



Barnham Primary School

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Successful Learners



Confident Individuals



Responsible Citizens

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Welcome to our final newsletter of the year and what a year it has been. There is no comparison between this time last year and now; so much has happened and all our lives have changed in so many ways. Reassuringly though, the key foundations that provide the glue for our school have remained throughout: community and team spirit, meaning that Team BPS has stayed strong and stayed together. It would be foolhardy to predict what 2021 will bring, but if our glue continues to bind us together then we know we can overcome. Take care and thank you.



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

Successful Learners

The progress that the children have made this term has been amazing. On return in September and as expected there were gaps in learning and knowledge that have required focus. It was also clear that the learning stamina of the children had been affected and would take some time to develop again. However, all children have risen to meet these challenges and have proved day after day, lesson after lesson their desire and drive to improve and progress. Your work and support in preparing them for each day, as well as providing time to talk, share, read together and reinforce any learning taking place at school has been immense and without this support the children would not have been as successful as they have been in working towards their potential. Thank you once again, the children attend school each day fighting fit and ready to learn and this attitude for their progress is priceless.

Next term will again bring it's challenges as the children continue to be asked to push themselves and to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding yet further. But, with your support, we can get there. The foundations have been laid, let's keep building.

Responsible Citizens

Our attendance to date has been the best it has been for some time for an Autumn Term and again this owes a great deal to you and the way that you have supported the children and the school. I am fully expecting that in the new year our attendance may well be affected as children have to isolate after the Christmas break. If so, our Home School Learning platform will swing back into action. If you find yourselves in the position of having to self-isolate we will provide for you details of how to access Home School Learning through our website and will keep in contact with you via email or phone.

Confident Individuals

Yesterday, the children all took part in our very own Barnham's Got Talent. This year each class shared a poem or rhyme, a festive joke and a riddle to perplex the brain. The 'show' took place through Microsoft Teams and was a marvellous way to bring everyone together. It was fantastic to see each class working together as a team and reinforced the strong links that have been built this term.

Covid Protective Measures

During the Christmas period the school may be required to contact you in order to share information and guidance if we receive news of a positive case of Covid 19. If so, you would receive an email with an update and we would send a text message to let you know that we had sent an email. If you learn of a positive case for your child over the break then please email me at head@barnhamprimaryschool.co.uk.

Clubs

Please look out for our emails about school clubs which are returning in January.

Staffing Updates

This month we have welcomed to the staff team Mrs Caroline Daines and Mrs Susan Forrester who will be working with us in Years 5/6 and Year R respectively.

And finally

On behalf of the team, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Enjoy the time together and remember that we return on Tuesday 5th January. Take care.