



Newsletter

8th September
2023



Welcome back everyone!

It has been wonderful to have everyone back in school this week and to see how much the children have grown over the summer holidays. The children look amazing in their school uniform and their behaviour and manners are impeccable, as always.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is worn by children from N to Y6. Our children are proud to belong to the school community and value the identity the uniform provides.

The uniform is intended to be smart, practical and economical and adds to the sense of family and belonging we have in our school. We expect all children to be neat and tidy and to take pride in their appearance.

Our uniform consists of:

- Navy blue jumper, tank top or cardigan embroidered with the school logo;
- Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers;
- White shirt/blouse;
- School tie, navy blue and red;
- School fleeces/raincoats embroidered with the school logo;
- Flat, black sensible shoes (preferably with Velcro fastenings for younger children).

Trainers and open toed/heeled sandals are **NOT** allowed.

- Red gingham summer dresses or shorts may be worn during the summer term/first part of autumn term.
- Jewellery is not permitted.
- Children's hair should be their natural colour and not an extreme style/cut.

Key items of school uniform such as jumpers and cardigans are available from our preloved uniform shop or school uniform suppliers. We will be sending information about our uniform shop and online enquiry system next week.



P.E.

All children are expected to participate in 2 hours of physical activity each week.

Children will only be excused from PE if a written note from a parent is received in school stating the reason why they must be excused and duration of the illness. If a reason for non-participation is for a period of more than 2 weeks, medical information or advice must be provided to school.

Children must wear their school PE kit on the allocated PE days and class teachers will inform you of this via Marvellous Me and Facebook. We have tried to minimise day changes as much as possible but part of our curriculum is delivered by specialist coaches and teachers at particular points in the academic year and their visits to school may be on different dates and necessitate some changes. Staff will keep you informed of this on a term by term basis and we will publish PE days at the start of each half term.

It is vitally important that as children wear PE kit to school for a full day and they must wear our school P.E. kit which consists of:

- Navy tracksuit (jogging bottoms and sweatshirt/zip up top)
- White t-shirt/polo shirt,
- Navy shorts
- Trainers

If children do not wear the appropriate kit a spare school set may be allocated to them on PE days. Sportswear such as football tops etc is not permitted.

Our policy is no jewellery in school but I am aware that some children do wear earrings. These must be removed on PE days or covered with tape/plasters. Children should be responsible for managing this task independently.



School entry and exit times

The school Playground gates will be opened for entry onto the premises at **8.30am**

The school teaching day officially begins at **8.45am**.
Children should be in school at this time.

The outer Key Stage doors will open at **8.40am** for a flexible entry and children will be expected to come straight into school and engage with their morning learning. This early morning learning is an important part of the school day and is a planned teaching lesson used to allow children to revisit and recall prior learning. Teachers lead these sessions as children enter school and use the time to effectively

prepare children for the day's learning and to deliver one to one support if needed.

The exterior key stage doors will close at **8.55am** and once the doors are closed entry will need to be made via the main school entrance. Children who arrive after 9.00am will be allocated a late mark and the period of time missed will be added to the school register. This will be monitored by our attendance officer.

School Exit

Doors will be opened by teachers at **3.15pm**. Parents should stand near classroom exits and teachers will hand over children directly to adults.

Children in Year 5 and 6 only are permitted to walk home unaccompanied but parents must give permission for this. Parents of children in this key stage have received additional information regarding this.



Marvellous Me!

The Marvellous Me! Communication platform continues to be a huge success and has been updated this week. All letters and messages will be sent using this system and we will be improving our use of it to celebrate and share children's achievements during the school day.

If you haven't yet signed up to Marvellous Me! or have any difficulties accessing it, please contact the school office and we will ensure that your individual log on details and guidance on downloading the app are sent out to you.

Lunchtime Arrangements

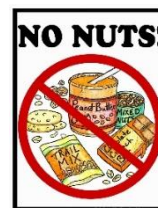
The cost of school lunches is £11.00 per week, which should be paid via ParentPay. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are part of the Universal Free

School Meals programme and are entitled to a free meal each day. If your child recently moved into Y3 and stays for school lunch, please remember to access this, as they now need to pay.

Can I remind parents that if you are eligible for free school meals, it is important that you let the school know as it allows us to claim additional Pupil Premium Funding on your child's behalf. As a school, we use this funding to improve the quality of education and to ensure all children have the opportunity to participate fully in school activities. Further details on this funding and parental eligibility can be obtained from the school website or you can contact a member of the office staff. All enquires will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Packed Lunches

For children who are bringing a packed lunch to school, we have a policy outlining our expectations for the content of lunchboxes on the school website. We have several children in school who have severe nut allergies and request that parents do not include nuts or any nut-based products in packed lunches.



Children must also bring their own drink (not fizzy) and a spoon for yoghurt or jelly. Staff based in the dining hall will monitor children on packed lunches and will encourage them to eat all items provided – please only add to a lunchbox the food you expect your child to eat.

Fruit

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a piece of fruit each day. Children in other year groups are permitted to bring in a healthy snack to eat at playtime. This must be a piece of fruit or a similar option. Please ensure that fruit such as

grapes are cut into small pieces and not sent in whole as they are a choking hazard. We do not allow biscuits, crisps or chocolate for a breacktime snack.

School Playground Safety

Please ensure children are fully supervised on the yard at all times. In the interest of safety children are **not permitted to use the Timber Trail or climbing equipment** on the yard before or after school. I would also like to remind everyone that bikes and scooters should not be used on the school playgrounds and children should walk with them once on school site.



Nursery admission

This week we welcomed lots of new children into school but we still have some places left in our nursery provision for children who turned three before 1st September 2023. If you are aware of anyone who is looking for a nursery place, please ask them to contact the school office for details.

We will be reviewing nursery and allocating places to children who may turn three this term in October.

And Finally,

It has been a very busy and enjoyable week. It has been a pleasure to see the children again and hear about their summer adventures – although some children have grown so much they are almost unrecognisable!

We are looking forward to yet another year with our amazing Barley Fields Family.

Have a lovely weekend everyone

Mrs Taylor
Head Teacher

