



Barton

Junior School

24th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update

Many thanks to you all for continuing to adhere to the rules by wearing face coverings whilst on school grounds and keeping your distance. We will continue to do this after half term until we have further guidance regarding the local situation.

The school staggered start and finish times will also stay in place. I will endeavour to give you plenty of notice if they change again.

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 will still have to close bubbles if a positive result occurs.

Free School Meal Vouchers

We will be issuing vouchers for half term this week. These will come to you via email from the company we have used previously – Wonde. Please look out for the email. If you have any problem or don't receive a voucher and think you are entitled to one, please contact the school office.

The Fantastic F.R.E.D. Experience

On Wednesday 26th May, the NHS team will be at Barton to deliver the Fantastic F.R.E.D experience to all year groups. This is an interactive show with Children's Mental Health at the forefront of the message. The children will learn how to look after their own mental health in a fun and inclusive way.

Young Voices – The Biggest Sing

We will be taking part in the Young Voices Guinness World record attempt to hold the largest simultaneous sing-along. This will take place in classrooms on 15th June. The children will be practicing the song beforehand so please feel free to download it from the Young Voices website so you can have a sing along too!

Year 5 Kent Test and Secondary application information

The window to apply for your child to take the Kent Test opens in June. There will be a virtual information meeting on Tuesday 25th May at 15:45 to explain about the Kent Test and how and when to apply for secondary school also. Mrs. Knight has posted the link to the meeting on Dojo. If you are not able to join the meeting, please don't worry, we will record and post for you to access at a separate time. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or your child's class teacher on Dojo.

Year 6 transition

We are currently working with the staff from local secondary schools to assist with the transition of Year 6 to Year 7. We understand this is a worrying time for some children, however we want to reassure you we work very closely with all the local schools to ensure transition is successful for all.

In the absence of a residential trip and end of year show this year, we are currently looking at different activities for the children. They year 6 teachers will be in touch with more details very soon.

Parking outside of school

Please do not park on the yellow lines or zigzag lines when dropping off or collecting your children. The lines are there to keep everyone safe and it is illegal to do so. The local police will be visiting the school to ensure people park safely.

Half Term

Friday 28th May is the last day of Term 5. School will finish at the usual time.

Term 6 starts on Monday 7th June at the usual staggered start times.

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 and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a lovely half term.

Best Wishes

Melanie O'Dell

Headteacher