



Dear Parents and Carers,

At last the sun is shining and what a difference it makes! Our children are still so happy and welcoming greeting me on the gate each morning, those 'Good Morning Mrs Newbolds' really do start the day off so well!

Another busy week this week, we have had a group of children representing the school amazingly in a multisports festival at The Weald and yesterday I accompanied years 3 and 4 to their penultimate swimming session where the focus was on life saving skills during drowning prevention week. A group of year 5 children also had an amazing science enrichment this week investigating a murder mystery. The corridors are full of the sound of the children singing as the whole of Key Stage 2 are preparing for the Summer Show – Pirates of the Curry Bean. Please do try to ensure that your child is available for the choir on the evenings of the show if they are in Squirrel or Otter Class. Our choir is also going from strength to strength and I am looking forward to hearing them sing at next weeks singing festival at the Weald and at the summer fair. Finally this afternoon year 5 and 6 are walking to Christ's Hospital to visit the theatre, a wonderfully enriching experience in many ways.

With so much going on as we race towards the end of the school year please do try to keep a note on dates and timings.

Although this is a busy time at school and thoughts are also turning towards next year we are also working hard to ensure that our usual routines and expectations are firmly in place. It is easy for children to become unsettled when they are out of routine and it is important that we support them carefully during this busy period. Thank you for doing so at home too.

Have a good weekend and enjoy the sunshine!.

Mrs Newbold

Open Afternoon

On Wednesday 26th of June we are holding an open afternoon from 1:30 – 3:00. This is an opportunity for you to visit classes across the school and see our curriculum provision in action. There will be opportunities to sample a diverse range of subjects including maths, science, phonics and handwriting to name just a few. I will email a timetable setting out the offer early next week. Please do feel free to pop in and sample all or just some of the sessions across the school.

I look forward to seeing you then!

Sports Day

We will be once again be inviting you to share a picnic with the children prior to sports day next Friday. The school gates will open at 11:50 so you can set up. At 12:45 you will be asked to pack up all of your things so that the field can be used for events. You are invited to support and accompany classes as children complete their activities and then you will be asked to sit on the opposite side of the track to the children for the final events. I respectfully ask you to wait opposite your children and not to cross the track or encroach too closely upon the track. Importantly, you must stay away from the finish line for health and safety reasons.

I do understand that sports day is exciting however it really does help us to help your children if you keep to these areas.

Late arrival to school

Each morning Mrs Coxon has a small number of children who arrive late, after the gate has closed. Some of these children are persistently late. Unfortunately this impacts both the child and the school. The child is missing valuable learning time and often comes into class when everyone else has started their learning which is unsettling for all. It is also very challenging for the lovely Mrs Coxon. She is so busy and these interruptions are difficult for her and do impact upon her day.

Punctuality is important in life and the school is expected to tackle persistent lateness (regularly arriving after the gate has closed).

Issuing fines is the last thing I want to do but I would like to see a change in this matter and the number of late arrivals reduce. Thank you for your understanding.





[PTA Update](#)

[School Summer Fete: 5 July 2024](#)

Thank you to everyone who has donated sweets jars and bottles for the tombola, it is hugely appreciated.

Here are a few important action points & polite reminders:-

♥ **Preloved Soft Toy Donations:**

We continue to collect clean, preloved soft toys for one of our stalls. Please bring your donations to the school anytime before 4th July and leave them in the box at the front doors.

♥ **Volunteers Needed:**

We need assistance with stalls, setup, and takedown. Sign-up sheets are up at the school entrance by the office. Any help will be gratefully received.

♥ **Muffi Days:**

5th July: On the day of the fete, please bring in cakes or biscuits to be sold in the café if you are able.

♥ **Ideas and Recommendations:**

Further updates will follow as we get closer to the date. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a fantastic fete!

[Funding request from the school to make use of PTA funds](#)

The school has put in a funding request of c. £3,000 - £4,000 of PTA funds to buy a class set and trolley of Chromebooks for the whole school and have shared the following information: in support-

"We are requesting the Chromebooks to improve the teaching of computing at Barns Green and ensure children are more prepared for secondary school and the wider world. Currently, we only have 6 laptops for the children at Barns Green and a set of iPads. All teachers would love to have more computers to enhance the computing curriculum. We want to keep up to date with the using current technology and best support our children for the future. We feel that having Chromebooks and our iPads would ensure children had the opportunity to use a wide range of technology and experience the differences between a tablet and Chromebook, using PowerPoint and documents for example. We also feel that funding for this would benefit more child led learning in other subject areas across the entire school. We would love funding from the PTA as it would benefit all children and all staff."

If approved by the PTA, the Chromebooks would be funded by existing PTA funds and monies raised from the summer fete.

A poll will be added to the Barns Green Primary School Facebook page over the weekend, and we invite all parents, carers and teachers to cast their vote by Monday 24 June.

Bank transfers to the PTA account

A polite reminder that we have recently had a few instances where payments have been made to the PTA account in error. Please be aware that the bank account for the school (i.e. to pay for trips, clubs etc) is different to the PTA bank account. Please check the bank details carefully before making payments.

Diary Dates

June

Wednesday 26th – Open afternoon for all classes/parents 1pm

Thursday 27th – Yr 3/4 swimming – last session

Friday 28th – Sports Day – 12pm family picnic on field/events to start at 1pm

July

Monday 1st – INSET day – no children in school

Wednesday 3rd – Library summer reading challenge assembly

Thursday 4th – Otter and Squirrel Djembe drumming parent presentation:

 Otter Class 9.10am

 Squirrel Class 10.00am

Friday 5th – Year 6 train workshop

 After school fete

Tuesday 9th – Yr 6 end of year show 6pm

Wednesday 10th – Transition afternoon for September

 Yr 6 end of year show 6pm

Thursday 11th – Otter/Squirrel trip to British Museum

Thursday 18th – Dormouse class assembly for parents/carers 2.45pm

Monday 22nd – Year 6 Leavers' assembly (am- time tbc)

 - Leavers' picnic (after school)

Tuesday 23rd – Break up for Summer holidays

September

Monday 2nd – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 3rd – INSET day (no children in school)

Wednesday 4th – Year 1-6 back to school

Thursday 5th – Reception children start