



# Barnham Primary School

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**Successful Learners**



**Confident Individuals**



**Responsible Citizens**

## Barnham Pupils Shine

The academic year for 2021– 2022 is nearly over and I cannot believe that we are here. It seems like only yesterday that I was writing the newsletter for September, and here we are nearly a year later. It has been an incredible three terms and on behalf of the staff team I would like to say a huge thank you for all your support and kindness throughout. We have had a year of many trials and tribulations but through it all our children, you and the rest of the school community has remained resolute and strong. We now look forward to new challenges and experiences next year with a growing confidence, secure in the knowledge that we as a community and school are ready for anything.

**July 2022**



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

### Successful Learners

The children have been absolutely superb this year and worked so hard to ensure that we return to pre-covid levels of achievement and learning. Whilst we still have some gaps to overcome, it is clear that we are getting there and that in fact in some areas of the curriculum we have surpassed our goals. Using our assessment system in a more forensic fashion has certainly enabled us to analyse and intervene more swiftly and with precision, it has also highlighted where we need to spend less learning time when the knowledge is secure. There will always be work to be done and targets to aim for, but I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children and the staff team for the effort and hard work. They really do shine.

### Confident Individuals

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank and recognise our wonderful Year 6 children. For seven years they have always been a hard working and self assured group who have constantly contributed positively to the fabric and essence of our school. We wish them every success for the future and want them to know that they will be sadly missed. Over these past few years the year group have had to respond to all the challenges that covid has brought, and they like the rest of the school have done so with maturity and optimism. These attributes will go a long way to support them all as they embark on the next stage of the educational career at high school; where we know they will continue to shine. Thank you Year 6 and well done.

### Whole School Dates

Inset Days for 2022-2023 have now been agreed and were emailed out to families before half term. They can also be found on the school's website. Remember, that we return on Friday 2nd September.

Transition Day 6th July - here our current children spend the day with their new staff teams and classmates for the day in preparation for next year.

An Open House will be held on Tuesday 12th July 3.00–3.30. This is a chance for families to join their child and share together some of the work they have produced this year.

End of year reports will be provided for families on Friday 15th July and in a change to shared previously, will come home with your child, with copies for also posted for those who have requested it.

### Attendance

Due to the impact of covid, attendance has moved to the foreground of the significant issues that schools may face as they move into next year. The concern is that children may attend school less as we move forward due to their experiences over the past couple of years. To put this into context for BPS, a primary school of our size would expect to maintain attendance levels consistently of 96%, but this past year in some weeks we were at 86% attendance for the whole school. I'm sharing this with you because coming our way for September 2023 will be tighter regulation regarding absence and this could impact upon you when requesting absence for holidays or other similar activities. In reality it is going to become less and less likely that I am going to be able to agree to such absences. I regret this move as I've always felt that we have supported requests flexibly and on a case by case basis but we may no longer be able to do this as we move to 2023. I will of course continue to keep you updated as to the changes coming and hope that we are still able to apply a sensible and family focused approach to our management of absence and attendance.