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Successful Learners



Confident Individuals



Responsible Citizens

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We hope that you have all had a wonderful break and what glorious weather it has been. We have a fantastic and busy few weeks ahead of us as we move into the final half term of the year. During these weeks the activities will come thick and fast, and our aim will be to ensure that we keep you up to date with them all. Please do not hesitate to speak with any of the staff team if you have any questions or queries.

June 2017



Staffing Update

It is with a sadness in our hearts but smiles on our faces, that I write to let you know that Tania Spicer has decided to hang up her whiteboard pen and playground whistle. Mrs Spicer is one of the special ones; those small handful of teachers whose ability to make a real difference is far reaching and significant. Throughout her time at BPS she has shown hard work and determination, as well as grace and elegance personified. Mrs Spicer has always had time for our families, our staff and our children and it is for these reasons that she will hold a unique and golden place in our hearts. We wish Mrs Spicer every success for the future and will always remember her for the positive and wonderful way she has touched our lives.

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As we move towards the new academic year, I wanted to update you as to some changes ahead with regards to teaching staff and our timetable. The Year Leader team at the school for 2017-2018 will be as follows:

Mr Parkin—Year Leader for Years R to 2 Mr Collins—Year Leader for Years 3 and 4

Mr Hackett—Year Leader for Years 5 and 6

We will also be adapting the timetable by bringing forward our lunchtime by 20 minutes from noon until 1pm (all other times remain the same). Our reason for this is to ensure our children are fuelled earlier in the day in order to be able to hit the afternoon with all the energy they need; as well as to increase the time we set aside for the foundation curriculum subjects, which primarily take place in the afternoon. At Barnham we believe in a broad and balanced curriculum and want to ensure we have the time to provide that. Both these decisions are exciting shifts and we are looking forward to observing the positive outcomes for our children that we think they will achieve.

Confident Individuals

As part of our ongoing drive to provide new and exciting opportunities and activities for our children, we will be implementing for the first time this year a different approach to the organisation and delivery of our Sports Days on 29th June. This year our colleagues and students from the Sports Partnership, that we are linked with, will lead on the day. This will include organisation of the races, judging, coordinating and supporting the children and staff team. The events and competition for the day will look different and will include team and individual competitive races and activities, therefore the timings being as follows. Years R, 1 and 2 will have their activities from 9 till 10.30. Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 will have their activities from 1.30 till 3.00 with some team activities also taking place from 11 till 12.00 which families are also welcome to attend. We will also be holding our picnic on the field again during the lunchtime 12.20 till 1.20. This is where families can join their children for lunch on the field. More information will follow soon on the timings as well as information relating to the picnic.

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As part of the preparation for our children as they move towards the next academic year, we will be providing transition activities and times in order to help our children feel confident about the next steps they are taking. These will take a variety of forms and for our High School children will mean visiting and spending time at their new schools over the coming weeks.