

West Barns Primary School

September Newsletter

Together Everyone Achieves More

It's been a busy 6 weeks back at nursery and school and it has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back and to welcome children and families who have joined us this year.

This year is, and will continue to be, a year like no other and I would like to thank all pupils, staff, parents and families for your support as we navigate these unprecedented times.

With that said there are lots of exciting things planned for this year and we look forward to working with all stakeholders as we continue to improve and develop our school and nursery.

You have now received class newsletters outlining the learning planned for term and we are exploring new ways to share learning with you through digital platforms.

This term all classes have explored the idea of 'colour' as a way for us to recover and reconnect, supporting the re-building of positive relationships across the school. We will be launching our virtual art gallery to showcase the art work across the classes next week on our Edubuzz website.

If you should have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me. We always appreciate your feedback.

Laura Hay (Acting Head Teacher)

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Our School Improvement Plan 2020-21

This year we are working with our pupils, staff, parents and the wider to community to:

- Review our vision, values and aims
- Develop a whole school approach to nurture with a focus on health and well-being
- Review our approach to health and well-being across the whole school community
- Develop our use of the school grounds to support outdoor learning
- Develop our use of our Learning Journeys to show more clearly how we are improving in our learning
- Think about how we can improve how we teach and learn at West Barns

Watch out for the 'West Barns Bite' over the course of the year for bite-sized information regarding our progress in these priorities.



Covid-19 Reminders

If anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms related to covid-19 then all members of the household must self-isolate as per NHS Inform advice. This means that children in the household **should not come to school or nursery**.

This guidance is in place to reduce the risk of transmission and to help protect our school community.

All guidance related to covid-19 is available on our school Edubuzz website.

School Lunches

From Tuesday 22nd September soup will be available to order for school lunches each day Monday to Thursday, in addition to their packed lunch.

Starting after the October break there will be a warm choice in place of a sandwich / filled roll e.g. pizza, panini, finger food

Travel to School

There remains a significant reduction in the traffic around school and nursery at drop off and pick-up times. We continue to encourage all families to park the West Barns Bowling Club and walk up to the school grounds.

Please remind any other family who are dropping off or collecting children of this arrangement.

This way we can keep all our pupils and families safe.



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School Uniform

Whilst a relaxation in school uniform remains in place to support families during the pandemic we ask that pupils do not come to school wearing jeans or hoodies. As much as possible children should come to school wearing plain clothes rather than branded items.

There a huge array of school uniform in our 'pre-loved uniform' box which is available to all parents. If you would like to come and see the box please call the school and Mrs Allan will help to arrange a time for you to look through the clothing.



Big Thank Yous

Since returning to school we have been overwhelmed by the support from our families and wider community as we adjust how we teach and learn in light of new regulations and guidance.

Thanks for:

- donations of lego to support play in P3/4
- donations of car tyres to support outdoor learning and loose parts play
- wooden pallets to support the development of our school grounds
- tarpaulins donated by Dunbar Cement Works

Thanks to Mr Blair for building a water play unit for the nursery and for sawing wooden logs for our woodland area

Parent Working Group

This year we will be reviewing our vision, values and aims as identified on our School Improvement Plan. We are looking to work with as many parents as possible in consultation around this and would like to be able to set up a working group.

This might involve virtual meetings held during the school day or evening. If you are interested in sharing your opinions and contributing to this then please get in touch with the school.

