



Friday, 2nd October 2020

The Weekly Bulletin

Inspire, Create, Discover, Together

Pick Up & Drop Off Reminders

Thank you to everyone for your patience this week as we all get used to the revised timings shared last Friday. A few reminders to ensure that our systems work as smoothly and safely as possible for everyone:

- Please continue to wait on the grass verge opposite the school until a member of staff calls you onto the site at pick up and drop off.
- Only one adult per family is allowed on site at the start and end of the day.
- Please adhere to social distancing guidelines when waiting and walking through the school. Give each family plenty of room!
- Adults are very welcome to wear an appropriate face covering whilst waiting and on entering the school site.

Promoting Active Travel

We would like to encourage as many families as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school as part of our Active Travel Policy to promote environmentally friendly school runs and well being. In support of this Year 5 will be taking part in Bikeability next week to improve their road safety and cycling skills. As part of this drive to promote our policy, are also delighted to be able to bring another Dr Bike session to Barrow School, thanks to Revel Cycles. **Please bring your bike to school on Wednesday next week for a free safety and maintenance check. See attached flyer.**

Whole School Notices

- **Google Classroom** - please check the classrooms regularly through the week for any specific year groups notices and updates from the class teachers.
- **Midday Supervisor Vacancies** - we are looking to increase capacity within our lunchtime supervision team. If you are interested in joining our brilliant team of MDSA's please contact the school office for further information.
- **Home School Agreements** - please see the attached information and return your signed agreements to school next week.
- **Online Safety Newsletter** - Mrs Smith has sent out an important and useful update for parents. Please take time to read this information.
- **Premier Sport Holiday Clubs** - flyer attached regarding dates and bookings for the next round of holiday clubs.

Year R

Please could all children in Reception practice putting on and taking off their outdoor coats independently. Please practice turning sleeves inside out as coats are taken on and off!

Year 4

Could all Year 4 children come to school in their PE kits on Fridays from next week. Please come in a warm tracksuit for all weather conditions. Uniform does not need to be brought in on that day.

Year 5

Bikeability - please ensure your consent forms have been returned and you have noted the days your child will be taking part in the programme next week. Wet weather clothing will be needed, with waterproof trousers if possible. Please bring in a complete change of clothes including shoes. Non uniform should be worn for the 2 days your child is on the course.

Settling in Reports

The start of the new school year is an important time, when we all settle into new routines and interesting new topics. Over the last few weeks, the staff have enjoyed getting to know the children in their new classes. It seems to be more important than ever though to share with you all how our children have been getting on at school – especially when they have just started a new school year and may well be returning to school after a long absence because of Covid-19. The busy nature of the school week and the safety measures we have in place may not always allow teachers to catch up with parents in person as often as we would like. In the last couple of years, staff have written a brief 'settling in report' for each child, outlining how they had settled back into school and their new class. As a result of very positive feedback from parents and in light of this different way of working at the moment, we have decided once again to provide parents with this short written summary. This brief report will be sent to you next week (by Friday, 9th October) in the form of 'Settling in Report Slips'.

Along with your report slip, you will also find a parents' reply section. Please do feel free to send in your comments and your own perspective on how your child has started in their new class. We're always pleased to hear from you. Whilst this seems the most efficient way of getting a brief summary to each family, it is by no means a replacement for conversations in person. Please be assured that appointments can be made with your child's class teacher, should you have any queries or need for further discussion at this or any other point in the school year. For parents of Reception children, a 'settling in' discussion will be part of the Reception Parents' Consultations on the 7th October.

Our Pastoral Team

Our Pastoral Team at Barrow offer a service that gives help and support to pupils as well as providing information, advice and guidance to staff, parents and carers. Our aim is to identify any concerns or issues at the earliest possible opportunity and remove any barriers to learning which may be preventing our pupils from reaching their potential. We respond as quickly as possible to any issues and ensure that difficulties are discussed and resolved in the best possible way.

The Pastoral Support Team at Barrow School commonly offers help and support in the following areas:

- Emotional help & wellbeing
- Behaviour support
- Academic support
- Links to external agencies when needed
- Parent workshops on sleep, positive behaviour etc.
- SENCO surgeries for parents
- Support for medical needs



The pastoral Team is made up of:

Mrs Woodland – Assistant Headteacher & SENCo

Mrs Marshall – Inclusion Lead

Miss Fairweather – Deputy Headteacher

The Class Teacher is always the first point of contact for parents/carers regarding any concerns or issues, but the Pastoral Team are all experienced professionals and have encountered many experiences that young people may be affected by. For any pupils causing concern, referrals for support and intervention can be made by the pastoral support team, classroom teachers, parents/carers and support staff through.

How do Parents/Carers contact the Pastoral Service at Barrow Primary School?

The first point of contact should be the Class Teacher followed by Jo Woodland, Pastoral Lead. You can also contact our Inclusion Lead, Dawn Marshall. Appointments can be made via the school office in person or by calling 01284 810223.