



# Barnham Primary School

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**Successful Learners**



**Confident Individuals**



**Responsible Citizens**

## Barnham Pupils Shine

Welcome to our newsletter for February. It continues to be a great start to the year and it is lovely to see Spring beginning to find it's feet as we move into brighter and sunnier, crispier days. The children are continuing to confidently embrace their learning and showing the energy and enthusiasm that really brightens up the school each and every day. It's so wonderful to see the smiles and joy as I move through the school. We are looking forward to seeing this positive force continue as we move into the month and beyond. As always if have any questions, queries or want to raise anything then please come and chat to us or email or phone the office or myself.

**February 2024**



**Our Mission:** For all our children to be the best that they can be.

### Successful Learners

We'd like to thank you for all your excellent support with reading with the children at home. We know how tricky sometimes this can be to fit in around busy days, but the fantastic work that you do really makes a difference to the speed and quality of progress that the children make. Even as the children grow in age it is important to hear them read as well as read to them. Children need to practice their reading skills so they can build their fluency and accuracy, but also need to be immersed in language and vocabulary that is challenging and new, so that they can increase their own word dictionary and therefore develop their reading knowledge and understanding. So, don't be afraid to push the envelope and share with your children books that are tricky or above their age. It's never too early for a bit of Michael Morpogo, Roald Dahl, Enid Blyton, Cressida Cowell, Charles Dickens or JRR Tolkien. Remember also, that re-reading and re-sharing books that are family favourites and that the children love to read or hear over and over again, is very much vital as well. Through repetition and recognition, confidence is built which all helps to improve reading fluency and independence. Please see class teachers if you need any advice or guidance.

### Confident Individuals

Through this half term, we've continued to remind the children of the importance of speaking up and sharing with the trusted adults they work with, any concerns, worries or friendship issues they may be having. The school community is one that is built on kindness and tolerance, but reinforcing this message is vital so that the children learn the value of being part of a community that supports everyone. We will continue to do this through our Assemblies and Shine lessons.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you with your continued support in being punctual each day. We know that with water works, local traffic issues and a variety of other challenges, the trip to school can be challenging and so we'd like to thank you again for ensuring the children attend school on time.

### Safeguarding

Thank you to those of you who attended the Online Safety Webinars last month. On Wednesday 6th March we will be running the webinar again. The webinar will take place at 10am and be repeated at 4pm and will provide some key tips and guidance in how to help manage the challenges of the virtual world as well as signposting you towards informative websites that can help us all when supporting our children as they grow. A link for each of the times can be found below. If the webinar proves to be successful then we will continue to repeat it.

Wednesday 6th March 10am [Click here to join the meeting](#) Meeting ID: 363 477 476 296 Passcode: GRQgYs

Wednesday 6th March 4pm [Click here to join the meeting](#) Meeting ID: 385 704 594 842 Passcode: z5EQjP