



# NEWSLETTER

## Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all our families! It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school after the Christmas break. The children have returned full of energy and it's been lovely to hear all about the special moments they enjoyed over the holidays.

We would like to say a big thank you for your support in helping the children return so positively, particularly with punctuality. We've noticed a real improvement this week, and it's made a big difference to the start of the school day. Just a gentle reminder that school starts promptly at 8:45am.

This week, the Blue Area kicked off their new enquiry with an exciting trip to We The Curious. The visit was packed with hands-on learning and lots of enthusiasm. A fantastic start to their new topic.

Next week, we will be holding our Parent and Carer Evenings, spread across the start of the week. If you have not yet made an appointment, please do so via the Arbor App as soon as possible. These meetings are an important opportunity to hear how your child(ren) are getting on, what they're thriving in, any areas where they may be finding things more challenging and how we are supporting them in school. Teachers will also offer suggestions for how you can support your child at home, if appropriate. Your child's books will be available for you to look through during the meeting.

Please do ensure you arrive on time for your appointment, and we will do our best to keep to time.



As always, thank you for your continued support.



## **A Reminder About Parking and Road Safety**

As the weather gets colder and wetter, we understand that more of our school community may need to drive to school, which can lead to increased congestion at drop-off and pick-up times.

If you do need to drive, please do not stop or park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school gates. These areas are there to keep the space clear and safe for children to cross.



We also ask that you park considerately and avoid stopping close to junctions. Parking near junctions significantly reduces visibility and makes it much more dangerous for children and families trying to cross the road.

There is free and accessible parking available in Asda, behind the curry house, and in designated on-street parking areas nearby. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

## Footwear Reminder

We've had a few enquiries from parents and carers regarding school footwear, so we'd like to take this opportunity to clarify our expectations.

On PE days, children may wear trainers of any colour, but these should be sports trainers that provide proper support for physical activity. Fashion trainers, which are not designed for sport, are not suitable for PE.

On non-PE days, children should wear black shoes. These can be traditional black school shoes or plain black trainers, including branded ones. However, they must be completely black, with no coloured logos or soles. (Please see pictures below for examples.)

If your child would like to wear ankle boots, these should also be black. When buying ankle boots, please consider how easy they are for your child to take on and off independently as some styles, especially those with laces, can be tricky for younger children to manage during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping to our uniform policy.



## 🎥 SEND Report Now Available in Video Format

Mr Balch has recorded our SEND report and it is now available to view in the videos section of our school website. Each section of the report has its own video, clearly explaining key areas such as our core universal offer, targeted support, and the specialist interventions we provide for children with additional needs.

You'll also find a downloadable file containing the presentation slides that accompany each video, allowing you to follow along or refer back at your convenience.

We hope this format makes our SEND provision even more accessible and transparent for our families.

**Please find find link to the videos [here](#)**

## SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

### SAFEGUARDING TEAM

We are proud to have a strong and dedicated safeguarding team. If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mr Daniel Webster
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs): Mrs Cook, Mr Balch, Miss Hannahbuss

We're here to support children and families. You can speak to us in person, call the school office, or email the school if you'd prefer a private conversation.

**Please find find link to the safeguarding newsletter [here](#)**

# Parent Courses

## Understanding and Supporting.... BEHAVIOUR



Children often show us rather than tell us when they are finding things difficult, often leading to you and your child feeling very frustrated.



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## Understanding and Supporting.... COMMUNICATION



Communication is how we pass on and receive messages from other people. We may communicate through words, through noises (a whoop of celebration), through gestures or hand movements (a nod or a wave).



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## PTFA REQUEST

Hi everyone We're looking for some extra help at our upcoming PTFA events which are the school disco, firework display and winter fair. With many of our Year 6 parents moving on in July, our team is smaller than before, so any support you can give will make a huge difference. Please use the link below to complete a quick form (it takes just two minutes!) to let us know if you can help at one, two, or all of these events. Even a small amount of time is invaluable and helps us make sure that nothing has to be scaled back:

**CLICK HERE**

Just to reassure you, volunteering does not mean you're committing to join the PTFA, attend meetings, or take on long-term responsibilities. It's simply about lending a hand on the day. Thank you so much for considering, we really appreciate any time you can give. With thanks the PTFA x

## LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

If you would like to advertise a local event or club in our school newsletter, please speak to Mr Webster.

## COMMUNICATION

If you need to contact the school, please email us at [enquiries@barrscourtps.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@barrscourtps.org.uk) or call the school office on **01454 867799**.

### Passing on Messages to Teachers

If you need to pass on a message to your child's teacher, please email the school office and your message will be forwarded, or speak to the teacher at the **end of the day**. The start of the school day is a very busy time and not the best opportunity to talk to teachers. All emails are shared with teachers each morning, so you can be assured that your message will reach them.

Alternatively, you are very welcome to speak to Mr Webster and Miss Warlow on the gate in the morning

## FACEBOOK

We love to share some of the exciting things happening in school on our Facebook page. Click on the picture to follow us and keep up to date with what's going on.

## Head Bumps – Parent Notification

Sometimes children do bump their heads in school. When this happens, we will send you a message via Arbor to let you know. If you receive a text, there is no need to take any action – we will continue to monitor your child carefully throughout the day.

**If the bump is more serious, we will always phone you directly.**

Please be assured that in all cases your child will receive care and attention from a trained first aider.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Parent and Carers evening

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

### Year 6 Residential

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### Last day of term 3

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### First Day of Term 4

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February