



## Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup>

September

2023

helping out at school discos, Christmas fayres and preloved uniform. We are also looking into some new ideas for this academic year. We are holding a meeting for new members on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am. Please come along and join us for tea and biscuits and hear all about how you can get involved to make our school an even better place.

### No dogs

I know that in recent months many of our families have had the addition of new gorgeous four legged friends. However, can I remind everyone that we do not permit dogs onto our school site. This includes dogs that are carried or in prams.



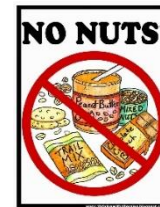
### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival this year on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. All donations can be brought into school from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. We will be using the donations to support Thornaby Foodbank – can I thank you in advance for your generosity. If every family could donate even one item, it would make a massive difference to the families that are supported by the food bank.



### 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. We have had an issue with children throwing away items from their lunchboxes unopened and so are asking all children to bring home in their lunchbox all packages and containers. Sorry if this makes a mess of lunchboxes but it the most obvious solution when supervising so many children.

### Forest school

Our forest school is an amazing facility at Barley Fields that we have invested a lot of time, energy and money into developing. Unfortunately, over the past few weeks we have had some unwelcome visitors in the area after school and sleeping there overnight, drinking and smoking. Before children access the area staff always complete a full perimeter and area check but can I ask that if you hear or see anyone onsite after hours you contact the local police immediately. Thank you

### PTA Friends of Barley Fields

We are looking to relaunch our school PTA organisation this academic year. This is a group of parents who support our school by organising a range of community and fundraising events across the year. We are desperately in need of new volunteers. Being part of the PTA involves a small time commitment for activities such as preparing and

Join the PTA!



### Outdoor Equipment

I am sure you have seen our amazing new outdoor classroom and seating area recently installed by Newby Leisure. We can't wait to access it but have taken the decision to delay opening it for a couple of weeks to allow the turf that has been laid chance to settle. We should have a grand opening at the start of October.

Please do not allow your children to use the equipment on the playground or nursery garden

at the start and end of the day. This is due to Safeguarding and insurance arrangements and especially includes the Timber trail area. We have recently replaced the timber trail edging which is easily damaged when children walk and balance around it. Please supervise your child in this area and do not allow them to do this.

I would also like to remind everyone that bikes and scooters should not be used on the school playgrounds.

### Attendance

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 and the school attendance policy followed which may include the issuing of fixed penalty notices. Details of this are on the school website.

### Diary Dates – Autumn 2023

**20.9.23** New Friends of Barley Fields Launch 9.00am Everyone welcome.

**4.10.23** Harvest Festival

**24.10.23** KS1 Halloween Disco 4.30-5.30pm

**25.10.23** LKS2 Halloween Disco 4.30-5.30pm



**25.10.23** UKS2 Halloween Disco 5.45-6.45pm

**26.10.23** Y6 Campfire Stories Night 5.00-6.00pm

### 27.10.23 Break Up for Half Term

#### 6.11.23 Return to School

6.11.23 KS1 Bedtime Stories Event 5.00pm

9.11.23 Open Afternoon for parents 2.00pm – 4.30pm

**13th – 15<sup>th</sup> November** Parent Consultation on Parent Cloud

20.11.23 Early Years Open Evening for new and prospective parents in 2024

22.11.23 PTA Christmas Faye 3.30-5.30pm

4.12.23 Christmas Jumper day – wear your Christmas jumper to school for £1 donation to our school Christmas activities



4.12.23 EY Reception Christmas Performance Mrs Allan 10am

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5.12.23 EY Reception Christmas Performance Mrs Flores 10am

5.12.23 School Reindeer Run in aid of Teesside Hospice

6.12.23 Y2 Christmas Performance 5.00pm

6.12.23 Y2 Christmas Performance 9.30am

12.12.23 Y4 Christmas Performance 5.30pm

13.12.23 Y4 Christmas Production 9.30am

15.12.23 School Christmas Lunch

19.12.23 Y6 Christmas Performance 5.30pm

20.12.23 Y6 Christmas production 9.30am

21.12.23 Christmas Party Afternoon

22.12.23 Crazy Christmas Dress Up Day

### 22.12.23 Break Up for Christmas Holiday

#### PD Days 2023-24

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

School will be closed to children on these dates.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Taylor  
Head Teacher

