



Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

Welcome to first newsletter of the academic year. We hope you all enjoyed your summer break and are refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

We would like to welcome Arnold Worton-Geer our new Year 5 teacher, Jo Stewart who is a SCITT trainee teacher who will be working alongside Y2 and our new families joining us in Reception starting Monday 9 September 2019. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

SCHOOL UPDATES

In July we celebrated with Josh, Joe and Olivia after they completed a 5K mud run for Cancer Research and raised £258.75. Well done.

Refurbishments

Over the summer break our school office has been updated to allow more privacy for all involved. You can now find us at the end of the corridor on the left in the main building—follow the signs posted. Please respect others privacy by entering the office one at a time. There is a waiting area in the corridor along with a display rack with a selection of forms (appointment slips, change of address, holiday requests etc) which you can help yourself to, complete and post in the box on the main door. If you want to avoid the queue, you can also post your communication here anytime securely.



We have also had our school hall repainted along with car park markings installed and a new playground marking.

School Value

Our value for September is Determination. We can show determination by:

- ◆ Being clear about what we want to achieve
- ◆ Being resilient
- ◆ Having a growth mindset

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

After-school clubs

We will be issuing our Autumn term club list later this week. To register your child's place, sign in to Parentmail or direct with the club supplier. You will receive confirmation from school based clubs after the registration has closed on 10 September 2019.

Class Information Meetings

We have Class Information meetings starting next week which give you the opportunity to attend a 15 minute meeting with the classteacher to introduce our expectations for the year group and an outline of the year's curriculum themes. Please see our letter dated 11 July for more information. A list of general class reminders are attached. If you are unable to attend, please see the class page on our website for information.

4 September 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SEPTEMBER 2019

9 September

Y1 Class Information meeting (09:00)

10 September

Y2 Class Information meeting (09:00)

Y6 Class Information meeting (14:45)

11 September

Y3 Class Information meeting (09:00)

12 September

Y4 Class Information meeting (09:00)

13 September

Y5 Class Information meeting (09:00)

w/c 16 September

Music tuition commences

After-school clubs commence

4 October

MacMillan coffee morning (09:00)

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Leaving a message for the teacher

ALL classes are now using a clipboard for quick messages, eg your child is going home with ..., can you see the teacher etc. These will be on the wall in KS2 and on the lunch trolleys for EYFS & KS1.

School Council/Prefects

Over the coming weeks we will be holding elections for our School Council members for the new academic year. Children from Y2-6 interested will present their ideas to their class before voting takes place. Three members will be sort from each class and will be allocated to the three committee areas:

- Fundraising
- Environment
- Teaching and learning

We will also be interviewing our Year 6 students wishing to stand as prefects. There will also be an opportunity for Year 6 to be selected for Librarians and school monitors. This year staff will be appointing a head boy and girl. This will give each member of Year 6 a role of responsibility within the school.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 4 October 2019 at 9:00 am we will be holding a coffee morning to support Macmillan. Come along and have a chat about school routines, events etc and share a cake or too!

REMINDERS

Attendance

The legal requirements are that children of school age should attend school on each day that the school is open throughout the year. It is also the parents' responsibility to ensure that their children are punctual. We have a high level of attendance and expect you all to value and support our expectations.

Please ensure you notify us of any absence by 9:15 am every day to avoid us carrying out a home visit to ensure your family are safe. Absences longer than 3 days are expected to seek medical attention and evidence may be provided.

All term dates for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 are available on our website under the school information tab and clicking on the attendance and absence tab. It is a rule of this school that a leave of absence shall not be granted in term time unless there are reasons considered to be exceptional by the headteacher, irrespective of the child's overall attendance. Only the headteacher or his/her designate (not the local authority) may authorise such a request and all applications for a leave of absence must be made in writing on the prescribed form provided by the school at least 2 weeks beforehand.

Where a parent removes a child when the application for leave was refused or where no application was made to the school, the issue of a penalty notice may be requested by this school. At Fawbert & Barnard's 'exceptional circumstances' will be interpreted as: ... being of unique and significant emotional, educational or spiritual value to the child which outweighs the loss of teaching time. The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are events that are "rare, significant, unavoidable and short". By 'unavoidable' we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

Generally we will not agree leave during term time:

- At any time in September. This is very important as your child needs to settle into their new class as quickly as possible.
- During assessment and test periods in the school's calendar affecting your child.
- When a pupil's attendance record already includes any level of unauthorised absence or they have already been granted authorised leave within that academic year.

Appointments

The School should receive written notification of all appointments in advance. Notification slips are available from the school office. There is no need for children to miss a whole session for an appoint-

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ment – children can be collected from the school office at the appropriate time and then returned to school. Where possible appointments should be made outside of school hours.

For further information please see our Attendance Policy on the above mentioned tab.

Music tuition

Our music tuition will be commencing the week beginning 16 September 2019. To enable your child to take part, please ensure we have received your payment. Please remember to bring your instrument and music books and practice between lessons. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals (not universal) are able to apply for music vouchers which will subsidise the price. Please speak with Mrs Hutchinson for further details.

School Apps

Have you downloaded our school apps? Stay up-to-date with our events, latest news and class page information by downloading our School News app for free. Each time our website pages are updated you will receive a notification. This facility also has an integrated calendar which allows you to quickly add important events to your phone or tablet.

Parentmail, which is our main source of communication. To download the new App, simply search 'ParentMail' Once installed, please delete the current App from your device. This App includes lots of improvements, including:

- Improved user interface, making it quick and easy to find and manage school communications
- An 'Unread' section, where parents can find all new and unread items quickly and easily
- A new 'Announcements' feature to keep parents up to date with important ParentMail news.
- Improved archiving and delete functionality, making it easy to select items in bulk.

and much more!

Please see the attached flyers for further information on the above.

Easyfundraising

Help us raise funds for the school every time you shop online. Simply join using the following link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fawbertbarnardsprimary/>

We have 50 supports so far who have raised a total of £257.45 for the school whilst shopping online at amazon, John Lewis, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Booking.com and many other outlets. See the attached for further information.