



Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of all the staff I would like to express thanks to you all. This year has not been without its challenges and unfortunately some very sad news so the support that parents and carers have shown us has been greatly appreciated. That said, it has been another successful year in terms of the children's learning and progress, and the enjoyment they have shown in a wide range of activities and events. We continue to develop our school premises although the pace at which we are able to do so is certainly hindered by pressures on school budgets which I am sure you are familiar with.

We really do have a fantastic team at Barrow Hedges. I know you will join me in thanking the Teachers and Teaching Assistants for their hard work, as well as the administrative and other support staff. Our governors continue to work hard in their various roles and are of great support to us.

It has been fantastic to see so many of you at our various events this term, such as Exhibition Evening, Sports Days and the Summer Music Concert to name but a few. I would also like to express my thanks to parents for your help and support with these activities. Our PTA have had a very successful year and have worked tirelessly, providing numerous activities for children and parents. We received wonderful feedback about the Fete in particular and I am delighted that we raised approximately £10,000. A special thank you to everybody involved – great work everyone!

It is always the case at this time of year that we have to say goodbye to some members of staff. As you will already know, Mrs Hayes (Elm Class Teacher) is moving on to a full time contract at one of our other Trust schools. Mrs Connor has completed her temporary work with Squirrel Class. Mrs Wallace (Nursery) has retired. Mrs Katie Paul is not returning to Barrow Hedges after her maternity leave as she has decided to devote her time to her family. Mrs Paul was a fantastic Assistant Headteacher and Class Teacher who taught at our school for a number of years, during this time having various leadership roles. I would like to thank her for all she did for our school. We wish all these teachers the very best for the future. We look forward to welcoming three new teachers to our team – Miss Carmen Cheung, Miss Lizzie Holmes and Miss Abi Swinfield.

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There are the usual reminders for the Autumn term to ensure a smooth and prepared start to the new academic year. Please continue to ensure that children are smartly dressed in their correct school uniform. As always, trainers are not permitted. Your child may change into trainers for the lunchtime play. Correct, named, PE kit should be in school every day so that your child does not lose access to this important part of the curriculum. We do not provide spare kit to children who forget theirs.

Earrings should not be worn to school. If your child is having their ears pierced, please do so during the first week of the holidays so that earrings can be removed before school in September. We continue to find that some children wear earrings to school and although we do cover these with tape for health and safety reasons, this is not to be considered a longer term solution.

Another reminder for Juniors is that mid-morning snacks should be fruit or vegetables only please. Infant children have their fruit or vegetable snack provided by the school.

Although sold by our uniform stockists, Cladish, we ask that children in Year 1 and 2 refrain from bringing in backpacks. Instead a book bag is required. Infant children do not need large school bags as we have difficulty storing all of the children's belongings during the school day - book bags are preferable please. Home-School Diaries are provided in the new school year and replacements for lost ones can be bought from the office.

We ask that all children return with the following in September:

- a box of tissues for their classroom. This provides a stock to keep classes going throughout the year
- a glue stick

For children from year 3 onwards, please provide your child with appropriate stationery in a named pencil case:

- Pencil *
- Eraser
- Ruler

Children in year 3 work towards achieving their pen licence when they can use a blue ink pen. On receipt of their Pen Licence, each child will be given a pen. We no longer sell these from the office. Children may use blue gel roller ball pens and not biro please.

We would like to invite parents/carers to our Information Meetings in the new term and the dates are as follows. These all start at 3.30pm and will be in the Main Hall.

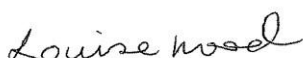
Monday 9th September – Years 5&6

Tuesday 10th September – Years 1&2

Thursday 12th September – Years 3&4

I wish you all a very happy and safe (and sunny!) summer break and look forward to seeing children, parents and staff back in September. Monday 2nd September is an INSET day and the children return on Tuesday 3rd September. The school calendar for 2019/20 is now available to view on the school website.

With very best wishes to you all,



Louise Wood
Headteacher