



Barley Mow Primary School

Achieving Bright Futures Together



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WELCOME BACK

We hope you all had a lovely summer break and managed to find some sunshine somewhere.

It was lovely to welcome all the children back into school looking very smart in their uniforms and school shoes.

Our Reception children had a great first week and I have seen lots of smiles as they have enjoyed different activities within their Reception class.

We are currently reviewing children on our Medical Register and making sure all the details are correct. If your child suffers from asthma could you please make sure your child has an inhaler in school.

Several parents have been to ask us recently about Sherpa Kids, who run after school provision on our premises. If you are interested in getting more information about Sherpa Kids please contact Sam Taylor on 07494340949 or visit Mrs Moons in our school office for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS

As is now becoming a tradition at Barley Mow Primary School, I am delighted to announce that the following children have been chosen to hold important positions in our school:

Shelby Slade—Head Girl
 Logan Burleigh—Head Boy
 Heather McCann - Prefect
 Emily Burns - Prefect
 Ben Greathead - Prefect
 Máté Kozák - Prefect
 Karleigh Hunter - Prefect
 Kaelene Woodend - Prefect

These children have been selected because they always work hard, show impeccable manners and are consistently well behaved.

Well done children!, I know you will be great ambassadors for Barley Mow Primary School.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28.9.17- National Poetry Day - all day

2.10.17- Star Assembly - 10.30am

4.10.17- No Pen Day - all day

11.10.17- Year 5 Class Assembly - 9.15am

Week Beginning- 16.10.17- Parents' Evening and Special Educational Needs Reviews

Week beginning 10.10.16 Parent Evenings

Week beginning- 16.10.17 - Harvest Festival Celebrations

School Breaks up on Friday 20th October for half term and school will re-open on Monday 30.10.17.

6.11.17- Star Assembly 10.30am

Week beginning 13.11.17- Anti- Bullying Week

22.11.17- Year 2 Class Assembly - 9.15am

4.12.17- Star Assembly - 10.30am

Week beginning 11.12.17 and 18.12.17 will be Christmas Productions and Christmas Parties. Details to follow.

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



SAFEGUARDING SCHOOL

Just to remind you that Barley Mow Primary School is a Safeguarding School and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

TODDLER GROUP

We are delighted to let you know that our Toddler Group began this week.

Mrs Mounsey, one of our teaching assistants, is running the group and would be delighted to see you and your toddler.

It will be held every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm - 3pm in our school nursery.

It costs £1 per family, the price includes juice and a snack for the toddlers.

Why not come along next week and have some fun.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Having up to date contact information for each child in school is vital to ensure that in an emergency we have the correct contact numbers in school to contact the relevant family members.

To ensure these numbers are correct we have just sent out a contact form to be completed with details of contacts. Please could you complete the form and send them back to school as soon as possible.

If you have **not** completed the form, could you please do it as a matter of urgency as we need to be able to maintain contact with you during the school day in case of an emergency.

Whenever your contact details change if you could update your details with Mrs Moons in the school office.

Your co-operation with this matter is much appreciated.



ATTENDANCE

The Government set targets that every child's attendance should be no less than 95%. This will then be stated on your child's End of Year report. Any absence includes holidays, sickness, medical appointments etc. any child whose attendance is less than 90% is classed as "Persistent Absentee" and this information is held with Central Government.

Attendance percentages can be misleading. Consider the following:

100%	0 days lost	Gives your child the best chance of success
98%	4 days lost	
96%	6 days lost	
95%	9 days lost	1 week and 4 days of learning missed
Less than satisfactory		
90%	20 days lost	makes progress harder To achieve

90% attendance over a 5 year period equates to a whole year off school.

Attendance at school is so important for a child's learning.

Whilst any child may be off school because they are ill, sometimes they can be reluctant to attend school. Any problems with regular attendance are best sorted out between the school, the parents and the child. If a parent thinks their child is reluctant to attend school then we will work with that family to understand the root problem.

I am pleased to say that the school attendance for the week beginning 19.9.16 was 97.81%

The class attendances were as follows:

Reception: 95.9%
Year 1: 98.5%
Year 2: 98.15%
Year 3: 98.93%
Year 4: 98.97%
Year 5: 94%
Year 6: 98.15%

Well done to Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and Year 6 for achieving our school target of 96%.



RECEPTION AND NURSERY OUTDOOR AREA

Before and after school, please can I ask that children do not climb or play on this equipment.

Thank you.