

# Barnham Primary School

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Successful Learners

Confident Individuals

**Responsible Citizens** 

### **Barnham Pupils Shine**

Welcome to our newsletter for May. I can't quite believe that it was only a couple of weeks ago that I shared the newsletter for April and now May is already upon us. It has been a wonderful start to the term and the way that the children have risen to the embrace new topics, learning opportunities and activities has been wonderful to see. They have been very impressive and we are looking forward to seeing what dizzying heights they can reach as we move through the term. Thank you for your continued support with all those things that you do to support, reinforce and cajole the children each and every day, it is very much appreciated.





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

#### **Successful Learners**

At this point in the year the curriculum that we put in to place has to be carefully crafted as we plan to ensure that the children continue to move forward and progress across all subjects but also make sure that we reinforce or fill gaps where required. It is therefore vital that we continue to build in time for the children to return and recap on prior learning experiences in order to ensure that their learning, both knowledge and skills, are securely and firmly embedded in their long term memories. A child's memory is a complex one and review and revision of key concepts are always helpful as you can never be entirely sure of what is sticking for the long term and what has been remembered in the here and now, and so providing them with opportunities to ensure this take place is very important.

#### **Confident Individuals**

We have an exciting few months ahead with a number of whole school activities for you and the children to get involved in. Some are directly linked to learning and others are more community focused. All though are that wonderful essence of Barnham that we hope that you and the children enjoy:

22nd May - Big Help Out Afternoon: a chance for the children to give something back to the school or the local community. Nearer the date year groups will email with more detail about what the children have been up to.

23rd May - 50th Anniversary Summer fair 3.30 to 5.30

4th June - Open House 8.40 to 9.10

7th June - Sports Day **9.00 to 10.20** RSP, R/1 AS, 1 LM, 2 AB/SO; **10.45 to 11.55** 2/3 MB, 3 CJ, 4 AS: **1.10 to 2.50** 4/5 PC, 5/6 RC, 6 DM.

3rd July - Chance for the children to meet their new teaching team for next year.

12th July - Pupil Annual Reports to families

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Considering the number of illnesses, coughs, colds and ailments that many of you and the children have had to contend with over the past year, it is remarkable that our overall attendance as a school for the year to date, remains above the national average. Thank you for you support with this and in helping our children attend school regularly and on time.

## Safeguarding

As you may be aware, the local community of Barnham has been subject to significant anti-social behaviour in recent months. I just wanted to let you know that we as a school have been and will continue to work closely with local schools, agency partners and the police in order to share information and work collaboratively in whatever capacity we can. If you witness any anti-social or illegal behaviour then we have been advised to remind you to report this to the police so they can then act as required. I will continue to keep you updated.