



Barnwood C of E Primary School

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This term's Christian value is: Compassion



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Welcome to our school newsletter. We hope you will find the attached information helpful.



Poppy Appeal

Poppies, in support of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, will be available in school this week. Please send any donations for poppies in with your child. We have also been sent some poppy key chains and snap wrist bands and suggest a larger donation for these items of £1.

Staffing News

We are pleased to be able to welcome two new Learning Partners to our team this term, Mrs Wood and Mrs Whittingham who will be providing additional classroom support.

We will be saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Oliver, Denise, from our Barnwood Kitchen at the end of this term, as she has made the decision to retire at Christmas.

Please also see the attached letter from Mrs Matson about her plans to retire and relocate.

School Values



Thank you to all of the children and families who sent in boxes of cereal during our **thankfulness** Harvest week last term. Your generosity will provide help and support to those members of our community that need it most.

In worship we have explored what the definition of compassion means and how we can notice a need and show compassion to others.

Compassion is:

The feeling or emotion, when a person is moved by the suffering or distress of another, and by the desire to relieve it.

Helping Hands Challenge

Please encourage your child(ren) to complete the home-school values challenge for this term and send it in so we can share and celebrate in Monday worship. *Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown, stick the hands together and bring them in.*



REMINDER

Wednesday 5th November

The photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 5th November** and will take individual and sibling photographs. Please remember to send your children to school in full school uniform even if it is their PE or swimming day.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

We are again supporting the shoebox appeal. Leaflets containing details on what to include in the shoeboxes were sent home before the half term. Mrs Gent and Mrs Griffiths are coordinating our staff donations. Please send any filled shoeboxes in to school in good time ahead of the collection date of Friday 19th November. Many thanks in advance for your compassion and for your generosity.

Barnwood C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A copy of our Safeguarding Policy is available to view on our website and via the School Office.

Uniform

Full school uniform is expected. Details of our uniform requirements are on our website. (Long hair must be tied back. Jewellery, nail polish and accessories are not permitted. Hair ties, socks, shoes etc should fit in with our school uniform colours.

Children should wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. This should consist of **plain navy or black joggers**, a **plain navy or black hoodie** style top, plain black or navy shorts, their school team PE tshirt and trainers.

Please can we ask you to check your child's PE kit as we are noticing a few children are being sent to school on PE day not wearing **plain navy or black joggers and hoodies**.

Morning drop off

The start of the school day is 8.45am.

Gates will be open at **8.45am** so please do not arrive early as this causes congestion on the drive.

We will continue to operate a 10 minute drop and go window from **8.45am – 8.55am**.

Any children arriving to school after 8.55am will be marked in the register as LATE.

Afternoon pick up

Only one parent/carer per family on site at drop off and pick up please.

The end of the school day is 3.15pm.

The KS1 gate on to the playground will not be opened before 3.10pm so please do not arrive early.

We respectfully ask that as soon as you have collected your child(ren) you leave the school site through either the KS1 blue gates, or the side gate which will be opened at 3.15pm and locked at 3.30pm.

All My Friends Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club run by All My Friends (AMF) will be open on site from 7.45am – 8.45am daily and places must be booked a term in advance with AMF directly.

After School Club run by All My Friends (AMF) will be open on site from 3pm – 5.30pm daily and places must be booked a term in advance with AMF directly.

<https://www.allmyfriendschildcare.com/after-school-club/>

Website

For your information, you will find a variety of statutory documents on our website including:

our Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy

our Ethos, Vision and Values

our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

our Complaints Policy

our Inclusion Policy

our Attendance Policy

Term dates are also available on our website. Unfortunately, on occasion, we may need to postpone any previously arranged dates but we will inform you of this as soon as we can.

End of term 2: Friday 19th December (early finish 1.30pm)

Start of term 3: Tuesday 6th January (start time 8.45am)