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Successful Learners



Confident Individuals



Responsible Citizens

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Welcome to our first Newsletter of the academic year and welcome to our families who have joined us in Year R and in other year groups in the school. We hope that you are settling in well here at BPS and that the start to your journey with us has been positive. In many ways the start to the year has obviously been very different from normal, with new ways of working, new school structures and protective measures. But, in many ways also, things have been as they always are—children learning, having fun, coming together and enjoying being part of a vibrant and energised school community. Whilst everything else might be different, children are reassuringly children and I am so pleased that they are.

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

Successful Learners

During this half term we have been settling the children back into school life and assessing where they are on their learning journey. These assessments are then being used to inform future teaching and are helping us see where the children have gaps or where learning needs to be returned to. The children have responded well to the assessments and parent and carer review meetings have provided an opportunity for staff to share an update on where the children are and key areas that need focus in order for them to move forward. As this next half term moves through, our primary goal is to adapt our teaching so as to make sure that we fill gaps and push the children on to reaching their potential as best we and they can. What is clear from the assessments is how much we need to thank all of you for supporting your children with their learning during lockdown. The incredible hard work that you put in has paid off as the children have returned energised, ready to learn and willing to push themselves.

Responsible Citizens

I wanted to remind you of two helpful advice guides that we have on our website with regards on children being on-line and using social media. We also have put on there the Public Health England guidance that we follow with regards infection control in schools. They can be found on the Information for Families page at www.barnhamprimaryschool.co.uk

I also wanted to thank you for helping us with regards attendance. Since returning in September, we have held a steady level of attendance and have achieved 96% overall, which is great going bearing in mind the number of colds children have had. Plus, this figure is similar to where we were this time last year. With regards Covid 19; families are being really proactive in seeking medical advice from their GP or through the NHS 111 phone line/ website and this is helping massively in helping children get back to school swiftly. So thanks again.

Confident Individuals

All assemblies are happening virtually at the moment and on a daily basis. The focus for the assemblies this half term has been reminding the children of how they can 'Shine' at BPS by being a Successful Learner, a Confident Individual and a Responsible Citizen. One of the ways we have been doing this is by celebrating one child from each class who embodies what BPS is all about and how hard work and perseverance really pays off when wanting to improve and develop. The children that have been celebrated this half term are: Akina Sxcomborg in Mr Parkin's class, Max McCoy in Mrs Stanway's class, Evan Robinson in Mrs Brigden's class, Hugo Wickland in Mrs Mitchell's class, Priya Girach in Mr Hackett's class, Polly Morris and Molly Daines in Mrs Butters and Mrs Osborne's class, Lucas Dore in Miss Stewart's class, Ieva Peculyte in Mrs Clark's class, Kieran Towler in Mr Collin's class and in Mrs McAuley's class we celebrated Kian Bone and Riley Moore.

Staffing Update

I wanted to update you that at the end of this half term Mrs Vicky Galloway and Mrs Abi Eade will be leaving BPS and moving on to new family or work adventures. Both Vicky and Abi have made a huge contribution to our school and have worked and supported many of our children and in Abi's case, many of our families as well. I know you'll join me in wishing them both every success for the future and thanking them for all their hard work.