



## Newsletter

February  
2020

Here we are at the end of a busy term and half way through our academic year already! The children have had a wonderful term and achieved so many new things.

The children have had visits from exciting creatures, visited forest schools and taken part in local sporting competitions. Well done everyone.

### Consultation Evenings

Spring Term Consultation Evenings will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. These evenings will begin at 4.00 pm and parents will be able to enter school from 3.45pm via the main entrance. Interim reports and next step targets will be shared during the meetings with staff and appointments are limited to 5-10 minutes.

May I remind parents that teacher-parent consultation evenings provide an opportunity for parents to speak openly with staff about their child in school, their current progress and

future targets. **Children should not attend the consultation**, but if this is unavoidable children must be carefully supervised by parents at all times.

Working in partnership with school is the most effective way to support your child's attainment and progress and ensure they achieve their potential. We strongly urge all parents to attend consultation during the scheduled evenings and we look forward to seeing you.

### Building Work and Parking

Over the half term period work will take place at the school entrance gates adjacent to the staff car park. This will result in a redirected entrance to the school office and the installation of fencing next to the roundabout. This is intended to prevent car parking in this area and will ensure the children cannot access the road area when leaving the premises.

Please can I request that parents do not to park in this roundabout area (even for dropping off for breakfast and after school club). Road markings in this area demarcate a no stop zone and it is an offence to do so. Irresponsible parking causes obstructions on Lamb Lane and makes the area dangerous for our children – please help us to keep them safe.

### Social Media

We are increasingly using social media here at Barley Fields to celebrate the achievements of



our children and to promote activities that we are proud of in school. We now have active Twitter and Facebook accounts and, in addition, we use our school website, Marvellous Me and internal information screen.

There are many positive reason to support the use of social media in the school. Including:

- Celebrating children's work and achievements
- Promoting our school and its ethos
- Sharing our school vision and achievements in the wider community.
- Providing real opportunities for children to learn about the pros and cons of social media and the issues that surround it.

Please take time to look out for and like our posts and tweets by following @BarleyPrimary on Twitter and Barley Fields Primary School on Facebook

### Statutory Assessment Tests

Children in Y2 and Y6 will complete their SATs in the week beginning **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020**. It is essential that all children attend school during this week.



Children in Y1 will complete the phonics check in the week beginning **8<sup>th</sup> June**. Foundation Stage Profile Assessment will be completed by staff during the summer term for Reception

children – this will not be administered as a test but is part of ongoing assessment.

### Attendance

Our current whole school attendance rate is 96.5% and many classes have received rewards for 100% weekly attendance – thank you for your support.

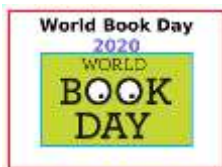


The class with the highest attendance is Mrs Brand's class in Year 2 with an attendance of 99.2%! Well done everyone.

May I remind parents that leave of absence requests will only be authorised by the school in very exceptional circumstances as outlined in the school attendance policy (available on the website or in the school entrance). All other requests will be categorised as unauthorised, in line with school policy.

### World book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day in school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. This year we are going to combine our celebration of books and reading with our support of UNICEF. We are holding a book sale during the school day and children are welcome to come along and buy a book. After half term we will welcome



any donations of good quality children's books in school to sell. We will then organise the sale during World Book Day and all proceeds will be sent to UNICEF to buy books for children around the world.

### School Term Dates

We will return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8.55am.

#### PD Days 2019-20

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**School will be closed to children on these dates.**

For a full list of school holiday dates please see: <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1958699/school-term-and-holiday-dates-academic-year-2019-20-updated-june-2019.pdf> for a full list of the 2019-20 term dates.

### Marvellous Me!

Marvellous me is our preferred method of parental communication supporting the school ecological intention to becoming paper free. Please ensure that you have installed the app and can access information sent in this way. If you have any issues please contact the school office who will be happy to help or see the attached update regarding marvellous me.



**IMPORTANT UPDATE**

Please update your app to the latest version of MarvellousMe. It delivers new features, improvements and a notification overhaul.

- To get device notifications, please toggle the device notifications switch 'Off' and back 'On' again. Even if it shows as 'On', you must toggle it 'Off' and 'On' once to activate your device for the new notification system.
- See everything sent from the school in 'News'. Filter, sort, star!

Get Alerts

See all News

Opening attachments with latest iOS

Have a lovely half term and we will see you on the 24<sup>th</sup>!

Love  
Mrs Taylor