

# Barrs Court Primary Newsletter

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Term 3, though just five weeks long, has been bursting with learning and fun! From mastering subordinate clauses to exploring culinary skills, the have embraced everything our curriculum has to offer. Despite the many common colds and coughs that have been making the rounds our attendance has remained remarkable high throughout the term - thank you!

In celebration of the Chinese New Year, we delved into the significance of 2024 being the Year of the Dragon—a symbol of strength and leadership in Chinese culture. This special year prompts us to recognise the virtues of resilience and ambition, traits believed to be embodied by those born under tin the year of the Dragon. We extend our best wishes to all celebrating this festival within our community.

Our Year 6 students embarked on an adventurous camp this week, engaging in a plethora of activities from abseiling and canoeing to axe throwing and den building. The experiences has not only challenged them but also fostered a spirit of camaraderie in the group. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff whose commitment made this memorable experience possible—we couldn't have done it without you.

I encourage you to read the remainder of our newsletter for important updates on parking, mobile phone safeguarding concerns , ongoing building work, PTFA initiatives, and upcoming dates for your diary.

Wishing you all a restful break; we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday, 19th February.**

## **Safeguarding concern - Mobile phones**

We sent a letter to Green Area parent and carers addressing a concern about the misuse of messaging apps, including WhatsApp, by children to send inappropriate messages. It has since been brought to our attention that this issue also involves children in Year 4 using various messaging apps to communicate in an unkind manner.

We strongly urge all parents and carers—especially those whose children own a phone, have access to a phone, or have an older sibling with a phone—to monitor the messages being sent and received by their children. This step is crucial in fostering a safe and respectful digital environment for all our children.

For further guidance on promoting responsible online behaviour and ensuring digital safety, we invite you to visit our school's E-Safety page. Link to the page can be found [here](#).

## **Building Work on school site**

Next term, our school will undergo upgrades to enhance our environmental sustainability. We will be replacing our gas boilers with more eco-friendly heat pumps and updating all radiators throughout the building. As a result of these improvements, the staff car park will be closed to all vehicles for the duration of Term 4.

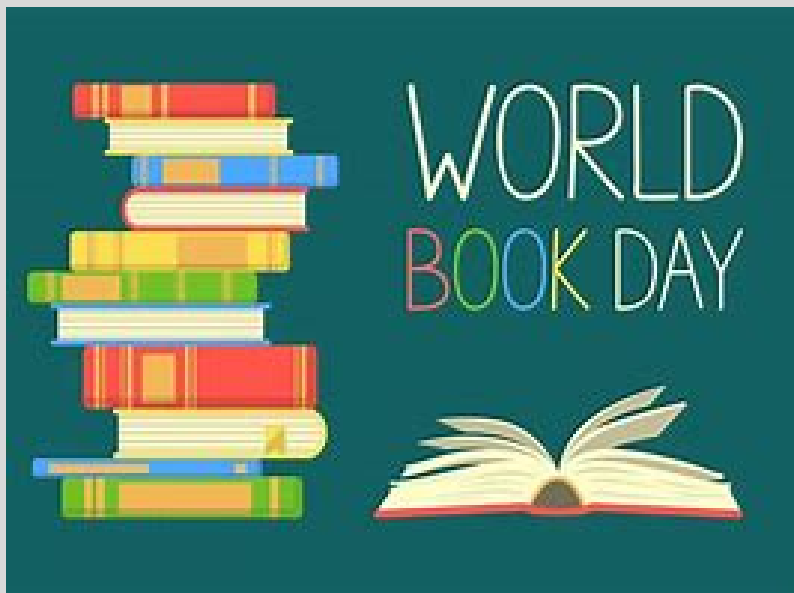
During this period, we kindly request that parents bringing their children to the breakfast club in the mornings use the main entrance. We are committed to ensuring that this construction work causes minimal disruption to our children's learning experience. To achieve this, any potential disturbances will be carefully managed and communicated to the children in advance.

We have implemented all necessary safety measures to guarantee the well-being of our children during this time. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with Mr. Webster, who will be available at the gate, or contact the school office directly.

## Parking

The introduction of parking buddies has significantly enhanced the safety of the area surrounding our school, ensuring a safer environment for our children to cross the road. Regrettably, we must report that one of our parking buddies has been damaged due to careless parking . Each buddy represents a substantial investment of £200, aimed at safeguarding our children by creating safe crossing areas.

We implore everyone within our school community to respect these measures by not moving the parking buddies or parking between them. It is not illegal to park outside school but it does not help us create a safer environment. Thank you for your support.



See letter for details



**BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

# PTFA

**A STRONG PTFA MAKES A GREAT SCHOOL FOR OUR CHILDREN**

## WE NEED YOU

The PTFA was set up in September 2021 and is made up of parents just like you. Since 2021 the PTFA has organised many events such as school discos, family bingo nights, summer family inflatable and bbq evenings, Easter events and winter fares and from these events have raised over £21,217!!!

## REASONS TO JOIN THE PTFA

- SUPPORT THE SCHOOL
- IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE
- MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS
- BE BETTER CONNECTED
- BECAUSE IT'S FUN
- CHANGE THE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER
- LEARN NEW SKILLS
- IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING
- IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS
- CREATE LASTING MEMORIES
- TO KEEP THE PTFA GOING



**IN SEPTEMBER 2024 WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**

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### REASONS TO JOIN THE PTFA

#### SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

The PTFA is vital to the success of the school and the funds raised enrich your child's learning.

#### IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you are a full time parent or working 9-5 anyone can get involved. It is less commitment than you think and there are lots of different ways you can help within the PTFA.

#### MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups and spend time with others who share your values.

#### BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head, teachers, staff and children. The PTFA is an excellent way to learn how things work, gain a greater insight and become part of the community.

#### BECAUSE IT'S FUN

Be part of a team that organises the BEST events and see the smiles on the children's faces and hear the laughter at these events.

#### CHANGE THE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER

Help to influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

#### IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everyone is welcome and it is important to have dads and male carers represented.

#### CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Our children are only at school for a few years but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime

#### TO KEEP THE PTFA GOING

Help keep the PTFA going so future children can benefit too. In September 24 we lose 3 members of our PTFA and without members we will not be able to run events and make money for the school and for our children.



# 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](#)



# 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.

**TBC**  
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

**TBC**  
APRIL

**CRAZY HAIR DAY**  
Date and further details  
TBC

**30**  
NOV

**WINTER FAIR**  
Further details TBC

**TBC**  
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

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

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# DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Friday 9th February - End of term 3
- Monday 19th February - First Day of Term 4
- Tuesday 20th February - Year 6 SATS meeting @5pm
- Thursday 22nd February - PTFA meeting @ 5:30pm
- Friday 23rd February - Road Safety Workshops (Yr 2 and 4)
- Wednesday 6th March - Red Area trip to SS Great Britain
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (Wear PJs)
- Thursday 7th March @ 5pm - Bedtime Stores and coco
- 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
- Wednesday 17th April to Friday 19th - Year 4 Residential
- Tuesday 15th May - Thursday 16th - Year 6 SATs

Next year term dates can be found on the website - Click [here](#)



# **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.

### **You will have:**

- Experience caring for and supporting young children.
- Experience working in activity clubs, schools, nurseries or any type of setting is desirable but not essential.
- A proactive, hands-on attitude.
- An interest in developing high quality play experiences for young children.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to work well in a team.

### **We can offer:**

- Well behaved, motivated children who enjoy school and are keen to learn
- Friendly, enthusiastic and professional staff
- Excellent opportunities for professional development
- A high level of commitment and support from staff, parents and governors
- A welcoming and caring environment, where everyone is valued

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children and young people.

All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and all appointments will be subject to appropriate vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.

Some roles may need to comply with the 'Childcare Act 2006' and the 'Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2009' where additional disclosure of information will be required.

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](mailto:enquiries@barrscourtps.org.uk).

**Closing date for applications – Friday 23rd February 2024**