



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that this will be my last newsletter of the academic year. Time has quite simply flown by however as I reflect back over this year I do believe that we have come a long way. As a school we can feel justifiably proud of our many achievements and of the opportunities both academic and beyond that we offer our children.

Fundamentally, ours is a happy and caring school. It is filled with smiling children and our tagline - 'Discovering the best in all' really sets out what we do. All children are given the opportunity to succeed and I hope that they personally feel that they have much to celebrate.

This has been a busy week, there is always so much to do at the end of term and there is much to arrange and organise for the future. Understandably both staff and children are tired, everyone is looking forward to the break.

I do hope you all manage to enjoy some time with family and friends over the summer. I am most definitely looking forward to doing so.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back to school refreshed and ready to go in September.

Thank you for all of your support over the year.

Warm wishes,

Tracey Newbold

Year 6

It is always sad to bid farewell to our year 6's. This year's group of children have been a real credit to everyone. Not only have they achieved another amazing set of results but they have represented the school magnificently across the year both within school and at various sports, music and academic events.

We are so very proud of them all and wish them the very best of luck with their next steps.

Staffing Changes

We have a strong team here at school and I am pleased to announce that we have very few staffing changes for next September.

However, Miss Harris does have some exciting news and is expecting a baby, due in the latter part of 2024. She will be continuing to work up until the October half term and we have now successfully completed a recruitment process for her maternity cover. This is a hugely exciting time for her and her partner and I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best.

I will be writing to the parents of Squirrel Class 2024 -25 with further details and would like to take this opportunity to reassure all parents that we have plans to cover all of Miss Harris's roles within school.

I would also like to congratulate Miss Bishop on her recent wedding, she surprised us all with this wonderful news! I know it was a very special day and on behalf of us all here at Barns Green we would like to wish her and her husband (and of course Pumpkin the dog) a very happy future together.



Choir and Musicians Celebration

Thank you to the parents who joined us today to listen to a small number of musicians and our newly formed choir perform. The opportunity to learn a musical instrument is something I would encourage all families to consider. Today Mr Chalk spoke to the children about the joy of learning a variety of woodwind instruments ranging from the recorder to the saxophone. I really would like to encourage you to encourage your children to try something new and to give this a go.



It has been amazing to see our choir grow in confidence this term. Their pride and sense of belonging was clear to see. During this age where we are all considering the importance of well-being and mental health the opportunity to sing collectively is a wonderful addition to our school offer and one that has provided a boost for all involved. I do hope you will encourage your children to keep on going or to give it a go next year.

I do believe 2024-25 will be an exciting year for music here at school!

Dance club children performance – Monday 4.10pm

If your child is in Dance Club, please come and watch them show you what they have been doing! The performance will begin at 4.10pm.

Summer Reading Challenge



I urge you to continue to prioritise reading throughout the long summer break. Some children will quite naturally pick up a book and read for pleasure whilst others may need further encouragement.



Earlier this term the library service came in to school to introduce this year's summer reading challenge. This is one way to get involved with reading. We will of course be delighted to hand out certificates in assembly in September!

Please see the following link:

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge-2024>

After School Clubs for the Autumn Term

Day	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Club	Dance	Woodland Wonders	Book Club	Lego	Art
Time	3.20-4.20pm	3.20-4.20pm	3.20-4.20pm	3.20-4.20pm	3.20-4.20pm
Cost	£4 per session	£4 per session	£4 per session	£4 per session	£4 per session
Leader	Mrs Hodgson	Miss Root	Miss Root	Mrs Coxon	Ms Petros
Description	Fun and fabulous dance games. Freestyle dances and movement.	Exploring our outside environment. There will be opportunities to use basic hand tools and make things by sourcing natural materials. This will be in all weathers.	Relax and share stories, read by yourself or listen to a story read out loud. There will be opportunities to make hand crafted bookmarks each week and to discuss your latest read.	Make your own Lego creations alongside your friends.	Explore different art techniques and make your own design/picture to take home.

If you would like your child to join any of these clubs, please email office@barngreen.org.uk

If you email before the 23rd July we can confirm your place and you can make payment. Please do not make payment until your place has been confirmed.

Coolmilk

The price of milk for children over 5 will soon increase. If your child is already 5 or will be turning 5 soon, you can still lock in the current price. Simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register and make a payment. You even have the option to pre-pay at the existing rate for the entire academic year.

For children who are already over 5, you can make payment immediately.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

Children who are in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) can access up to 16 activity sessions this summer through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, free of charge. There are over 60 providers delivering across West Sussex this summer, providing a wide range of enriching activities, and each session includes a nutritious meal. Please make your bookings using their [online booking system](#).

Diary Dates

July

Monday 22nd – Year 6 Leavers’ assembly (9.45am)
- Water fight
- Leavers’ picnic (3.30pm – 5.00pm)

Tuesday 23rd – Break up for Summer holidays 1.30pm

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

October

Friday 25th – Break up for half-term at 3.30pm

November

Monday 4th - INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 5th – Children back to school

February

Friday 14th - INSET day (no children in school)

July

Friday 4th - INSET day (no children in school)