



**Barton**  
Junior School

Dear Parents and Carers

As Term 1 draws to a close I would like to thank you all for supporting us through this very strange time. The children have done a fantastic job of settling back in to school and have followed the rules without exception.

We will be keeping the same start and end of day timings next term as these are working well, to ensure that distance is kept between year group bubbles.

Please can we ask parents/carers to continue to follow social distancing protocols and to wear a face mask when dropping off or collecting your child. Let us continue to work together to keep our school community safe. Thank you.

### **Online Learning**

In the event that the school has to close a year group bubble or there another National Lockdown, we will be providing work online via the school website and the Class Dojo system. Please make sure you have the app downloaded as this is where you can message the teachers and the children will be able to access recorded lessons.

Further details will be on the school website and we would send instructions via Parentmail also.

### **School Dinners**

There will be a slight change in our menu next term. Mrs. Davis will send this out to you when it is complete and it will also be updated on the school website.

### **Kent Test**

Well done to those children in Year 6 who sat the Kent Test last week. They were all cool and calm and approached the tests with determination. Everyone should be proud of themselves, as we are of them.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

Our clubs are currently running for children of parents who are working. If you require a place in either club, please contact the school office to discuss.

## **Parent Consultations**

The consultations of Years 5 and 6 children have taken place the week, with Year 3 and 4 set in the diary for after half term. So far, they have been successful. The teachers have enjoyed reporting on how the children have settled back into school and sharing their successes with you.

## **Congratulations**

We have a couple of congratulations to share with you this term.

**Barton's Having a Write Laugh competition** has been won by Caiden B in Year 5 for producing a whole booklet. This will be available to view on the website.

Thank you to everyone else who entered, it was hard to choose just one winner.

## **Dover and Deal District Football Trials.**

Ellis H in Year 6 gained a place in the District Team following the football trials. He also has a trial for Kent very soon. Many congratulations to Ellis! We look forward to tracking his success.

## **Term 2**

Next term we will be supporting Children in Need and The British Legion Poppy Appeal. We will send out information of both of these via Parentmail.

It is very clear that the Christmas term will not be able to run as usual this year. We will be adjusting activities accordingly, and I am able to let you know that we will be taking part in a virtual pantomime this year in place of our cancelled trip to the Marlowe. We will have class parties, Christmas Jumper and Dinner day and I am sure you will be pleased to learn that we will still be holding our Hamper Raffle as well as other events. I will send out further information early next term.

## **Applying for secondary school**

If you have a child in Year 6 then please do look at the Secondary Schools' websites for information about their open events. Most of these will be virtual this year so please do either look on individual schools' websites or phone the schools to find out specific details.

The window for applying to Secondary Schools is now open and closes on 2nd November. Due to the lateness of the Kent Test results (26th November) and the need for the application form to be completed by 2nd November; parents can now choose up to 6 Secondary Schools. This has been extended because you won't know your child's Kent test results before applying so will need to put Grammar and Secondary Schools on the form.

If you have any difficulty with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us for advice via email at [barton@barton.dfamat.com](mailto:barton@barton.dfamat.com).

**Again, I would like to thank you for your support this term and wish you all a peaceful, safe half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2 November.**