



# Barnham Primary School

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**Successful Learners**



**Confident Individuals**



**Responsible Citizens**

## Barnham Pupils Shine

**September 2023**

Welcome back to you all and welcome to what I hope is going to be another very good year here at BPS. I really hope that you have all been able to have a restful and relaxing summer break, and that you are now looking forward to the Autumn term and all the exciting opportunities that it brings. The staff team and I are very excited about sharing new learning opportunities and experiences with the children and we are really looking forward to see them continue to learn and grow together in our kind, caring school community. As always please do come and speak to us if you have any questions, worries or concerns either by chatting to staff at the beginning or end of each day or by reaching out via the office, class email or my email.



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

### Successful Learners

A new term brings with it wonderful new topics and we are excited to bring these to the children. Every Friday, the staff team will email to you an outline of what learning activities and experiences have taken place during the week, as well as what is to come for the next week. Contained in the emails will also be reminders and any changes to the next week that you need to be aware of. We hope that you find these useful but as always do come and see us if you have any questions. Our website is also a helpful way of finding out information about the school's curriculum and is regularly being updated to show and share how the curriculum is evolving and adapting to meet the needs of the children. Again though, if you do have any questions or queries or just want to learn more then please do chat to us so that we can help provide more detail.

### Confident Individuals

A new year and term brings with it new opportunities and new learning challenges; and as with all phases of change, there will be an initial period of settling in as all of our school community adapts to new routines, people and structures. So, thank you in advance for your support in guiding the children through this stage as everyone finds their feet. We will be reminding the children that they are more resilient than they sometimes believe, and that they cope with change remarkably well, and should be confident in their abilities to make new friends, face new challenges and enjoy new experiences.

### Whole School Dates

Face to Face Parents Evenings - 16th and 17th October 3.30 to 6pm (further information coming soon)

Inset Day 30th October - Curriculum Development (School closed for pupils)

### Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality remain a vital part of the learning jigsaw for our children. This therefore means there will continue to be tighter regulation regarding absence and this could impact upon you when requesting absence for holidays or other similar activities. It will continue to be less and less likely that I am going to be able to agree to such absences. Please continue to share with me any requests that you have so that we can work together to find a solution. It is also important to continue to encourage the children to keep on going and to come to school, even if they are feeling tired or a little under the weather. We need to work together to continue to build their learning stamina and capacity as the children move through the year.

### Responsible Citizens

I know that you know this already, but our children are a wonderful group of children to work with and we feel privileged each day that we can. One of the strengths of children here at BPS is their ability to be responsible; meaning that they grow their independence and are willing to accept guidance and feedback to help them progress. In these early days we will be working hard to remind them of this and work with them to continue to develop this key component of their development. Let's go Team BPS and see what together we can achieve.

### Safeguarding

We just wanted to remind you of the Designated Safeguarding Leads here at BPS in case you ever needed to raise any worries or concerns you may have. The DSLs are Mr Draper, Mrs Scott, Mrs Schofield and myself. You can reach out by seeing us face to face, emailing the office, emailing me at [head@barnhamprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:head@barnhamprimaryschool.co.uk) or using the contact page on our website. Our Trustee Safeguarding lead is Martin Emmett and he can be reached using the following email address [trusteesclerk@barnhamprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:trusteesclerk@barnhamprimaryschool.co.uk)