



Barley Mow Primary School

Achieving Bright Futures Together



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GOVERNOR UPDATE

I am pleased to be able to announce that Mrs Linda Watkin has become the Chair of the Governing Body and Miss Liz Kirton is continuing as Vice Chair of the Governing Body.

The Governors play a vital role and are responsible for working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality of education.

For more information about the role of Governors please visit the school website.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School breaks up on Friday 19th October for half term and school will re-open on Monday 29th October 2018.

5.11.18- 9.05am Star Assembly- Year 1, 2 and 3

7.11.18- 9.15am- Year 4 Class Assembly

Week beginning 12.11.18 Anti-Bullying Week

12.11.18- 9.05am Star Assembly- Year 4, 5 and 6

26.11.18- 9.05am Star Assembly- Year 1, 2 and 3

3.12.18-9.05am Star Assembly- Year 4, 5 and 6

Week beginning 10.12.18 and 17.12.18 will be Christmas Productions and Christmas parties. Details to follow.



Remember to keep an eye on our school website and newsletter for further updates.

OFSTED REPORT

We were delighted to be able to send home last week a copy of the letter we received from Frances Gowland, Ofsted Inspector, who conducted our recent Ofsted Inspection on 20th September 2018.

The letter recognises that our school continues to be a GOOD school and continues to provide a good standard of education and care for our children.

We were particularly pleased that the report acknowledges that:

- Pupils engage well with their learning and how well behaved the children are
- The "vibrant learning environment is held in high regard; it receives many visitors from other schools"
- "There is a strong culture of safeguarding across the school"
- "Parents are positive and proud of their children's school"

We look forward to continuing to build on this very positive report and to ensure we continue to provide the very best possible education and care, both now and in the future.



HEAD LICE

Over the last few weeks there have been a few cases of children having head lice.

To stop the spread of head lice we need **ALL** parents to take the appropriate action and check their child's hair on a regular basis.

If parents would like support and advice on making sure their child's hair is free from head lice we can arrange a meeting with the School Nurse.

Over the half term could you please check your child's hair to make sure we stop the spread of head lice.

Thank you.



SECONDARY/ PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 6 and Nursery children will have brought an application pack for Secondary and Primary school applications.

Secondary school places must be applied for by 31st October 2018 and Primary school (Reception) applications are required by 15th January 2019.



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Unfortunately the school attendance for the week beginning 15.10.18 was 95.48%

The class attendances were as follows:

- Reception: 96.33%
- Year 1: 90%
- Year 2: 98.82%
- Year 3: 94%
- Year 4: 94.78%
- Year 5: 97%
- Year 6: 98.33%



Well done to Reception, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 for achieving our school target of 96%.

IT IS GETTING COLDER

Just a reminder that as autumn continues and winter is just around the corner it is getting much colder.

Could you please make sure children come to school with warm coats and when necessary scarf, hat and gloves.



Thank you

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED!
ALLOTMENT PROJECT

We would love to create our own allotment in our school grounds so that each class can go and experience first hand what it is like to grow plants, but we really need some help.

If you are a keen gardener or know someone with landscape experience who could help us we would love to hear from you.

If you could speak to Mrs Watson or to Mrs Moons.

Fingers crossed!



LOST PROPERTY

We seem to be accumulating several items of school uniform which is difficult to match up with children as there are no names on the clothing to identify who they belong to.

Over the half term could you please make sure your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name so we can ensure any lost uniform is reunited with its correct owner.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Just to remind parents/ carers that we are an Operation Encompass school.

Operation Encompass is a joint operation between Gateshead Council, Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner.

It began in April 2015 and its purpose is to safeguard children who are affected by domestic abuse by ensuring appropriate services are made aware of an incident.



TERM DATES 2018-2019

Autumn 2018

Monday 3rd September- Friday 21st December
Half term- 22nd- 26th October

Spring 2019

Monday 7th January- Friday 5th April
Half term- 18th- 22nd February

Summer 2019

Tuesday 23rd April- Friday 19th July
Half term- 27th-31st May

Autumn 2019

Monday 2nd September- Friday 20th December
Half term- 21st-25th October