

Barrs Court Primary Newsletter

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Today marks International Women's Day, a global celebration of women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements since its inception in March 1911. This day is also a call to action for accelerating gender parity. At Barrs Court, our girls have continued to excel. Following the girls football team's success in reaching a national final, our netball team has now made it to the county finals. This achievement brought a tear to the eye of Mrs. Cook. Congratulations; your hard work and dedication make us all incredibly proud.

This week, Red Area embarked on an exciting trip to the SS Great Britain. Their knowledge about Brunel and his achievements were very impressive - they have all clearly been listening very hard in class. A heartfelt thank you to all the parent volunteers who made this trip possible.

World Book Day was another highlight, with children across the school engaging in reading activities, sharing stories, and having the opportunity to watch some Oscar-worthy performances in the 'Little Red Area Hood' assembly. It was lovely to see many children return in the evening for bedtime stories read by our team members. We look forward to the book fair coming to school in the last week of term, offering a wonderful opportunity to refresh your home libraries while supporting the school. Have a lovely weekend.



If you know anyone that might be interested in these jobs then please share the details.

Road Safety Team

Role: School Crossing Patrol – Barrs Court

Times: 8.30am – 9.05am

3.10pm – 3.35pm

Hourly rate: £11.59



Full training and uniform is provided, we are happy to consider part time and/or job share for further details please contact myself, Martina Byrne-Obee: 01454 863611.



Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancy

Are you passionate about working with children and are looking for an opportunity to gain experience?

We are currently seeking a part-time Lunchtime Supervisor to join our team. This is a great opportunity to become a part of a fantastic, welcoming school whose priority is their pupils' happiness and wellbeing.

We require someone to work Monday – Friday, 11.50am – 1.105pm (6.25 hours per week), term time only.

If you are interested in applying for the position or would like to discuss the role further, please contact Karen Llewellyn, School Business Manager on 01454 867799 or email enquiries@barrscourtps.org.uk.

Closing date for applications – Friday March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

In the Spring last year the government announced that it was providing additional funding to expand the access to wraparound childcare; to make it more affordable, available and flexible. This relates to childcare before and after school to support working parents.

All local authorities will receive a share of 289 million pounds to help map out and accommodate the needs of parents, families, and carers in their locality. The local authority will be able to use their allocated share of funds to test different ways that they can increase wraparound care options to meet identified demand. We will be working to support schools and private, independent, and voluntary providers to increase the wraparound care options that they provide.

We are interested in hearing your views on wraparound childcare in South Gloucestershire. If you are a parent of a child aged 0-11 we need your help to tell us how and where we should plan extra provision for wraparound care to be most convenient to residents, parents and carers across South Gloucestershire.

https://forms.office.com/e/EeVwzdm77g_

We very much appreciate your time in completing the survey as it will ensure the local authority has a clear map of your future or current needs and the provision you use.

We are very grateful for your support in completing the survey by Friday 22 March.



Amazing Reception Artists

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

15 March

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is a NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY! Children can wearing red noses, paint their noses red, or sporting any red nose-themed merchandise - if they want. Please remember to bring a £1 donation to support the cause on the day.



A joint message from South Gloucestershire Council and Avon and Somerset Police



Dear parent/carer,

We are sure you are aware of recent shocking and tragic events in the wider Bristol area associated with knife crime and we recognise the impact these incidents are having on students and young people in South Gloucestershire as well as on families and the wider community.

We fully appreciate that you may have concerns about the safety of your child following these events, and so we are jointly writing to you to explain the work being undertaken in South Gloucestershire to tackle knife crime.

We want to reassure you that we understand and share your concerns about knife crime, and we are working together as partners and alongside our communities to tackle the root causes of this issue. South Gloucestershire Violence Reduction Partnership, which includes the council's community safety team, children's social care, police, schools and other partners, is committed to educating young people about the dangers and impacts of knife crime and is working hard to keep them safe.

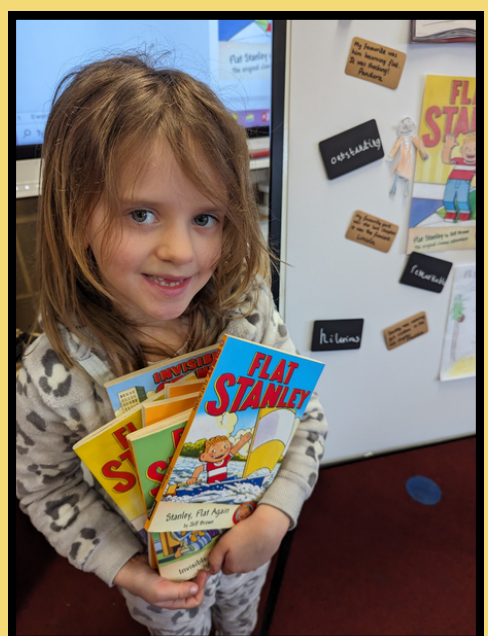
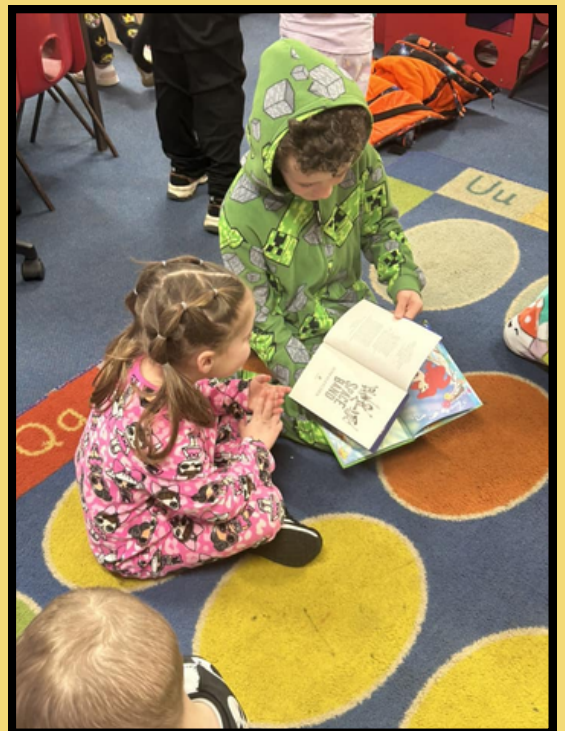
As well as providing access to support and advice, South Gloucestershire Violence Reduction Partnership has commissioned Blunt Truth workshops in secondary schools where police and doctors talk to students about the devastating consequences of knife crime and the risks of carrying a weapon. They provide First Aid skills to help someone in an emergency and encourage young people to report any concerns to Fearless, the Crimestoppers service dedicated to young people. Age-appropriate workshops about belonging, and instilling positive values at an early age, are due to start in primary schools in March.

Bleed kits, which are attached to community defibrillators, have been installed in public places across South Gloucestershire for all to access in the event of a catastrophic trauma including a knife wound. There are also knife surrender bins located outside two South Gloucestershire police stations (Patchway and Kingswood) and in Broad Street, Staple Hill (opposite Page Park) to help encourage people to discard of weapons safely.

Other interventions in the community include Street Doctors and detached youth workers and crime prevention through sport activities.

We have also produced a really informative [guide to knife crime for parents and carers](#) which includes advice on starting conversations about knife crime and the dangers of carrying a bladed weapon. The guide also provides links and contacts for further support put together courtesy of the Ben Kinsella Trust, a charity which works to educate young people on the dangers of knife crime and help them make positive choices to stay safe. Further information is available on the [council website](#) and at the end of this letter. We hope you find this information helpful.

Dan Forster	Cllr Claire Young	Cllr Ian Boulton
Temporary Superintendent	Leader	Co Leader
Avon & Somerset Police	South Gloucestershire Council	South Gloucestershire Council



Forest school will now be on THURSDAY.

Forest School Club



Boost your child's mental, physical and emotional well-being.

Outdoor fun, games and crafts.

Build a campfire and/or den.

Thursday 3.15-4.15pm 6 week course starts 16th April. EARLY BIRD price is £30 if booked by 24th March 2024. £36 thereafter.

Text Charlotte on: 07533 732 035 or email yogacharlotte@yahoo.com for booking details.

Easter Raffle

Tickets to win this Easter egg hamper and other eggs will go in sale on Monday 18th March – Friday 22nd March via the playground or school office (See Kelly for any more info)

Tickets will be £1.00 each.

The raffle draw will take place in assembly on the Monday 25th March



BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA'S:
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024

SCHOOL DISCO

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2: 4:00 - 5:00 PM
YEARS 3 - 6: 5:00 - 6:00 PM
@ Barrs Court Primary School
TICKET: £3 PER CHILD

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW
OR CLICKING THE LINK IN THE FB POST/EMAIL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE INSIDE THE SCHOOL DISCO
DROP OFF AND COLLECTION DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Barrs Court Primary School's

A photograph of two jockeys racing horses on a dirt track. The jockey on the left is wearing a white and blue outfit with a yellow saddle cloth, riding a dark brown horse. The jockey on the right is wearing a white and red outfit with a red helmet, riding a grey horse. They are both leaning forward in a racing posture. The background shows a green field and a white fence.

RACE NIGHT

On the big screen - ADULTS ONLY

Recorded races - Lots of competitive fun!

Friday 26th April 2024

Doors open at 18:00

First race 19:00

(18:00 - 21:00 approximately)

Main Hall @ Barrs Court Primary School BS30 9DG

PTFA EVENTS

BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA'S

UPCOMING

events

2024

FEB/
MARCH

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

DETAILS ARE OUT
NOW

5
JULY

END OF YEAR DISCO & FAMILY BBQ/INFLATABLES

Further details TBC

15
MARCH

SCHOOL DISCO

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 &
YEAR 2: 4:00-5:00
YEARS 3-6: 5:00-6:00
TICKETS GO ON SALE
SOON.

18
OCT

HALLOWEEN DISCO

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS
DISCO

RECEPTION: 3:30 - 4:00
YEARS 1 & 2: 4:00 - 5:00
YEARS 3 - 6: 5:00 - 6:00

26
APRIL

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Date and further details
TBC

30
NOV

WINTER FAIR

Further details TBC

17
MAY

FAMILY BINGO

Date and further details
TBC

22
FEB

PTFA MEETING

17:30 - 18:30/18:45

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

JUNE

FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

Further details TBC

18
APRIL

PTFA MEETING

17:30 - 18:30/18:45

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL STEPHENS DRIVE, LONGWELL
GREEN BS30 7JB

EMAIL: PTFA@BARRSCOURTPS.ORG.UK

Parent and Carer Courses

Click [here](#) for other courses

Bookable Events

Online and In-person workshops

SGPC produce and host a range of workshops and information sessions to help support local Parents and Carers navigate the complexities of SEND parenting. Check out what we have available for you currently.

[Read More](#)



Drop In Support

Support Groups for Parent Carers

Our support sessions are a haven for Parents and Carers to take time for themselves, gain information and chat to others who are on similar journeys. Come along for a cuppa, chat and face to face support at our community base in Kingswood or attend one of our evening support sessions.

[Read More](#)



Little Treasures

Stay and Play Groups

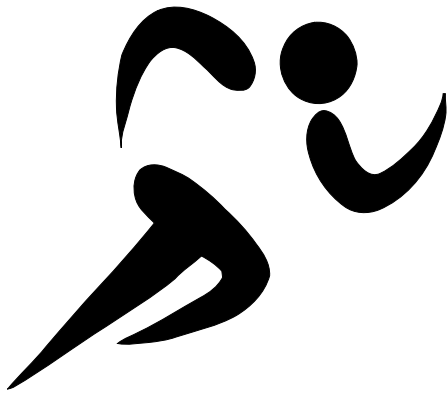
Weekly stay and play sessions for families of Early Years children (0-5).

[Read More](#)





Netball



Netball



Football



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th - Parent/carer Evening
- Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day - Non Uniform
- Friday 15th March - School Disco
- Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th March - School Book Fair
- Thursday 28th March - End of Term 4
- **Monday 15th April - First day of term 5**
- Wednesday 17th April to Friday 19th - Year 4 Residential
- Wednesday 24th April - Coffee Morning - Anxiety speaker
- Friday 26th April - Crazy Hair Day
- Friday 26th April - Race Night (adults only)
- Tuesday 15th May - Thursday 16th - Year 6 SATs
- Friday 17th May - Family Bingo
- Thursday 15th June - Sports Day

Anxiety and Difficulties Attending School

- ? Worried or concerned about your child?
- ✓ Join us for a chat
- ✓ Helping you support your child's needs
- ✓ Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to attend

BARRS COURT PRIMARY

Drop in **24th April 2024, 9:30am**

