



Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by welcoming you all to the start of the new academic year. I hope that the summer break was enjoyable. Walking around the school it certainly seems that a lot of the children had a growth spurt over the holiday!

For those families joining Barlows for the first time, I hope that your child has settled in well and is enjoying school. Our newsletter is published every two weeks and contains important information, along with articles on what the children have been learning. You can also find a great deal of information on our website. Please visit www.barlowsprimary.co.uk

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

During the last academic year, the term of office for our two parent governors came to an end. As a result of their terms ending, we now have two vacancies for parent governors.

What is a school governor?

School governors are volunteers who help to **run** the school. Most schools work with a group of school governors - together they are called the '**governing body**'. They are involved in decisions about all aspects of managing the school – such as running buildings and budgets, supporting staff and setting standards. Governors also help to make big decisions about the school's long-term goals. They support the Headteacher, but also ask questions and make sure the Headteacher is taking the school in the right direction.

The most important qualities for being a governor are **enthusiasm, commitment** and an **interest in education**. You do not need teaching experience, but it is useful to bring skills from other areas of your life.

You will need to attend two to three meetings every term. These usually take place after school at 4.30pm. There are a few days per year when governors spend the day in school seeing how things run first hand.

Becoming a parent governor is a great way to help develop and support the school whilst ensuring the parent voice is well represented.

During the week commencing Monday 17th September, a letter will be going out explaining the process involved for parents and carers nominating themselves to become a Parent Governor. I hope to be working with some of you in the near future!



Term Dates 2018-2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018

DATE	EVENT
Monday 3 rd September 2018	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	All pupils in Years 1-6 Return to School
Friday 19 th October 2018	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th October 2018	Half-Term
Monday 29 th October 2018	All Pupils Return to School
Friday 21 st December – Friday 4 th January 2019	Christmas Holiday
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 72 Total number of staff days = 74	

SPRING TERM 2019

DATE	EVENT
Monday 7 th January 2019	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February 2019	Half-Term
Monday 25 th February 2019	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 8 th April – Monday 22 nd April 2019	Easter Holiday
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 60 Total number of staff days = 60	

SUMMER TERM 2019

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 6 th May 2019	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May 2019	Year 6 SATs
Friday 17 th May – Friday 24 th May 2019	Year 2 SATs
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2019	Half-Term
Monday 3 rd June – Wednesday 5 th June 2019	INSET Days – School Closed to Pupils
Thursday 6 th June 2019	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 10 th June – Friday 14 th June 2019	Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening Tests
Wednesday 24 th July 2019	Final Day of the School Year
Thursday 25 th July 2019	First Day of the Summer Holiday
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 58 Total number of staff days = 61	



Settling in at Barlows

A warm welcome to all of our pupils who have started Nursery and Reception this month. They have been enjoying their settling in period and getting involved with lots of fun activities!



Reception



Nursery





WATER BOTTLES FROM SEPTEMBER

A reminder to please provide your child with a bottle of water each day. We strongly recommend that the water bottle is clearly marked with their name. Please note that the bottle should only contain water and not fruit cordial or fizzy drinks.

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers

A letter went out on Wednesday of this week informing parents and carers of an Internet Safety Workshop taking place at school on **Tuesday 18th September at 2:30pm** in the school hall. Attendance is strongly recommended if you are available.



Our School Curriculum

This term, staff will be reviewing our whole school curriculum. Once the curriculum review is complete, we will send out the information to parents and carers through a new curriculum guide and publish it on our website.

APPLY NOW

Secondary School Applications

A reminder to all year 6 parents that the closing date for Secondary School applications is on the **31st October 2018**. During September and October, many secondary schools hold open evenings for families to find out further information and to have a tour of the building. We suggest contacting the schools you are interested in and finding out when they are holding their event.

Secondary school applications are completed online and can be found at the web address below.

liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/



Have an enjoyable weekend