

Barnfield News

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This month we are celebrating diversity and Black History Month. It is important we celebrate and learn about diversity throughout our whole curriculum and not just one month of the year. We are committed at Barnfield to ensuring our children and community are reflected in our classroom environments and teaching. Please talk to your child about their learning. We hope you are able to have some really meaningful conversations over the next few weeks.



Virtual Parents Evening



We are currently in the process of setting up our virtual Parents evening for all classes.

This year, due to social distancing, our parents evening will be online. You will still have the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher about how they have settled back into school, their learning and how we can best work together to help your child be the best they can. Please can all families make sure they have completed the key information sheet so we have your correct details and can make contact to arrange an appointment.



Our home time arrangements



As part of our Risk Assessment there are a number of things which are different this year at home time.

- Only year 6 can walk home on their own. The children are escorted by a member of staff at 3.15pm so we know they have left safely. We do not have the capacity to allow Y5 pupils to safely leave school on their own.
- Older siblings are unable to walk through the school to meet an adult in the Infant playground. Again, with lots of adults on site, this can not be done safely.
- Parents / carers should collect their child from the classroom and not ask a friend to do this. We are not adhering to social distancing if parents are waiting outside the school whilst someone else collects their child.

Whilst we appreciate these arrangements are more time consuming, everything we are doing is to make sure our school is as safe as possible. With infection rates rising in London we all need to do our part. We ask that you continue to work with us.

In the event of an emergency, please contact the school office by 2.30pm.

Homework



Please can we remind families about the importance of homework. Children are expected to complete their weekly homework tasks set by their teacher. As explained this week, all recorded work is via Google Classroom. This is to help children and families become more confident with our 'blended' learning approach which is a Government directive.

Please let your child's teacher know if you are experiencing problems turning your child's work in.



Helping with extra learning



Some parents have been asking how they can help support their child at home. As well as making sure they are doing their homework we would recommend the following:

- Extra reading – reading together a variety of books.
- Talking – talking in English about new vocabulary and finding out what new words mean.
- Handwriting & Punctuation – making sure children understand when basic punctuation should be used.
- Spellings – recapping previous spellings at home.

New Curriculum Spelling Lists Years 1 and 2

the	come	go	mind	clothes	past	sugar
a	some	so	floor	cold	father	could
do	one	by	because	gold	class	would
to	once	my	kind	hold	water	sure
today	ask	here	behind	told	again	eye
of	friend	there	whole	every	grass	should
said	school	where	any	great	pass	who
says	put	love	child	break	plant	Mr
your	are	push	wild	steak	path	Mrs
they	were	pull	most	busy	bath	parents
be	was	full	both	people	hour	Christmas
he	is	house	children	pretty	move	everybody
me	his	our	climb	beautiful	prove	even
she	has	door	only	after	half	
we	I	poor	old	fast	money	
no	you	find	many	last	improve	

New Curriculum Spelling List Years 3 and 4



accident	century	experiment	interest	particular	remember
accidentally	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
actual	circle	famous	knowledge	perhaps	separate
actually	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
address	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forwards	library	possess	strength
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	suppose
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	surprise
believe	different	group	mention	potatoes	therefore
bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	though
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	although
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	thought
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	through
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	various
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	weight
calendar	enough	imagine	often	recent	woman
caught	exercise	increase	opposite	regular	women
centre	experience	important	ordinary	reign	

New Curriculum Spelling List Years 5 and 6



accommodate	communicate	equip	immediately	physical	sincerely
accompany	community	equipped	individual	prejudice	soldier
according	competition	equipment	interfere	privilege	stomach
achieve	conscience	especially	interrupt	profession	sufficient
aggressive	conscious	exaggerate	language	programme	suggest
amateur	controversy	excellent	leisure	pronunciation	symbol
ancient	convenience	existence	lightning	queue	system
apparent	correspond	explanation	marvellous	recognise	temperature
appreciate	criticise	familiar	mischievous	recommend	thorough
attached	curiosity	foreign	muscle	relevant	twelfth
available	definite	forty	necessary	restaurant	variety
average	desperate	frequently	neighbour	rhyme	vegetable
awkward	determined	government	nuisance	rhythm	vehicle
bargain	develop	guarantee	occupy	sacrifice	yacht
bruise	dictionary	harass	occur	secretary	
category	disastrous	hindrance	opportunity	shoulder	
cemetery	embarrass	identity	parliament	signature	
committee	environment	immediate	persuade	sincere	

Hand Sanitizer



Thank you to our families who have donated hand sanitizer to the school. It is very much appreciated. As you can imagine, we are spending a considerable amount of money on paper towels and sanitizer.

If you haven't already done so, please can you donate a bottle of sanitizer. Please ask your eldest children to bring to school.
Thank you in advance.



PE Kits



Please make sure your child wears their PE kit to school on the days they have PE and games lessons.

As the weather is turning colder, children are able to wear plain navy / black tracksuit bottoms and a plain navy / black sweat top. Their school jumper is also fine.

Please do not wear branded items or items with writing / designs.

