



BARWELL INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter – 14.10.2020



October Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weeks seem to be flying by at school, we can't believe that it is almost half term already! The children have really embraced their learning this half-term and we are seeing most making really good progress. This is most encouraging and helps all of us in school to get through these unique times.

Just a quick reminder that the children break up for half-term this Friday 16th October and return to school on Monday 26th October.

Whatever you have planned for the half-term break, please enjoy and stay safe.

Track and Trace

If you are contacted by the Track and Trace service it is essential that you follow the advice given. This means that if you do need to self isolate you will **not be able to drop or pick your child up from school**. I know that this may in some cases be problematic, but we must do everything we can to keep ourselves and others safe.



Please see the link below for the Government guidance on the NHS Track and Trace system.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

Breakfast

It is vital that children receive the best start to the day. As you are aware, we have needed to slightly alter lunchtimes which has meant that some children are eating lunch at a much later time. Please ensure

that your child eats breakfast everyday before coming to school. Hopefully, 'normal service' is not too far away.



Reading Initiative

After half-term we will be launching an exciting new reading initiative aimed at getting every child to read at home, every day. Look out for further details coming soon.



Involvement of parents

What a tricky year this has been, and still is! Covid has meant that many of the things that we do in school to celebrate our successes and involve you as parents simply can't happen. I know you will understand. However, we are looking for ways to involve you in the life of the school. If anyone has any good ideas on how parents and the community can become more involved this year, please do pop and see me.



Curriculum

After half-term you will receive newsletters from each year group giving further information on the learning that will take place up until Christmas. We thought we would take this opportunity to give you a sneak peak of what is coming up so that you can begin to talk to your child about what they will be learning during next half-term.

EYFS: Including topics: Autumn, Bonfire Night and Diwali

Y1: Bright Sparks (including sorting and classifying materials)

Y2: Sow and Grow (including planting bulbs and plant lifecycles)

Black History Month

October is Black History Month. As part of assembly time and also within lessons children will be learning about why this month is so

important to all of us. We have included a link below which has activities you can do with your child at home to support our work in school.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/black-history-month>



Anti Bullying Week

16-20th November is Anti Bullying Week. This will be led in school by Mrs Chambers. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Further information for parents and carers can be found at the link below.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>



School Council

This week is very exciting in school as children will be voting for their school council representatives. Two representatives will be chosen from each class. This year, and alongside Mrs Russell, the children chosen will have a very important job as they will be helping to spruce up our 'tired' playground and garden areas.



Key Worker Information

Thankfully, the government has been clear that there are **no plans to close schools at this time**. However, we have learnt from the first wave of infections that plans can change at short notice, so we feel that it would be wise to start to gather information about parents who are 'critical workers'. Please could you complete the attached form and return it to school by this Friday please.



Please have a relaxing and safe half term holiday. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 26th October.

Terena Moreton
Headteacher