

BARNFIELD NEWS



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It has been another really busy half term.

Our children and staff have continued to be amazing ensuring we maintain our high expectations to be the best we can.

It's been truly wonderful talking to pupils this half term about their learning and the progress they are making.

Our half term has again been disrupted by the numerous bubble closures we have had to make but the way our children, their families and our team had responded has been amazing.

Thank you for your continued support over the half term. We hope next half term allows us to focus on our learning and provide more opportunities for the children to enjoy being pupils here at Barnfield.

We hope you have a wonderful half term break in the sunshine. We look forward to seeing our children on Tuesday 8th June.

Arbor update



We are aware that some families are still experiencing problems with Arbor although we hope this has been resolved today.

Families are now able to download Arbor through the internet browser on your phone meaning you do not need to do this on a laptop / PC.

We would strongly encourage all families to download the Arbor app and turn notifications on. Emails are sent to your Arbor inbox as well as your personal address.

If you need help with accessing Arbor please call the office and we will arrange a time for you to come in to support this. We have helped a few parents this week and it has been a very quick process.

Families who have managed to download and are using all the facilities on Arbor really like the fact you can review and change your own personal information and the fact you can pay for items all in one place.

If you are having difficulties, please persevere by watching the video we will be uploading soon and if after this you are still not able to access / receive messages, please call the school office.

Communication



We are aware that the difficulties with Arbor has caused problems for our families. We are sorry this has caused problems over the last few weeks.

Communication is key and if you have any suggestions, feedback or concerns please do speak to your child's class teacher or one of our Senior Leaders. We can only continue to further improve if we are aware of these points.

**To help with communication we will be implementing the following next half term:
Whole school letters will be uploaded to the website so they are in an accessible place. They will continue to be emailed and placed on the Arbor app.**

Introduction of a message board with key reminders.

Please look out for these and let us know any suggestions you have.



Paperless approach



Whilst we appreciate not everyone may be in favour of the paperless approach, by doing this the school is able to save over £20,000 per year on paper and photocopying costs.

This is a significant amount of money which in times of reduced funding by the Government, we really need to make as many savings as possible so we can continue to deliver a high quality education.

Our paperless approach is also our commitment to try and reduce waste in the local community and do our part to support the environment. We need to show our children the importance of taking this seriously.

Please help us by embracing this method, even if it's unfamiliar to you. We encourage our children to find solutions to problems and try new things



Farewell and thank you



Today 4R say a very sad farewell to Mr Richards.

Mr Richards has been with 4R as their class teacher since September. The children are very fond of his kind approach, witty sense of humour and the fact he cares about each individual. They have loved working with him.

We thank Mr Richards for being a wonderful asset to our team since January 2020. He will be greatly missed.

Mr Richards will still be in school after half term for two weeks working with 5S whilst Ms Simpson attends jury service.

4R and Barnfield welcome back Mrs Jayadevan from maternity leave after half term. Mrs Jayadevan is very excited to be returning and has spent some time this week getting to know the children and class. Ms Maurini and Mrs Jayadevan will work together to ensure the class continue to make great progress with their learning. Ms Maurini already has a very good understanding of the children's needs and therefore is the perfect person to work alongside Mrs Jayadevan for the final half term.



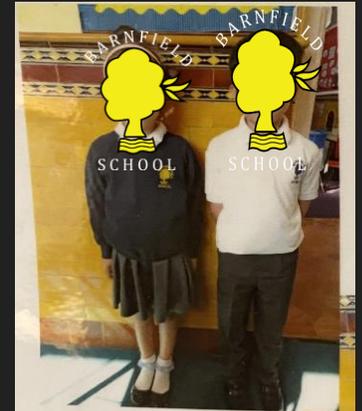
Uniform – changes to purchasing

To make things easier, families can now purchase uniform direct from our supplier via their website.

You can choose to have these items delivered to your home address or to school.

If you order items to school, these will be sent home via your eldest child. To help families, all uniform items can be purchased online from our supplier however, only the logo items need to be.

When purchasing new items for September, please remember trousers, shorts or skirts should be grey. We have been flexible with enforcing rules this year as we appreciate the difficulties families may have experienced during lockdown. However, with sufficient notice, we hope our families will work with us by ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform. Please also help us by labelling your child's items.





PE Uniform from September 2021

One Covid change we will be keeping next year is children coming to school on PE / Games days in their PE uniform.

Feedback from families, children and staff is this is something that has helped saved time in school as children have longer physical sessions, has reduced the number of missing uniform items and had meant children don't forget their PE kits.

However, to help keep our high expectations on uniform, we are introducing a PE sweater. This is exactly the same as sweater pupils in KS1 wear.

From September, children can only wear navy jogging bottoms, white PE top (logo or plain) and navy Barnfield sweater. Trainers should be white or black.

Infant (KS1) and Junior (KS2) pupils will continue to wear their current uniform on the days they do not have PE / Games

Links for Uniform



<https://www.fostersschoolwear.co.uk/>

search: Barnfield school
or direct links are

<https://www.fostersschoolwear.co.uk/shop/?school=Barnfield+School+%28Reception%2C+Year+1%2C+Year+2%29>

<https://www.fostersschoolwear.co.uk/shop/?school=Barnfield+School+%28Years+3%2C+4%2C+5+%26+6%29>

RSE



Next half term we will begin to deliver our RSE curriculum. Parents have already had the opportunity to review this in Summer term 2019 as part of the consultation process before these changes were made statutory. Due to the lockdowns, the Government delayed the formal introduction. Our curriculum has not changed much, only to reflect the new statutory changes. The overview information can all be found on the Barnfield website.

Following our recent parent zoom meeting, we are aware that some adults would like to have the opportunity to review these resources.

Families are invited to come in at the following times:

Tuesday 8th June - 9.05am – 10.00am

Tuesday 8th June – 2.00pm – 2.45pm

Wednesday 9th June– 2.00pm – 2.45pm

Wednesday 9th June– 5.00pm – 5.45pm (In the music room, please note, due to social distancing, younger children are not able to attend)

Please ensure you wear a face coverings and maintain social distancing. Please check the website for further information.

Covid Risk Assessment

Next half term we continue to keep all our measures in place. With our recent own bubble closures and mass testing, the decision has been made to keep our current guidelines in place until the end of the academic year.

We ask that you continue to wear face coverings on site and follow the one way system.

As there is still so much speculation about whether the Government will be fully unlocking on 21st June, we have made the decision not to plan for any large gatherings during the final few weeks.

With so much uncertainty, we would like to continue to focus on our pupils. This certainly isn't our ideal but larger events need more planning and without a guarantee, we would prefer to spend the time working to the needs of our pupils. We will still hold the majority of our events that we would normally do in the final weeks of the summer term but for this academic year, we will be keeping our groups small and within bubbles.

We have already started planning events for next year and we are looking forward to our community coming together again.

Positive cases over half term

If your child tests positive over the half term please notify the school ASAP by sending a message to:

07401 337566

office@Barnfield.barnetmail.net