

The Federation of Barnehurst Schools



Newsletter



Friday 2nd July 2021

Dates for the diary...

Tuesday 6th July

- Year 3 French Theme day

Wednesday 7th July

- AM Reception Sports Day
- PM Year 1 and 2 Sports day
- 1.30pm Chartwells meeting group of children for food tasting
- 3pm Chartwells in the playground to meet with parents

Thursday 24th June

- Aslan and Granger forest school
- 4pm 10 new Reception children visiting

Monday 12th July

- Nursery Wiggly Wild show

Wednesday 14th July

- Meet your new teacher afternoon

Friday 16th July

- End of year reports go home
- 5-7pm Year 6 Prom

Last day of term Friday 23rd July

Children return to school on Monday 6th September 2021

Term dates are available [here](#)

Headteacher Update

As a Headteacher and parent, I often reflect on the many benefits technology offers our children. However, we have recently seen an increase in children talking about their use of Tik Tok, the video sharing social media app, and have had reports of children accessing very inappropriate videos on the app and for this reason, Tik Tok presents many safeguarding challenges for parents and carers. I have therefore attached a factsheet on Tik Tok for parents and carers, to help you to make an informed decision about your child's use of the app and help keep them safe.

As the restrictions on travel start to ease and families start to think about holidays this year and next, I would like to remind parents that holidays are classed as unauthorised absence as per the attendance policy. However, more importantly, I would like to urge parents to consider the impact of taking children out of school for a week or two can have on their education. The children have missed so much schooling over the last year and missing another week or so can have a real detrimental effect on their education and mean they are behind the rest of class in the learning that has taken place in their absence. The children have 13 weeks school holidays a year for family holidays.

Best wishes

Mrs Shields

A few reminders:

Please contact the admin@barnehurstfederation.co.uk or phone the school office to report your child's absence. Please do not email the year group email as teachers are teaching not checking emails.

Please remember to label your child's belongings as we are seeing an increase in lost property.

End of term Arrangements

The last day of term is Friday 23rd July. We will be finishing earlier on this day at:

Year 1 and 2 – 2pm

Year 5 and 6 – 2.05pm

Year 4 and Reception – 2.10pm

Year 3 and Nursery – 2.15pm

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School Lunches Update from Mrs Eagles

I wanted to share with you some important updates regarding the hot lunches provided by our new caterers, Chartwells. We are in frequent talks with Chartwells about what is going well and of course, any issues. They are very keen to work closely with us to get the hot meal provision right for our school and our children.

From Monday 5th July, we will be trialling a new 'band' system which will provide Chartwells with more information regarding children's choices for that day. This information will be collected during registration and bands given out to identify choices.

Red band = jacket potato option. Toppings are cheese, beans or tuna.

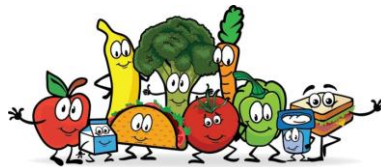
Yellow band = sandwich option. This comes with an additional snack and the child's choice of dessert.

No band = hot lunch of either the main course, the vegetarian option or the pasta option.

Bands will be collected at lunchtime and sterilised ready for use the next day. There will be some flexibility in choices for anyone who changes their mind! Existing lanyards for food allergies/vegetarians etc. will of course still be worn.

We have updated the menu very slightly to reflect popular choices of food. Please click [here](#) to view. The new menus are on our website and will operate from Monday 5th July. In addition to the menu options, fresh fruit, bread and salad are also available and we do encourage the children to access this freely.

Chartwells will be writing to you soon with upcoming events such as healthier eating workshops for parents and children. They will also be in school next week talking to a sample of children about their food preferences. In this way, we hope to create a hot meal option that is nutritious, appealing and value for money and will be available in the playground after school to speak with parents and carers.



Meet the Teacher Arrangements

The children will be meeting their new teachers and visit their new classrooms on Wednesday 14th July in the afternoon (Morning nursery children will visit in the morning).

We will send a letter to parents on the same day letting you know who your child's teacher is next year.

Videographer Needed Urgently

Due to the restrictions, our Year 6 children cannot perform their leaver play as they normally would to parents. We would like to make a video of the play for parents and children to watch together. We urgently need someone with the equipment to video the play for the children for a reasonable fee. If you know anyone who can help, please email admin@barnehurstfederation.co.uk

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Nursery and Juniors Sports Day

Although we missed parents and carers at sports days this year, the nursery and Junior children had a fabulous time. Mrs Maw has shared the special moments from nursery sports day with parents on Evidence Me. For the Junior children, we have compiled a video to share some of the highlights of the day, we hope you enjoy the videos.

[UKS2 sports day - YouTube](#)

[LKS2 sports day - YouTube](#)



Helping Our Families

At Barnehurst, we try and support families in a variety of different ways. You will know that we set up the Barnehurst Together scheme, which provides food hampers to families who need them. Barnehurst Together is available to all families within our community at Barnehurst and is there to help whenever needed. Any families who would like to use the Barnehurst Together service can contact Mrs Evans confidentially on wellbeing@barnehurstfederation.co.uk.

With the summer holidays fast approaching, we will be contacting all of our families entitled to Pupil Premium funding to see if they would like a food hamper to help out for over the summer but we also invite families who are not entitled to Pupil Premium funding to let us know if they would like a food hamper for over the summer. Please let Mrs Evans on the email address above know if you would like a hamper.

We also invite parents and carers who have concerns about affording uniform for September to get in touch with Mrs Evans, as the Barnehurst Together scheme also supports this.

To help replenish our stocks for Barnehurst Together ahead of the summer, **we will have collection boxes in the playground every morning next week**, so if you are able to, we would welcome donations of food, which does not need to be refrigerated, such as breakfast cereals, tins, pasta, rice and also toiletries. The box will be placed near the office. Thank you in advance for your support.



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Attendance at Barnehurst



Class	% Attendance this week
Baloo	93.9
Mowgli	92.2
Elmer	98.5
Wilbur	98.2
Gruffalo	94.6
Supertato	93.1
Peter Rabbit	93
Paddington	98
Aslan	97.7
Matilda	94.3
BFG	93.6
Christopher Robin	92.9
Aragorn	95.5
Gandalf	92.9
Granger	97.7
Dumbledore	93.2

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