



Barley Mow Primary School

Achieving Bright Futures Together



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WELCOME BACK

The children all seemed to have a lovely Christmas holiday and are still talking about presents they received.

A huge thank you for all the lovely comments we received about our Christmas Productions and how much parents and families enjoyed seeing their child performing on stage. As I said at the productions, we have a strong team of dedicated staff here at Barley Mow Primary School who go that extra mile for the children.

Christmas parties were also a success and thanks to parental support, there was so much food that at the end of the final week we were able to take a food parcel up to the Food Bank at Chester-le-Street.

We have a busy term ahead of us, with lots of exciting activities planned and lots of hard work for the children!

Remember to keep an eye on our website for more details and photographs of what each class has been up to.

SCHOOL MEALS

If you pay for your child's school dinners, please remember that the payment is due in on a Monday morning. If your child is changing from packed lunches to school meals or vice versa, please advise the office in advance.

The cost of school meals is £10 per week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beginning 6.1.16- Curriculum overviews for each year group will be sent home this week.

13.1.16- Photograph Day

27.1.16- Year 4 Class Assembly—9.15am

School closes on Friday 12th February and re-opens on Monday 22nd February

Week beginning 7.3.16-
Parents' Evening

23.3.16- Year 1 Class
Assembly- 9.15am



CONTACT NUMBERS

It is **really** important that we always have up to date contact numbers within school just in case there is an emergency with your child.

We have had several instances where children have been unwell at school and we have been unable to contact parents, as their contact details have changed.

As you can imagine this is very distressing for children and emergencies can happen at any time.

So, if your details, contact numbers have changed, can you please inform the office as soon as possible as we need to be able to maintain contact with you during the school days in case of any emergency.

Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I have been delighted by how smart the children have looked in their uniform this week.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that full School uniform must be worn at all times.

School Uniform is:

Grey/ black -skirt, trousers, tunic

White—blouse, shirt

Royal blue- cardigan, jumper, sweatshirt

PE kits

Your co-operation with this matter is much appreciated.



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

I am pleased to say that the school attendance for the week beginning 4.1.16 was 96.69%

The class attendances were as follows:

Reception: 97.92%

Year 1: 98.33%

Year 2: 96.67%

Year 3: 96.88%

Year 4: 93.75%

Year 5: 93.53%

Year 6: 98.44%



Well done to Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 6 for achieving our school target of 96%.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder that Breakfast Club is back up and running after the Christmas holidays.

It opens at 8.15am and the last entry is 8.45am.

The children are offered cereal, toast, a drink and fresh fruit too.

Once children have finished their breakfast, there are games and activities to play.

As our Breakfast Club is sponsored by Greggs, it is free of charge for parents.

PUNCTUALITY

There are still a few parents bringing children into school late on a morning.

I am sure you will agree that lateness has an impact on children's learning and self-esteem.

I would like to draw your attention to the information below which shows how many days are lost due to persistent lateness.

Every Minute Counts

Lateness- Lost Learning

(Figures calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

As few as 19 days missed over a school year greatly reduces children's chance of success.

Please try and get your child(ren) to school on time!

RECEPTION CLASS

The children in our Reception class are planning on building some fabulous models this term but they really need your help.

If you have any cardboard boxes (not toilet rolls) at home could you bring them in for our Reception Children.

Thank you.