

The Collaboration of Barton and Ravensworth
Church of England VC Primary Schools

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Stevenson



Newsletter
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Friday 16th September 2016

Autumn Term 2016 Issue 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been nine days since the start of school and the children have settled well and I am impressed with the learning that is taking place. It has been very interesting listening to the children in Class 3 play their instruments and I can hear the progress after two short weeks. Once Mrs Evans is sure that the children can take care of their instruments, you will need to sign a letter of consent and then the children can bring their violins, cellos, flutes and clarinets home. Please ensure that your child brings their instrument to school every Wednesday.

Next Friday at Ravensworth and the Friday after at Barton, we will be raising money for **JEANS FOR GENES** day! We ask that pupils make a donation of £1 and wear their school uniform with a pair of jeans for the day.

Please can I remind you that nuts, particularly peanuts, can cause serious allergic reactions in some children. Please do not send them as part of a snack or packed lunch. Thank you.

Kindest regards,

Sharon Stevenson

Mrs Sharon Stevenson
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates – Week beginning 19/09/2016		<i>EH = Executive Headteacher</i>
	Barton	Ravensworth
Monday	EH Afterschool Clubs and Activities to continue this week unless stated otherwise.	
Tuesday	Friends Meeting 6:30pm Half Moon Pub	EH
Wednesday	EH Class 3 Music Lessons	Lunch time football club with Mike Layfield Class 3 Music Lessons
Thursday	Whole Service of Celebration at St Cuthbert's & St Mary's Church Barton 2pm Multiskills with Mrs Harris – R, Y1, Y2	EH Whole School Service of Celebration 2pm at St Cuthbert's & St Mary's Church Barton – everyone welcome After school football club with PC Godfrey 3.15-4.15pm Years 3 & upwards

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	Afterschool Club – Mrs Dreaves – Science Experiments Club	
Friday	Y5/6 Football at Richmond School more information to follow	Guitar Lessons resume – 12.30pm Jeans for Genes day – please come to school in your jeans and school T-shirt and jumper – pupils to bring in a donation towards the charity. Y5/6 Football at Richmond School more information to follow
Diary Dates for week beginning 26 th September 2016		
Monday	EH Collaboration Educational Visit to Beamish – Whole School – letters and information to follow Afterschool Clubs and Activities to continue this week unless stated otherwise.	Collaboration Educational Visit to Beamish – Whole School – letters and information to follow
Tuesday	Bikeability Y6 - All day	EH
Wednesday	EH Bikeability Y6 - morning	Lunchtime football club with Mike Layfield
Thursday		
Friday	Y3/4 Football at Richmond School more information to follow	EH Y3/4 Football at Richmond School more information to follow

	Barton	Ravensworth
Tuesday 20 th September, 6.30pm	Friends Meeting Half Moon Pub – everybody welcome.	
Thursday 22 nd Sept 2pm	Collaboration Church Service with Bishop James at St Cuthbert's with St. Mary's Church, Barton SFX open evening 6:30pm	Collaboration Church Service with Bishop James at St Cuthbert's with St. Mary's Church, Barton SFX open evening 6:30pm
Friday 23 rd Sept 1-4pm	Football Y5/6 Richmond School	Football Y5/6 Richmond School

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Monday 26 th Sept - All day	Collaboration Educational Visit to Beamish	Collaboration Educational Visit to Beamish
Tuesday 27 th Sept	Bikeability Y6 Day 1 all day Richmond School Open Evening 7pm	Richmond School Open Evening 6pm
Wednesday 28 th Sept	Bikeability Y6 Day 2	
Friday 30 th September, 9am 1-4pm	MacMillan Coffee morning in the school hall – all welcome. Jeans for Genes Day. Y3/4 Football Richmond School	Y3/4 Football Richmond School
Monday 10 th October	Crucial Crew Y6 Date and time to be confirmed further details to follow	Crucial Crew Y 6 Date and time to be confirmed further details to follow
Friday 14 th October , 2.45pm	Messy Church	
Tuesday 18 th October		Messy Church
Friday 21 st October, 6pm - 7pm	Harvest Praise – St Cuthbert's & St Mary's	
Friday 18 th November, 2.45pm	Messy Church	

Barton

Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1- Flossy Clements, William Littler, Noah Dreaves, Archie Johnson, Eva-Grace Short, Chloe Rankin and Lexie McMillan-Smith

Class 2 – Lilly Kelly

Class 3 – Jessie Husband

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1- Angelica Mattson

Class 2 – Lucy Bonham

Class 3 – Lydia Mattson

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1- Heath Szikora

Class 2 – Lucas Dreaves

Class 3 – Elizabeth Arnold

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1- Eva-Grace Short

Class 3 – Diana Murray

Our Super Star Spellers are: Class 3

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Class 1

It has been a fantastic first week back in Class 1 with lots of exciting and fun things going on. Our new starters have settled in so well it's hard to believe they have only been here for one week! We have been up to so much including: handprint painting, portrait painting, lots of messy play, drama, singing and much more. All of the children have enjoyed lots of learning outside the classroom in our newly updated outdoor area and are loving making lots of new friends. Please can I ask that you read with your children as often as possible and record this in their school planner, thank you.

Class 2

Class 2 have settled back into school very well, they are all displaying a great attitude to learning and are very keen. They have particularly enjoyed learning about the beginning of the Railway Revolution and I hope they have shared some of these interesting facts with you. Why not ask them in which towns the first railway line started and ended? We are hoping to build models of the first steam trains and would like any small boxes, tubes or cylinders that you can send in to help us with this project. Can we also ask that you read with you children as often as possible and make a note of this in their school planners? When you have recorded that they have finished their books we will give them a new one.

Class 3

In Class Three we have been excited about our new Space topic for this term. We made our own mnemonics to remember the order of the planets and designed our own rockets and began to build them ready to launch next week.



Friends

Recent 80 Club winners are:

August:

Number 5 - number not taken

Number 60 - Barbara Whittle

Number 52 - Bev Stainthorp

September:

Number 86 - Val Ramshaw

Number 26 - Kellie Harris

Number 3 - number not taken

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Congratulations to all our winners! If anyone would like to purchase a number for the remaining 8 draws, please contact Mrs Percival.

Please come along to The Half Moon Pub on Tuesday 20th September to the next meeting of the Friends of Barton School. Everybody is welcome.

MacMillan Community Coffee Morning

Mrs. Coates is organising a Community Coffee Morning. Come along and join us to raise money for MacMillan from 9 o'clock on Friday 30th September. Please feel free to bring neighbours, friends and family along too. Donations of cakes and buns would be gratefully received.

Community Collective Worship

Parents, carers, friends and family are all welcome to join us for Community Collective Worship on a Friday afternoon from 3- 3.30pm. Come along and enjoy a song and a celebration of the week in school.

Messy Church

Kath will lead Messy Church on Friday 14th October and Friday 18th November at 2.45pm. Please note the change of time. All parents, family and friends are welcome to share a bible story, craft activities and food together at our Community Messy Church.

Parentpay

All new parent/carers will by the end of today have received information and username and password to enable access to Parentpay. Please may we remind you that dinner monies and all activities/wrap around care **must** be paid in advance. If you experience any problems please contact the school office and make regular checks of your accounts. Lunch and Wrap around care are updated on Friday afternoon for the previous week so that if necessary payments can be made at the weekend to cover the following week. Thank you.

Ravensworth

Children celebrating achievements this week

Our stars of the week are: Class1 :- Alanna Scott-Errington, Class 2:- Will Hegarty, & Rose Brown, Class 3:- Clara Metcalfe

The Badger has been awarded to: Amy Calvert

The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup is: James Tallantire

Our Carpenters Cup is awarded to: Kimberley Dobinson

Class 1

We have been extremely impressed with how all the children have settled into class 1 this week and last week. The new year 1 children have been super role models to the new starters and the new reception children have shown themselves to be an independent and resilient group. They have been extremely busy exploring all the areas inside and outside and have quickly been learning the new school routines. Such a lovely group of children in class 1! The children have shown they enjoy

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making models so please could we request any boxes or items they can create with. Many thanks.



Class 2

It has been a busy time in class 2 this week. Children have been learning about writing recounts and have enjoyed learning how to write in the past tense. I look forward to reading their end product on Friday. During maths they have been learning to partition and order numbers.

I particularly enjoyed our history lesson this week about the Victorians. All the children went to work in a textile factory weaving! The children were disappointed that I didn't actually pay them for their work!

Can you remind the children to show you their planners and please feel free to write in them as well as recording any reading that they complete.

Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been using drama, actions and a story map to retell a story from the book, Arabian Nights, called The Anklet. During Friday's Big Write, we will be retelling the story in our own words before writing our own ending. In maths this week, we have been learning about the place value of numbers and trying to get to grips with some rather tricky problem solving. It has been a busy week all round because as well as violin lessons, P.E. and starting our new history topic about the Tudors, we have been making models of the planetary orbits during science to go on display on our classroom ceiling. Everyone seemed to particularly enjoy this activity which had some rather colourful results!



Changes to morning routine

Please be advised that as of Monday 19th September, there will be a slight change to our morning routine. At the start of the day, please bring your child/children onto the playground via the big gates. A member of staff will be on duty from 8.25 and at this time you can leave your child unattended. Children in Class 1 will go straight into Class 1 from the yard and children in Class 2 and 3 can hang their bags on pegs and then play on the yard for five minutes. The bell will go at 8.30 and the children will line up and walk into school, collect their reading book and planners and be ready to start their Guided Reading Activities.

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When we have heavy rain or snow, the children will be welcomed into school at **8.25am**. Please note that children will not be able to use the pirate ship as it is too wet and slippery at this time of day.

Planners in school – Please ensure that your child brings this into school every day.

I hope you are all getting used to writing in the planners now. This is a vital link between home and school and will be used for recording reading at home and at school, homework in Class 3 and any messages from school or home that you think it is important for your child's class teacher to know. We expect children in Class 1 and 2 to read every day and children in Class 3 to read at least three times a week. When children read the recommended times each week they will be rewarded with class jewels leading to a class treat. The more jewels the more treats! Please sign your child's planner every time they read and feel free to comment when your child has read at home, including reading their magazines or ebooks!

We will be encouraging reading for pleasure in school throughout the year, by visiting book shops and libraries and visits from authors.

Messy Church

The Reverend Antony Kirby and our Messy Church team will run Messy Church after school on Tuesday 18th October, from 3.15 until 5pm. Please contact school if your child is staying for this popular activity.

Communication

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Class 3 – lthurman@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Can I remind you that you can contact teaching staff via email, however if require an immediate response, please ring the school on 01325 718375.

School Bus

We would like promote positive behaviour on the school bus and need your support. Please could you remind your child/children that everybody has the right to feel safe and happy whilst travelling and that all pupils should act safely and responsibly and always follow the driver's instructions. Our school staff will reinforce appropriate behaviour for bus travel at the start of every journey and promote positive bus behaviour.

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