



Discovering the best in all

24th-28th September

Diary

Thursday 27 th September	Squirrel Class Trip
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Safeguarding

Like all schools we take our child protection responsibilities very seriously.

Having reviewed our procedures recently, we are introducing a new way for Parents & Carers to contact the school if they feel a child is at risk of significant harm.

There are 4 main areas that would require action. These are

- **Physical abuse** – hitting, shaking, throwing etc. Physical harm may also be caused when a parent or carer fabricates the symptoms of, or deliberately induces, illness in a child.
- **Emotional abuse** – this may include conveying to a child that they are worthless or unloved, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of the other person. It may include not giving the child opportunities to express their views, or age or developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed on a child. It may involve seeing or hearing the ill-treatment of another (e.g. in situations of domestic abuse).
- **Sexual abuse** – including online activity.
- **Neglect** – the failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs.

At Barns Green Primary we have very robust procedures for ensuring that we record, report and follow up disclosures swiftly and effectively. These are tested regularly by the governing body and the local authority. Ofsted stated that 'Safeguarding is effective' and that our safeguarding arrangements are 'fit for purpose and records are detailed and of high quality'. Nevertheless, we are constantly looking to improve our arrangements.

This term we have increased our team of Designated Safeguarding Leads to 3 – Mr Simmons, Mrs Newbold and Mrs Coxon.

From today, we are introducing the dsl@barnsgreen.org.uk email address. If you have a concern about a child's safety you can send them to this email address. The email will be monitored 7 days a week, 365 days a year. All emails will receive an acknowledgement. For reasons of confidentiality we will be unable to provide any information about action taken but the email will be placed on our records, meaning that we will be accountable for ensuring that action is taken.

If you would prefer to discuss the matter directly with a social worker, you can call the Multi-Agency Support Hub. This is a single point of contact for all safeguarding concerns regarding children and young people in West Sussex.

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Their contact number is 01403 229 900. Their out of hours' number is **0330 222 6664**. If you would prefer to contact them by email you can do so at MASH@westsussex.gcsx.gov.uk

Safeguarding is often like doing a jigsaw puzzle. It is only when you begin to see more of the pieces that you can make out a fuller picture. Your concerns could be one of those pieces.

Grounds improvements – volunteers appreciated!

Billingshurst Lions are kindly paying for and laying grass turf over the flowerbeds at the front and side of the school office, which we are unable to maintain due to budget restrictions. Four of their volunteers will be digging up the plants and shrubs in this area on Saturday 29th September from 9am – 12pm in preparation for the turf to be laid. They would like a few more volunteers if possible, for any time during this period. If you feel you would be able to give your time to help with this project we would be very grateful. Please contact the school office if this is something you feel you could do – Grandparents and other relatives welcome too!

Thank you in advance.

Star of the Week - (w/e – 14/09/18)



Simon Simmons

Headteacher

DIARY DATES

September

Thursday 27th – Squirrel Class Trip – Huxley's Birds of Prey Centre

October

Wednesday 3rd – Flu vaccination

Tuesday 16th – Parent Teacher Consultation

Wednesday 17th – INSET

Thursday 18th – Parent Teacher Consultation

Friday 19th – Break up for half-term

Monday 29th – Children back in school

November

Thursday 1st – PTA Event (fbc)

Tuesday 20th – Messy Church

December

Monday 3rd – Parent Workshop

Wednesday 5th – Christmas present buying

Wednesday 12th – Christmas performance

Thursday 13th - Christmas performance

Tuesday 18th – Whole school panto trip

Wednesday 19th – Mrs Thorne's carol concert 1pm

Term ends 1:30pm

January

Thursday 3rd – INSET

Friday 4th – INSET

Monday 28th – Bikeability week Yr6

February

Friday 15th – Break up for half-term

Monday 25th – Children back in school

March

Monday 4th - Book week begins

Thursday 7th – World book Day

Tuesday 12th – Parent Teacher Consultation

Thursday 14th – Parent Teacher Consultation

April

Friday 5th – Term ends at 1:30pm

Tuesday 23rd – Term starts

May

Monday 6th – Bank Holiday

Monday 13th – KS2 SATS week

Monday 20th – Walk to school week

Friday 24th – Break up for half-term

June

Sunday 2nd – Wednesday 5th - PGL Residential trip

Monday 3rd – Children back in school

Friday 21st – Sports Day (fbc)

July

Wednesday 10th – Memories assembly

Thursday 11th – End of Year performance

Friday 12th – INSET

Tuesday 23rd – Term ends at 1:30pm