



BARWELL INFANT SCHOOL



Monday 24th May 2021

End of half term

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy few weeks in school, the weeks are flying by and I can't quite believe we are at the end of another half term. Please remember that this Friday 28th May is INSET day which means that staff will be in school training and children will not need to come to school. Children return after the half term vacation on Monday 7th June.

New Curriculum

This half term we have been trialling a new curriculum in school before our official launch next academic year. Our curriculum is now based around topics which also link to the English that is being taught in school. It has been very exciting to see the children so engaged in their learning. Our topics this half term have been EYFS-Do Cows Drink Milk? Y1-Splendid Skies (seasonal changes) and Y2-Towers, Tunnels and Turrets.

Next half term our topics will be EYFS- Big Wide World, Y1-Superheroes, and Y2- Land Ahoy!



Staffing Update for Next Academic Year

I am delighted to announce that from next academic year Jenny Ruane will be stepping up into the Assistant Headteacher position on a permanent basis. Jenny brings a great deal of experience to the role and I am very much looking forward to working with Jenny as part of the senior leadership team.

This means the senior leadership team in school will consist of myself as Headteacher, Jenny Ruane as Assistant Headteacher and Amy Robertson as EYFS Senior Leader.

As Jenny is stepping up into the Assistant Headteacher position we have needed to recruit a new SENDCo to school. Mrs Lydia Leeson has secured the two day a week position, again on a permanent basis. Lydia has over 9 years of SENDCo experience and I know that she will be a real asset to our team.

I am also really pleased to announce that Charlotte Slade (current Y2 teacher) will be staying with us on a permanent basis. Charlotte has made great contributions to the school in the time that she has been with us, particularly within ICT.

Sam Middleton our PE Instructor will be returning to school on a part time basis from Monday 7th June following her maternity leave, I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Sam back.



Forest Schools

As part of Sam Middleton's role when she returns from maternity leave, she will be launching our Forest Schools initiative. Forest school is an outdoor education delivery model in which children visit natural spaces to learn personal, social and technical skills.

Forest school uses the woods and forests as a means to build independence and self-esteem in children. Topics are cross-curricular including the natural environment, for example the role of trees in society, the ecosystem, wilderness, and recognition of specific plants and animals while developing personal skills such as team work, independence and self esteem. Please do look at www.forestschools.com for further information. Further information will also be sent out after half term.



Number Day

Thank you for the contributions towards the Number Day in school that was led by Charlotte Slade. As a school we raised £139.17 which will go towards supporting the vital work that the NSPCC do.



Next Half Term

Next term will be a very busy one in school, we only have 5 weeks to fit in end of year reports, sports days, end of term assessments and transition arrangements. Further information on all of these activities will be sent out next half term.



Please remember that you can always contact me on the school gate or alternatively send me a message on Class Dojo.

All that remains is for me to wish you a lovely half term holiday ...let's hope the weather improves!



With very best wishes

Terena Moreton
Headteacher