



# NEWSLETTER

Barton Primary School



## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week, and we are looking forward to seeing our new Reception and Nursery children next week. We would also like to welcome all of our new pupils and staff to Barton. We hope they enjoy being part of our school community.

It has been wonderful walking around the school the last couple of days, with all the children looking so smart and happy to be with their new teachers; so keen to laugh, talk, work and play with their new classmates. They have been amazing and have all coped brilliantly with some of the changes we have had to put in place to keep the school community safe. It has been truly inspiring watching the children glow with excitement being back at school.

As we embark on the coming months, I am sure we will have to adapt to advice and changes to ensure that we, as a school, are ready for what lies ahead. We cannot wait to get back to some normality, but in reality, at the moment things are still not quite there. In time, we cannot wait to start organising outside events, trips and activities to involve the children and the wider community. However, in the meantime we can finally start enjoying our new outdoor classroom, which was completed just before lockdown, and to start growing our own veg in the new raised beds that have been built by Mr Backshall.

Can I thank you all for your support and patience at this time and we will see you all on Monday.

## Reminders and Updates

### **DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

The school will be closed for a Development day on the following dates:

21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

### **UNIFORM**

Please make sure all uniforms and belongings are clearly marked with your child's name.

### **PARKING**

Please could we ask parents to be considerate to local residents and not park across driveways or block access to houses. Parents at Barton are able to park in Coppins Bridge Car Park for free between 8.00-8.45am and 2.45-3.45pm Monday-Friday during the school term as long as they display a permit, which can be obtained from the school office.

## PE Days, Autumn 2020

**Please remember PE kit to be worn on PE days, no uniform needed.**

Appley (Mrs Redrup)	Thursday (starting 1 <sup>st</sup> October)
Puckpool (Miss Gregory)	Thursday (starting 1 <sup>st</sup> October)
Bembridge (Miss Wilkins)	Wednesday & Thursday
St Helens (Mrs Burke)	Tuesday & Thursday
Shanklin (Ms Lingard-Lane)	Tuesday & Thursday
Totland (Miss Hanson)	Monday & Tuesday
Yaverland (Mr Fessey/Mrs Young)	Monday & Wednesday
Sandown (Mr Halai)	Monday & Tuesday
Alum Bay (Mr Givens)	Monday & Thursday
Compton (Mrs Price)	Tuesday & Thursday
Freshwater (Miss Murphie)	Monday & Wednesday

### Start and finishing times and entrances/exits

EYFS gate opens at 8:40am.

Nursery – EYFS gate: Morning session 9am – 11:15am  
Afternoon session 12:15pm – 2:40pm

Reception – EYFS gate: Please see separate information further down the newsletter.

Years 1 & 2 – MUGA at 8.45am and ends at 2.50pm.

Yaverland & Totland Classes – MUGA at 8.35am and ends at 3pm.

Sandown Class – Front of school fire exit door at 8.35am and ends at 2.55pm.

Years 5 & 6 – Front of school side gate at 8.35am (children to go straight to their classroom) and ends at 3pm.

**SCHOOL DINNERS**    **Reduced Menu for the Autumn Term (info provided by Caterlink)**

**Reminder: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are all entitled to free school meals.**

**£2.05 for Nursery & Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

**Baguettes are available Monday-Friday for Year 1 - Year 6. Fillings are Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise.**

**Monday:** Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks and Cook's choice of Cake or Biscuit or piece of fruit.

**Tuesday:** Sausage Roll/Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks and Cook's choice of Cake or Biscuit or piece of fruit.

**Wednesday:** Cheese & Tomato Whirl, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks and Cooks choice of Cake or Biscuit or piece of fruit.

**Thursday:** Vegetable Pasty, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks and Cooks choice of Cake or Biscuit or piece of fruit.

**Friday:** Fish finger filled Baguette, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks and Cooks choice of Cake or Biscuit or piece of fruit.

The Nursery and Reception menu differs slightly from the one above as it will include vegetables and potatoes.

If your child has any food allergies or intolerances, please come to the office to complete the Caterlink allergy information form.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.**

Packed lunches should not contain any products containing nuts (peanut butter, Nutella or similar nut based chocolate spreads, nut based cereal bars etc.)

**FAQs.**

Q - My child isn't allergic to nuts, why can't they bring in nuts?

A - There are people in school with nut allergies, reactions can occur if they inhale allergen particles in the air, or if they come into contact with a contaminated item (for example, drinking from someone else's cup).

Q - What happens if someone has an allergic reaction (anaphylaxis)?

A - The symptoms of a food allergy may include a rash anywhere on the body, or a tingling or itchy feeling in the mouth.

More serious symptoms may include: Swelling in the face, throat and/or mouth, difficulty breathing, severe asthma, abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting.

In extreme cases there could be a dramatic fall in blood pressure (anaphylactic shock). The person may become weak and floppy and may have a sense of something terrible happening. This may lead to collapse and unconsciousness. On rare occasions, death can occur.

## Questions and answers

### **What can my child take to school?**

Your child can bring a coat, lunch box and water bottle to school.

### **Why can't my child take a bag to school?**

To reduce the risk of contamination children only need the essentials at school (coat, lunch box and water bottle). As they do not need their school uniform on PE days and they have all the resources available in the classroom, they do not need a bag.

### **Can my child take a pencil case to school and leave it there?**

We are asking that all non-essential items are kept at home. Your child will be supplied with all the resources that they require. They have their own personal pack containing everything that they need.

### **It is still busy when dropping off or collecting my child from school, what about social distancing?**

Your child has been given a designated start and finish time which may differ to the usual school times, this is to keep entrances and exits as clear as possible and reduce the amount of parents waiting in one area. We cannot enforce social distancing but we are encouraging it, so for the benefit of all parents please do not arrive before the allocated times. As advised by the government, when it is not possible to apply the 2m social distancing, a mask is recommended. As a school, we will not enforce the wearing of masks.

### **My children start and finish at different times from the same entrance/exit, what can I do to ensure that they are both on time?**

Arrive on time for the child who is starting at the earlier time, such as 8.35am. Once your child has left you and gone with a member of staff, stand away from the gate to allow other parents, whose children also start at the earlier time, to easily access the entrance/exit. When it is the other child's time to start school, such as 8.45am, make your way towards the gate. By this time, the earlier parents will have had a chance to leave and reduce the congestion at the gate. This can be the same for collecting children at the end of the day.

### **My children start and finish at the same time but different entrances/exits, what shall I do?**

Take your younger child to their designated entrance and then walk your other child to theirs. As the children are going straight in with a member of staff, the waiting time should be minimal giving you enough time to walk to the other entrance. Members of staff will also ensure pupils are leaving school promptly therefore reducing the waiting time. Staff will allow time for parents to collect their children from the two different exits.

**The school site is a no smoking site (including outside the Children's Centre and Isobel Café). At drop off and pick up times, please considerate of others when smoking off site.**



## Reception Class Information – Reminder

- First day back for Reception – Monday 7th September 2020
  - 1st week: Monday 7th– Friday 11th September 8.45am drop off and 11.30am home time.
  - 2nd week: Monday 14th– Friday 18th September 8.45am drop off and 12.30pm home time (this will be the first week your child will have lunch at school).
  - 3rd week: Monday 21st– Friday 25th September 8.45am drop off and 1.30pm home time
  - 4th Week: From Monday 28th September your child will attend school all day - 8.45 am drop off and home time at 2.50pm.
- Due to the current restrictions, parents will not be allowed to enter the school site. The Reception entrance is through the silver and green gates opposite the playground.
- Parents will need to say goodbye to their children at the gates and walk into school, independently. Staff will be at the gates to greet and support the children entering school. This will be the same for home time; we will bring the children into the playground to be collected from the gates.
- Please look regularly on the school Facebook page and the school website, which has all the up to date information. We will keep you informed of any changes.
- Please could admission forms be returned to school as soon as possible with relevant phone numbers, in case we need to contact you.
- IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RETURNED YOUR CHILDS ADMISSION FORMS, PLEASE DO SO ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

### Year 4 – Year 6 – Walking home alone from school

If you are allowing your child to walk home on their own every day after school, please notify the school in writing. You can either send an email or message us through our Facebook page.

If your child brings in a mobile phone for the purpose of walking home alone, they need to hand it in to their teacher every day.

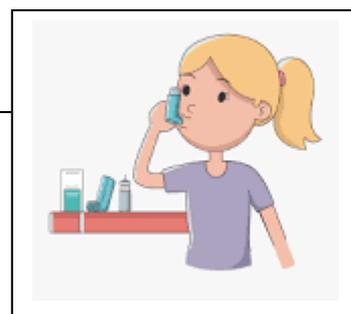


## Medication

We have a lot of medication in the school office left over from last year. If your child still requires medication, a new form will need to be completed and the medication can stay at school. If your child has medication left at school that they no longer need, please contact the school office to arrange collection.

We are not able to send medication home with children.

Thank you



## Access to the school office is restricted

**Due to Covid 19 please only visit the school office if you need to hand something in, such as medication or collect something that has been arranged by yourself and a member of staff, to reduce the risk of contamination.**

**Please contact the school on the details below:**

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