



LEARN TOGETHER

'Let's learn to enjoy, achieve, respect and nurture together'

14th April 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

A warm welcome back after the Easter break. I hope the children and yourselves were able to enjoy some of the lovely (albeit changeable) weather that we had. We have all come back with a strong sense of optimism that better days are now hopefully ahead of us and that gaining small steps of some sense of normality will continue.

Recovery Curriculum

Over the next term we will continue working with the children in a holistic way to support emotional and physical health and well-being alongside our academic curriculum. It is crucial that this is underpinned with the time and space to address individual needs and to continue re-establishing relationships in some cases.

Many of us as adults may still be experiencing a hidden fear / anxiety and this will also be the case for many children, who may have been worried about 'whether schools were going to open again this week', 'when they give someone outside their home a hug', need confidence building in their learning or just time to talk and process.

Our teachers will be continuing to plan themes for learning with the children, addressing much of this as part of the class alongside some targeted support where needed.

If you are concerned about your child in any way please contact the class teacher via Seesaw to arrange a time to discuss this. They will then get back to you within a couple of days.

If your concern or information is urgent and needs to be addressed that particular day, e.g. change to pick up arrangements, something has happened that we need to be aware of before your child arrives at school that day, **please email the school office** on mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk or telephone 01978 357754. Teachers have limited chances to check Seesaw messages during the day because they are teaching.

Personalised Assessments Year 2-6

It is still statutory for schools to complete the national online personalised assessments with children in Years 2-6 for reading and numeracy. We will be completing these between Monday 19th and Friday 30th April in groups within class.

Please do not worry about these assessments and if your child mentions them, please reassure them that they are not a test but are to help teachers to support with learning. We will not be talking about them in school but just getting on with them as part of our normal activities to reduce any possible worry that some children may have.

Our teachers will be reassuring the children as we do them and will not be using them for any summative scores but purely to help form part of a bigger picture to support recovery from the last twelve months.

Parent Check-In

From Monday 24th – Thursday 27th May between 3.30 and 4.30pm, teachers will make themselves available for a virtual ten minute 'check in' with any parents who require this opportunity to discuss well-being and / or learning.

Please contact your child's teacher by Friday 14th May directly through Seesaw to arrange this if you would like an appointment.

School Reports

Teachers will be preparing your child's written report over this term which we will share at the beginning of July. Reports will be shared electronically via your child's Hwb again this year. For older children you will have these details are in the front of your child's Shared Learning book.

Nursery and Reception teachers will send this information via Seesaw over the next few weeks.

If your child is in Y1-Y6, after checking the shared learning book, please contact your child's teacher via Seesaw if you do not have this information. Diolch.

Snack

Nursery & Reception: School will be providing snack again as normal this term. If you have not already paid for the year, please make payment of £8 per half term via our SchoolMoney app.

Years 1-6: Children may bring a piece of washed fruit / vegetables for mid-morning snack only please.

All children need their water bottle with fresh, plain water every day please.

School Uniform

We have had a couple of questions about Summer uniform as hopefully the weather gets warmer! We are happy for the children to wear school summer dresses or grey school shorts to school this term or continue to wear dark jogging trousers / leggings with their school poloshirt / sweatshirt. **No jeans please.**

We will give plenty of notice about our uniform policy for September going forward later this term.

Years 1-6 P.E

It would be helpful if Y1-6 children could begin wearing shorts and T-shirt on their P.E days from 10th May onwards. They also need to wear pumps or trainers. **No brightly coloured trainers please.**

Whilst the weather is still cold, this could be beneath jogging trousers and school sweatshirt or as the weather gets warmer just shorts and T-shirt would be fine.

If your child's P.E kits still fits them (white shorts and royal blue T-shirt), please use this. However if they have outgrown this, there is no expectation to get a new one this term. White or dark coloured shorts and a plain T-shirt would be fine. **No football kits or patterned / branded / printed T-shirts please.**

If you are going to purchase new school P.E white shorts and royal blue T-shirt, please go for a bigger size as we will be using P.E kits again in September. There is no expectation from us for you to buy new kit this term though.

Class	Day/s to wear shorts and T-shirt for P.E
Year 1 – Dosbarth Dinas	Thursday
Year 2 – Dosbarth Vyrnwy	Friday
Year 3 – Dosbarth Brecon	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 4 – Dosbarth Cadiar Idris	Wednesday & Friday
Year 5 – Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	Monday & Friday
Year 6 – Dosbarth Tryfan	Wednesday & Friday

Please do not send a P.E kit in a bag. Children will need to wear their P.E clothing to school on their P.E day.

Building Programme

This continues to progress and you have probably already seen that we have the structure for our new Early Years class areas in place where the car park and MUGA used to be. We are also hopeful that our new MUGA will be ready in the next couple of weeks for us to use.

Many thanks for your support with our smooth return to school. Just a reminder:

- *Parking – please be mindful about safe parking away from junctions and avoiding double parking.*
- *Face coverings must be worn by parents / carers anywhere on the school site unless you are exempt.*
- *If your child is poorly or has any of the Covid-19 symptoms, they must not come to school. Please remember that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, they need to stay home until 48 hours after the last bout. Please contact the school office to inform us of any illness.*
- *Contact groups / school bubbles only apply whilst your child is in school. Please check any restrictions that are in place for the general population with regard to any contacts outside of school.*

As things change over the next few weeks, if you are unsure about anything, the latest guidance is updated by WG on <https://gov.wales/current-restrictions-frequently-asked-questions#section-67231>

As always many thanks for your on-going support to school and for our whole community in ensuring we prioritise the children, their well-being and education.

Kind regards



Chris Edwards
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Mon 19 – Fri 30 April	Y2 – Y6 Personalised Assessments in Reading and Numeracy will be taking place
Mon 3 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thurs 6 May	Polling / Staff Training day – School Closed to pupils
Friday 28 th May	School closes at the end of the day for half term
Monday 7 th June	School Re-opens
Wed 14 th July	School closes at the end of the day for Summer 15 th , 16 th , 19 th and 20 th are staff training days

School Term Dates for 2021-22 (Next school year)

Event	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn 1	Thursday 2nd September	Thursday 21st October
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Wednesday 1st September – school closed to pupils Friday 22nd October – school closed to pupils</i>	
Autumn 2	Monday 1 st November	Wednesday 22nd December
<i>Training Days</i>	<i>Thursday 6th & Friday 7th January – school closed to pupils</i>	
Spring 1	Monday 10 th January 2022	Friday 18 th February
Spring 2	Monday 28 th February	Friday 8 th April
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 25th April – school closed to pupils</i>	
Summer 1	Tuesday 26th April	Friday 27 th May
<i>May Day</i>	<i>Monday 2nd May – school closed</i>	
Summer 2	Tuesday 7th June	Wednesday 20th July
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 6th June – school closed to pupils</i>	

You may have read in the media over the last few months speculation about school term dates due to coronavirus. I am not aware of any current consultation but if there is any change at any point, we will update you as soon as it is available.