Parking - Please be aware that the school car park is for staff only. When parking on the street, please be aware of the childrens safety.

Internet safety

Do you know what your child is accessing on the internet?
Do you know the age limits for social media sites?

We are hearing more and more about our children seeing things they are too young to experience on the internet - Tictoc, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Roblox. ALL our children in school are too young to have access to any of these sites by law. Please be vigilant and monitor your child's internet use, you wouldn't let your child talk to a stranger in the street but many of our children tell us they chat online to people they do not know. Please talk to your child about keeping safe online on a regular basis. If you need some support with this chat please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lane or Mrs Morgan in school.

If we have individual concerns about your child, we will contact you directly. We have added a number of Online Safety leaflets to our website (Under Parents/Carers) which may be useful for parents to read.

DATES FOR DIARY

Friday 18th September	Jeans for Genes Day
21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd & 24th September	Year 6 Bike Ability
5 th October	Parents evening
8 th October	Parents evening

School photographs

Unfortunately, there will be individual school photographs this term, we are hoping to be able to book the photographer later in the year.

Risk Assessment

Our Covid 19 risk assessment can be found on the school website.

Bikes and scooters

Bikes and scooters must not be left on the school site during the day. If you wish to allow your child to ride to school, they must dismount at the gate and the parents must push the bike / scooter around the one-way system and take it home. We do not have facilities to store bikes/scooters near each classroom and due to the one-way system pupils cannot get back to the bike racks at the end of the school day to collect their bikes. Thank you for your support with this. We hope it will be short term. The only exception to this rule will be for the next few weeks whilst the year 6 pupils complete their bike ability programme. Year 6 bringing their bikes to school will be allocated a storage space by their class teacher.

Symptoms

If your child shows any symptoms of Covid 19 they must stay away from school and we strongly encourage you to get them tested. We really appreciate the families who have considered the whole school community at the start of term and kept their child at home. For your information - we currently have 16 children in isolation, none have tested positive and only two are displaying symptoms themselves, the rest have been in contact with someone with symptoms.

To book a test or order a home kit please go to - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If your child does need to isolate, work will be provided within 2 school days for them to complete at home.

Polite reminders

- children should have everything they need for the day in one bag please and limit what they bring to school to absolute necessity
- water bottles need to be named and large enough to last your child the full day, including lunch
- if you wish to speak to a member of staff please use the telephone or email in the first instance
- classroom windows will stay open until the guidelines change, please ensure your child has a navy-blue school jumper / cardigan in school everyday
 - do not enter the school site before 8.40am or 3pm
- if you need to fill in holiday forms please try and email them to school rather than use a paper copy. Electronic forms can be emailed to you on request or found on the school website.
 - Please try and use parent pay for all money

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2019/2020

	SCHOOL CLOSSES	SCHOOL OPENS
October Half Term	Fri 23 rd Oct 2020	Mon 2 nd Nov 2020
Christmas Holidays	Fri 18 th Dec 2020	Mon 4 th Jan 2021
February Half Term	Fri 12 th Feb 2021	Mon 22 nd Feb 2021
Easter Holidays	Fri 26 th March 2021	Mon 12 th April 2021
May Day 2021	Mon 3 rd May 2021	
May Half Term	Fri 28 th May 2021	Mon 7 th June 2021
Summer Holidays	Fri 23 rd July 2021	

TRAINING DAYS 2020/2021 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2020

MONDAY 8TH MARCH 2021

MONDAY 21ST JUNE 2021

MONDAY 26TH JULY 2021

Please note that our training days are different to the standard North Yorkshire County Council advertised dates