



**Barton**  
Junior School

25 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Coronavirus Update**

Following the Government's announcement on Monday 14 June that restrictions will continue for a further 4 weeks, sadly there will be changes to our end of year program to ensure we keep within the guidelines. I will write to you next week with dates and times of activities, but we will not be able to have parents to events again this year.

At Barton we will continue to adhere to the rules, and I would like to thank you all for continuing to wear face coverings when on the school grounds and social distancing. The start and finish times of day will remain the same for the rest of term.

Please do not send your child in to school if they are unwell and if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid, please take them for a PCR test and wait for the results to come through. We still have to close bubbles if a positive result occurs.

### **Transition**

Unfortunately, transition visits to secondary schools for Year 6 children have been cancelled due to the ongoing restrictions. All Secondary schools will be contacting parents of Year 6 children and offering summer schools and alternatives to common transfer day. Children are expected to come to school as normal on the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### **Staff changes next year.**

We have a few changes to our staff next year.

Mrs. Boughtwood is leaving to have a baby. We look forward to seeing them for lots of visits next year.

Mr. Brett is leaving Barton to take the next step in his career. We wish him every success in the future.

Mrs. Vacarro is leaving us to take up a teacher training position at White cliffs Primary School. We wish her the best of luck on her new journey.

Mr. Kelly and Miss Smith will have completed their teaching training with us, and we wish them the best of luck in their future careers.

We are pleased to be able to welcome Mrs. Claire Bowley and Mrs. Kerry Sheppard as class teachers next year and we will be welcoming two School Direct teacher trainees also.

### **Arrangements for September**

Our class names next year will be those of fictional characters.

Beatrix Potter Class will move up to Year 4 with Miss Taylor and Miss Catt in Peter Pan Class

Julia Donaldson Class will move to Year 4 with Mrs. Howard and Miss Dyer in Pinocchio Class.

Roald Dahl Class will move to Year 5 with Miss O'Shaughnessy and Miss Oram in Dobby Class

Benjamin Zephaniah Class will move to Year 5 with Miss Bowley and Mrs. Warner in Ickabog Class

JK Rowling Class will move to Year 6 with Miss Knight and Mrs. Crane in Mad Hatter Class

William Shakespeare Class will move to Year 6 with Miss Biot and Miss Airth in Percy Jackson Class

The children will all meet their teachers on Thursday 1 July for a short transition session.

### **School Uniform in September**

School uniform will revert to pre pandemic arrangements in September. This includes a shirt and tie, black skirt or trousers and a school jumper. Ties will be provided for all children in September.

Mrs. Davis has some jumper stock in the office, or you can order from Brigade online.

PE kit should be white polo shirt, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a school jumper.

The children will be able to bring in bags and PE kits next term.

### **Times of the day in September**

From the start of next term we will not be staggering start and finish times (unless we are instructed to do so by the DfE).

Lessons will start at 08:45 and will end at 14:45. The school gates will be open for your child to come into school from 08:40.

### **School Reports**

Your child's report will be sent home with them on Friday 2 June. Following the difficult year the children have had, we are reporting children's achievements through teacher assessment and hope to give you an overview of this.

### **End of term**

Over the next three weeks the children will be taking part in sporting events, river dipping and trips out. Please make sure you keep an eye on class dojo and Parentmail for all information.

Term ends on Friday 16 July. Finish times are as follow -

Year 3 – 12:45

Year 4 – 12:50

Year 5 – 12:55

Year 6 – 13:00

There is no after school club on this day so please ensure you have made alternative arrangements.

As always, we are contactable for assistance and advice should you need it. Please do not hesitate to contact us via the office or email [barton@barton.dfamat.com](mailto:barton@barton.dfamat.com) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes

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