



LEARN TOGETHER

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

11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

It was lovely to see so many children back at school yesterday. The children all looked so smart and proud coming back into school. We had a delightful day, catching up and forming learning plans with many of the children for the coming term.

We will be sharing dates / events later next week for the coming term.

### Curriculum for Wales and our School Vision

From previous communications you will probably be aware that our school curriculum in Wales is changing. More information can be found <https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/>



We have been reviewing our vision and aims and appreciate the feedback we have already received from parents. If there is anyone who has not completed this and would still like to contribute, our very quick anonymous questionnaire **can be completed by accessing the link of the copy of this letter that has been sent via Seesaw**. This will close at 12pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

### Expressive Arts

We will be working with a professional from AmaSing this term, specialising in expressive arts each week across different classes. This is a really exciting initiative for us, providing an opportunity for the children and our staff to work with the professional, not only to develop their expressive arts skills but also to support their wellbeing through the arts.

**There are some places left at an after school club for children in Y2 – Y6 which AmaSing are offering** which will take place each Thursday in school at the end of the day until 4.15pm commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January and running until 7<sup>th</sup> April. The cost is £4.50 per week. Places are organised directly by the foundation. If you would like to register your child for this club please click **on the link that can be accessed on the copy of this letter that has been sent via Seesaw**. and fill out the information required.

*In the event of insufficient numbers registering, AmaSing may cancel the Club but will inform parents if this is the case.*

### Free Breakfast Club

Given the high rates of the virus at present and the large numbers (70-80 children) who attend in a mixed age group, we would ask that you please **avoid using breakfast club if you have alternative care arrangements for the next few weeks if you can** e.g. if you are now working from home or have other flexibility.

Although Breakfast Club is open as normal, if there are insufficient staff to supervise the children safely it could be affected We will let you know if this happens and it has to close temporarily. Reducing numbers attending where we can, will really help keep the service open safely for all parents who **absolutely need it**, in the event that staffing is affected.

**If you do have some flexibility around alternative care and are able to cancel your child's place, please email [mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk) with the subject 'Breakfast Club'.**

### Communications with School

Just a reminder to help ensure that any messages that you may have get the right place:

### **School Office**

If your query is about:

- Absence
- School meals
- Medical needs / medication
- Change of contact details
- Payments
- Request for leave
- A change to hometime arrangements during the day
- Any other general enquiries

Please email the school office:

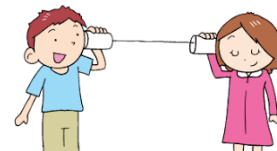
[mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk)

Alternatively you can telephone **01978 357754**

### **Seesaw**

If your question / concern is about:

- Your child's wellbeing
- Changes at home which may affect your child's wellbeing
- Your child's learning



Please **send a message to your child's teacher on the inbox on Seesaw** or you can email the school office.

**← Please telephone or email with any other queries to the school office**

Any communications about **Wraparound Care** should go directly to Club wherever possible. Please contact Club directly on **01978 346177** between 8.55am and 5.30pm or email [BrandC11@hwbcymru.net](mailto:BrandC11@hwbcymru.net)

As a rule of thumb, a message to teachers on Seesaw should only be about your child's wellbeing or their learning. Almost all other messages should be emailed to the school office as most are administration tasks that are dealt with by the school office.

If you have an urgent message that needs to be passed to a teacher during the day, please ring school on 01978 357754 where Mr Hill and Mrs Bayley in the office will then pass any messages.

### **Healthy Snack**

A reminder that if your Foundation Phase child participates in the school snack scheme, that monies are now due for this half term by Friday if you have not already paid for the year. **A reminder also for children who bring in their own snack that it is school policy that crisps / chocolate bars / other sugary snacks are not permitted for snack at breaktime.** Please support national aims by providing your child with a piece of washed fruit / vegetables only for snack at break time. We do appreciate your support with this.

**In line with school policy, a reminder also that your child needs their water bottle everyday. This should have plain, fresh water only please.** No flavoured water / squash. Diolch.

### **Contact Details**

If you have had a new phone or changed any of your contact details over the Christmas period, please can you email new details to the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### **Illness**

If your child is poorly, please follow our usual arrangements and contact the school office on 01978 357754, leaving a message on the absence service anytime before 8.30am if possible. Alternatively, you can email [mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk)

A reminder that if your child has sickness AND / OR diarrhoea they should not come to school until they are 48 hours clear of the last bout.

Similar to us, you have probably been hearing that common symptoms of covid that many people are experiencing are headaches, sore throats and heavy cold-like symptoms.

The following is a summary that we have been provided with to help quickly assess what needs to be done (at present) if your child has covid symptoms, tests positive or is a contact:

	<b>Has tested positive</b>	<b>Has symptoms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High temperature</li> <li>• Persistent cough</li> <li>• Loss of taste / smell</li> </ul>	<b>Identified as a close contact</b>
<b>Aged under 5 years.</b> <b>(4 years or below)</b>	<b>Do not come to school.</b> Self-isolate for at least 7 days.	<b>Do not come to school until well again.</b> Not required to test. Should stay at home for at least a few days until well enough to return to school.	<b>Come to school.</b> Not required to test. Be vigilant for any symptoms.
<b>Aged 5 and above.</b> <b>(Primary School)</b>	<b>Do not come to school.</b> Self-isolate for at least 7 days. Should take LFTs on days 6 and 7 – if both are negative can leave self-isolation. If either of the LFTs taken on day 6 or day 7 is positive, remain in self-isolation until 2 negative LFTs or day 10 whichever is sooner.	<b>Do not come to school.</b> Book a PCR test, self-isolate until the test results are back. If the PCR test is <b>negative</b> leave isolation and return to school when well enough. If <b>positive</b> continue to self isolate for 7 days from date symptoms started. Should take LFTs on days 6 and 7 – if both are negative can leave self-isolation. If either of the LFTs taken on day 6 or day 7 is positive, remain in self-isolation until 2 negative LFTs or day 10 whichever is sooner.	<b>Come to school.</b> Use LFTs daily for 7 days. If negative, no requirement to self isolate. If positive, they should self-isolate for 7 days from the date of the positive LFT.

### [Nursery Applications for September 2022](#)

I would be grateful if you could share the following information and dates with families you may know who have a child who will be 3 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022:

- Nursery admission is an online process and is now available on [www.wrexham.gov.uk](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk)  
**The closing date is 18/02/2022.**
- We have a New Parents page with information on our school website  
<https://www.barkerslaneprimary.co.uk/parent-info/new-parents/>

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need any help, support or clarification with anything.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with our families, many thanks for your support.

Kind regards

*CA Edwards*

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