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BARNFIELD NEWS

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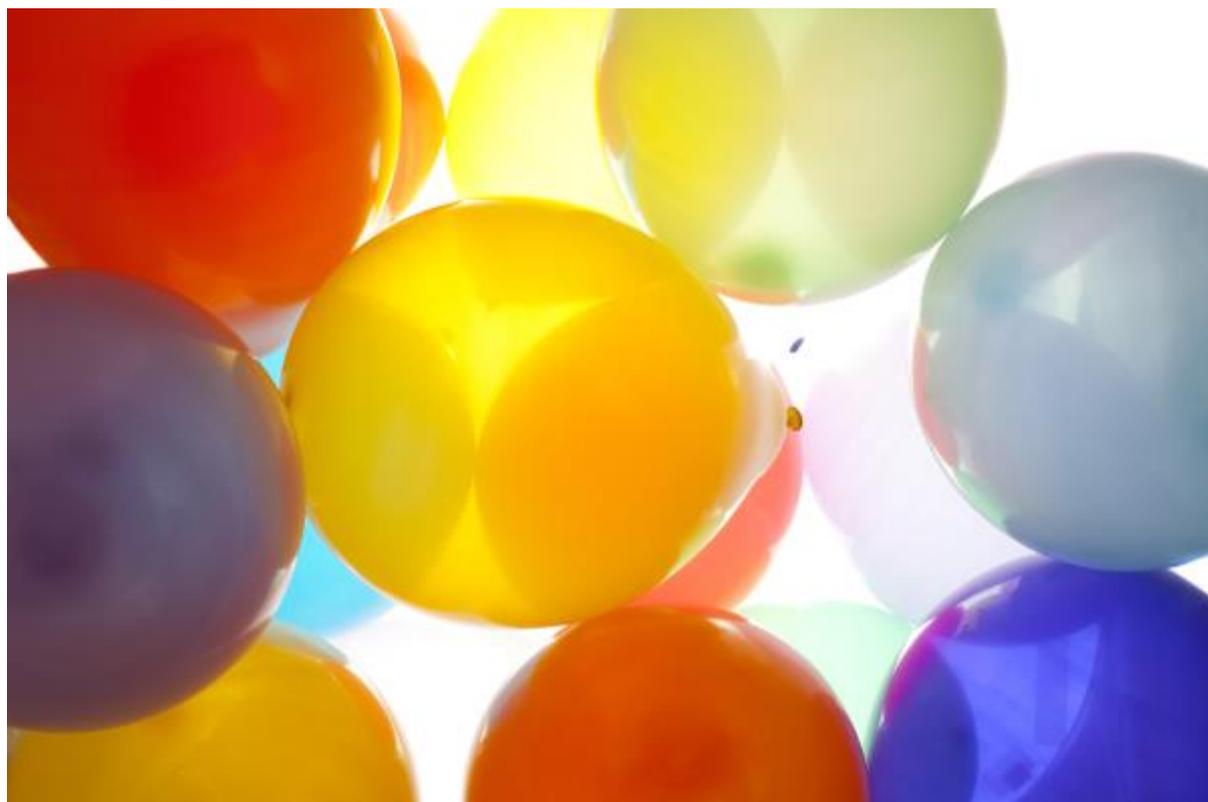
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**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

A wonderful start to the new school year



It has been truly wonderful to welcome back our pupils without the restrictions that we have had to have in place over the last 18 months. Our children have come back refreshed and looking forward to the new school year ahead. They have already started to develop great relationships with the adults they will be working with.

Since the easing of restrictions, it has meant our pupils across the phases have been able to play together, we have had our first singing assembly since February 2020 and we have been able to use the hand dryers in the toilets!

At Barnfield we want our pupils to 'Dream, Believe, Achieve' to 'be the best we can'.

To help reinforce this message, in our Junior assembly this week we spoke about 'marginal gains' and the significance of making every moment count. Emerton was our brave volunteer who was challenged to see how many skips he could do in 30 seconds. After his first attempt, he was challenged to beat his score by 1 skip. Emerton smashed this and was able to set a new personal best of 21, an increase of 3 skips. We then spoke about technique and conditions and for his third attempt, Emerton was challenged to skip 22 in 30 seconds. After a deep breath, Emerton pushed himself and set a new record of 24. The children were fabulous at encouraging him. We discussed how using the idea of marginal gains we could set ourselves small but achievable goals each week, for example reading for an extra two minutes, improving our spelling score by one more, having the confidence to share an idea in a particular lesson. We will be thinking about the different ways we encourage our pupils to be the best they can throughout the whole year.

Please talk to your child about the marginal gains they are focusing on.



Thank you



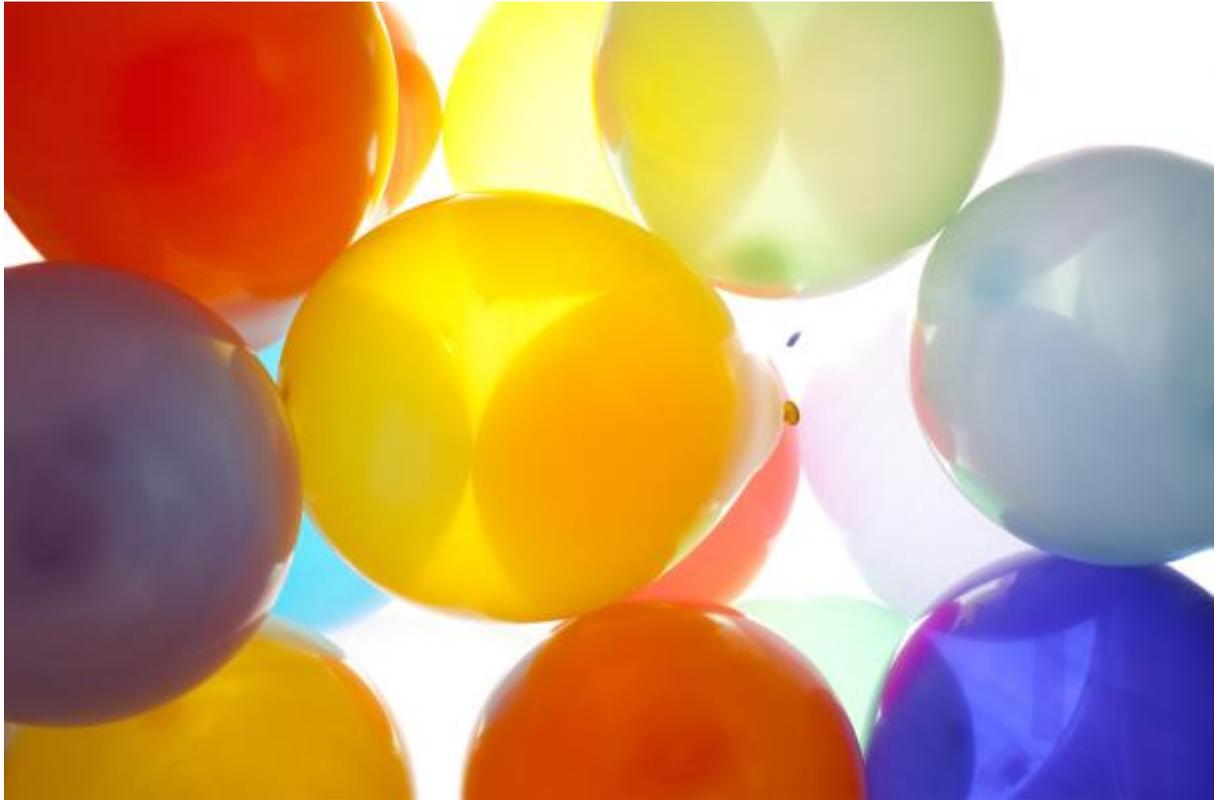
Thank you so much for your patience and flexibility since we started back at school in regards to our home time arrangements. Unfortunately, our contractors have experienced delays with the summer work and therefore we have been unable to use the Gaskarth entrance. We are hoping over the weekend the area will be completed.

For now, please continue with the arrangements we have in place.

Whilst we know it's not ideal asking adults to line up to enter the school at the end of the day, the arrangements mean we can safely dismiss our pupils from their classrooms.

We have also been told that the wall outside the school office will need to come down and be rebuilt in the next few weeks. This will mean we will need to have different arrangements in place. As soon as we know more information we will share this with you.

New Reception children



We have been super proud of our new reception children and how well they have settled into school. Pupils in group 1 have been with us for one week now and it has been fantastic to see how they have been able to walk confidently into school on their own and manage getting to know all the new routines. Group 2 started this morning and were equally excited and proud in their new uniforms. We are looking forward to group 3 joining us next week.

Thank you also to our parents, carers and family members who have trusted us to look after your children and for working with us at the beginning and end of their sessions.



New staff members



We also welcome some new members to our Barnfield family this academic year.

Ms Nadia Khan - Reception Teacher

Ms Deborah Choueka - Teacher

Ms Dolapo (Dollie) Dare - Support

Ms Siobhan Synnott - Office Assistant

Mr Leon Allan - Assistant Caretaker

Mr Luke Heskett - Sports Coach

We are looking forward to working together with our new team members.



Healthy Silver Award



We are so proud to share with you that we have been awarded the silver status for Healthy Schools. This is a huge achievement and reflects our priority of ensuring our children are healthy in body and

mind. We have done a lot of work over the last 2 years to support emotional well-being and the children are now more familiar with the zones of regulation. We will continue to build on this by looking for opportunities for our children to be more active during the school week.

A huge well done and thank you to Ms Vessy, our PSHE leader who has been working really hard to ensure we are a silver school. Also thank you to Mr Moore, our Inclusion Leader and AHT who was also responsible for a large amount of the preparation.



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School Uniform



Please remember that our school uniform can be purchased online

[School supplier](#)

It is really important that our children wear their school uniform with pride. We respectfully ask our parents to help us abide by our uniform rules by purchasing the correct colour items. If you are experiencing difficulties with purchasing uniform, please speak to the school office in confidence.

Reception, Years 1 & 2

Pupils are expected to wear white polo shirt (plain or logo) with grey plain trousers or skirt. Children also wear blue sweatshirts with the gold school logo. Children should wear black plain sensible

school shoes. In the winter, black tights can be worn. Children may wear sensible black ankle boots in the colder weather.

On warmer days, blue and white checker dress / grey shorts can be worn.

[Reception, Years 1 & 2 Uniform](#)

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Pupils are expected to wear white school shirt with the school tie and a navy v neck jumper with the gold school logo. Pupils wear grey trousers / skirt on their bottom part.

All children must wear plain black sensible school shoes. Children may wear sensible black ankle boots in the colder weather.

On warmer days, blue and white checker dress / grey shorts can be worn.

Girls are able to wear plain dark hijabs with their winter uniform and a white hijab with the summer uniform.

[Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Uniform](#)

ALL CHILDREN

On PE and Games days, all children are expected to wear their PE uniform for the whole day.

This consists of a white t shirt (plain or with school logo), plain navy shorts and black / white trainers.

On colder days, children are able to wear navy PE sweatshirts with the white school logo and navy jogging bottoms (with or without school logo).

Please note the sweatshirt for PE/Games is navy with the white school logo. This should only be worn as part of the PE uniform.

We ask that minimum jewellery is worn and that for safety reasons with only small stud earrings. Chains worn for a religious reason must be tucked inside tops and not worn on PE / Games days.

Nail polish must not be worn to school.

We respectfully ask parents to ensure hair styles are not extreme (no lines or brightly dyed hair)

If you are unsure about any of the above please contact Mrs Bramble, our Pastoral leader.



1 - Sweatshirt - worn by Reception, Years 1 & 2 pupils



2 - V neck jumper - worn by Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils



3 - PE sweatshirt worn by all pupils on PE / Games days

Parent information meetings

It was great to see so many of our families join us on Google classroom this week. Thank you for taking the time to meet our teachers and hear about our expectations, curriculum and the best ways you can support your child at school.

It is so important to us that we work together with our families so we can help our children be the best they can.

If you were unable to join us for the meeting, we will be sharing the presentations with our families next week.

Covid reminders



Thank you for all your help in supporting our new covid arrangements.

Please view the important documents on the school website which outlines our response strategy and risk assessment.

Covid symptoms

Please see the poster on the website which explains what to do if someone in your household shows covid symptoms or tests positive. If you arrange for a PCR test for your child, please let the school know.

It is really important parents continue to call the school office before 9am if your child is unwell and will not be in school.

Positive case

If we are informed of a positive case, **only the person who has tested positive for covid and any adult who has not received two vaccinations will be required to self-isolate**. We will send a message out if someone in your child's class tests positive and ask that you monitor your child's health. We will respectfully ask you to work with us and arrange for a PCR if your child starts to become unwell.

Online Safety Workshop



Would you like to find out how to make the online world safer for your children at home?

More and more pupils are unfortunately being exposed to the risks of using the internet without the correct supervision or filters in place. Across the country, but also in our school, we are aware of a number of pupils who have accessed to inappropriate apps / communication on line. Whilst we do everything we can in school to educate our pupils, we also need to help share information with our parents.

Please come to our

Online Safety information session

in school on

Tuesday 28th September from 9am-10am.

The session is for **parents/carers only**.



This session is a 'must' for all parents whose children have a presence in the digital world. The outcome is to empower parents to keep their children safe when using technology. There are four areas to be covered in the session:

- What children are taught about Online Safety
 - Latest trends of what children are doing online
 - The issues and dangers children face online
- How we can make children safer online

Star of the week



We are excited to see next week who will be chosen as our first stars of the week.

These children will be pupils who have shown our rules of being responsible, respectful and ready to learn whilst showing a growth mind set.



On time for school



It is so important our children are on time for school in the mornings so they are settled and ready to learn.

Please remember that the gates open at 8.45am and our children should be in the classroom by 8.55am when the registers are taken.

We know there has been a lot more traffic on the roads this week, please leave a little earlier if you have been late this week. Thank you for your cooperation.

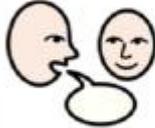
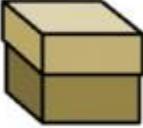
Safeguarding



It is the responsibility of everyone to keep our children safe. If you have a concern about a child please ask to speak to one of our Safeguarding Officers – Ms Golding, Jackie or Mr Moore.

At Barnfield, we want everyone to be safe, healthy and happy.

If something is wrong and you'd like to talk, we will listen!

<p>Talk to an adult</p> 	<p>Use the Worry Box</p> 	<p>Ask to see Ms Golding, Jackie or Mr Moore</p> 
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Don't keep it a secret if anyone is:

		
<p>saying upsetting things</p>	<p>not respecting your physical space</p>	<p>forcing you do something</p>
		
<p>hitting you or hurting you</p>	<p>writing hurtful things</p>	<p>using the internet to upset you</p>

Term dates



Please click on the link below for our term dates

[2021 - 2022](#)