



# Barnham Primary School

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**Successful Learners**



**Confident Individuals**



**Responsible Citizens**

## Barnham Pupils Shine

I hope that you have had a great half term break and that you are, like us, enjoying these brighter mornings and evenings. It's good to shake off the wintery weather and feel that Spring is upon us, and we are all looking forward to the bounce and energy that more daylight and warmer weather brings. Many thanks for your continued support and enjoy the rest of the half term.

## March 2019



**Our Mission:** For all our children to be the best that they can be.

### Successful Learners

Towards the end of February and throughout the month of March we welcome to our school 30 teaching students from the University of Chichester who are going to be working with us and learning from our staff team as part of their PGCE course. The students come in groups of 10 and spend two weeks with us at a time. This intense period of time is spent focused on either phonics or maths, but the students also work with the children throughout the school day supporting them in all subjects. We really enjoy having the groups with us as they add great value to the learning experience of the children, but also because they bring a new view and perspective of the work that we do and reasons for it. It is always good to see the school from different sets of eyes as it helps us learn and build.

### Responsible Citizens

As you may be aware from reading or watching the news, the financial situation for education is one that is very challenging for schools and has continued to become more severe over these past few years. Budgets in real terms have continued to fall in the time that I have been at the school and costs have continued to increase, meaning that the financial pressures on us here at BPS are very real ones and ones that require a great deal of time and focus on in order to ensure we do not overstretch ourselves and are able to manage a balanced budget, whilst ensuring we provide an educational environment that is rich in quality and experience for the children. For those of you who have been with us for a few years you will have noticed that over time we have employed a variety of different ways in order to manage these pressures and I cannot see this changing any time soon. Here at BPS we have worked incredibly hard to maintain and run a good school with a very tight budget but even this pragmatic approach still leaves us in a position where we are going to continue to need to make savings and cut costs in order to balance the books. One of the areas that will be affected are school trips, as we will now need to employ an approach that may mean that a trip could be cancelled if we are unable to fund it through the contributions that we receive from you. I will continue to keep you updated as to any other changes that need to be made.

### Confident Individuals

Since the Christmas break we have been involved in a variety of events both sporting and of the performing arts. From great success at local netball and cricket tournaments, to fantastic performances at the O2 for our choir and soon to be held dance performances at St Philip Howard High School and The Regis Centre in Bognor. I am really pleased that we are able to provide these opportunities and am really proud of how the children represent themselves and the school when taking part.