

BLS BULLETIN – MAY 2022



Our primary boys loved their reward trip to Skirmish. They almost had as much fun as the adults! 😊

Congratulations!

Mr Jones had a two-day interview process at the end of the spring term and is now our permanent Headteacher.

Online Safety

[This video](#) explains how to share YouTube videos with your child's YouTube Kids account. This new service is called Parent Allowlisting.

Internet Matters have a [useful guide](#) that explains the risks around anonymous apps.

If you're not sure where to start with setting up tech devices for your child, Internet Matters offer [this checklist](#).

Finsta: This is short for 'fake Instagram' and refers to accounts that are created so the user can share content more privately.

Future Newsletters

Please let us know if there is anything you find particularly useful or would like to see included.

Curriculum Overviews for Summer

KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

English	Maths	Science	ICT
Fiction: Mystery/detective Non-fiction: Instructions	Consolidation and assessment	Sources of light; shadows & reflections	Computer science
PSHE	Humanities	Careers	Talkabout
Physical health and mental wellbeing Growing and changing Keeping safe	Ancient Egypt Mountains and local fieldwork	Developing career management and employability skills	Emotional literacy and social skills group work

The boys also have regular PE and RE lessons.

KS3 (Years 7 to 9)

English	Maths	Science	ICT
Poetry and narrative writing: Wing Functional Skills Level 1 (Y9)	Consolidation and assessment	Digestion Breathing and respiration	Computer science
PSHE	Humanities	Careers	Citizenship
Identity and relationships Digital literacy	Africa Britain's slave trade	Developing career management and employability skills	What is crime?

The boys also have regular PE lessons.

KS4 (Years 10 and 11)

English	Maths	Science	ICT
Functional Skills Level 1 and 2 English Language and Literature GCSE	Consolidation, assessment and exams	Practical skills	Computer science NCFE L2 Certificate
PSHE	PE	Careers	Citizenship
Addressing extremism and radicalisation Preparation for and evaluation of work experience	Cricket and rounders Healthy lifestyles	Rights and responsibilities Review and reflection LI Employability Work experience	Current affairs Public Services course.

Some of our boys will be sitting Functional Skills and GCSE exams during the summer term. Mrs Butler will have informed you of any exam dates for your child. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you would like any additional information.

Support for Parents and Carers



TALKWORKS
IMPROVING YOUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Self refer online at
www.TALKWORKS.dpt.nhs.uk

0300 555 3344
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TALKWORKS: This is a free NHS service. They currently offer the following workshops: Sleep, Introduction to Mindfulness, Talking Health and Stress. For anyone who would like to attend a Wellbeing workshop, call 0300 555 33 44 to reserve a place. More information can be found [here](#).

YoungMinds Parent Helpline: Contact the Parents Helpline for free, confidential advice via the phone, email or webchat. Find out more [here](#).

Early Help

What is Early Help?

Early Help is the extra support your family can get if you need it. It may be that you want to prevent a problem, or change things for your family before the problem becomes more serious.

It is not a specific service or team, it's an approach that brings together people from a range of services and teams who will work together with your whole family to help improve the situation for everyone.

It can offer support to families from pre-birth to adolescents with all sorts of issues from parenting, employment and school attendance to emotional wellbeing or anti-social behaviour.

"I was experiencing mental health difficulties, my husband was misusing drugs and my two year old had developmental delays. Early Help meant we could all get the support we needed as a whole family."

"My teenage daughter was out of control and getting into all sorts of trouble. I felt lost, but the support both of us received through Early Help got us back on track."

Why would I need Early Help?

When one person in your family has a problem it often affects everyone else too.

You may be worrying about someone's physical or mental health, a disability or special need, being a carer, domestic abuse, alcohol or drug misuse, harmful behaviour or involvement in crime.

It could be your child, a young person or another adult, but if the whole family is supported as soon as possible to help cope with their difficulties it's more likely that things will improve and everyone will be happier.



How does Early Help work?

By identifying and building on your strengths as a family we can help and support you to find long term solutions to your issues, as well as developing your skills to help you manage any future challenges.

You will have one main point of contact. This could be someone you already have a good relationship with such as a youth worker or health visitor. They will be known as your lead worker and they will help you access the services you need quickly and easily.

The information you and your family provide will only be shared with the people who need to know about it, and only with your permission. You and your family will be central to drawing up your goals, and we won't make any decisions without your involvement.



Please contact Helen Kidney for more information – hkidney@barleylane.devon.sch.uk or 07848 028342.

Courses and Resources

[Devon Snippets](#) are really useful information booklets. They share information about local services and course opportunities for parents and carers of children with additional needs. Mrs Burnard regularly shares Snippets on Class Dojo.

WHO'S IN CHARGE?



Who's in Charge? is a 9 week Zoom programme for parents whose children are being abusive or violent towards them. If you would like more information, please get in touch with Helen Kidney.

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Exams and Year 6 SATs

There are quite a few exams taking place in school over the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. The boys always impress us with their behaviour and effort during exam season.

Peer Support

It has been lovely to reintroduce peer support across the school. Some of our students have started supporting the staff with lessons and the feedback is fantastic! A few of our Key Stage 3 and 4 students will be listening to some of our younger readers shortly.

Dates

Half term break Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June.

Students return Monday 6th June. 10.30am start.

Last day of school Tuesday 26th July.

Best wishes,

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