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31.03.23

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Firstly, a **huge thank you** for your support with attendance this half term which is **86.5%** and up from 79% in the autumn term. Our aspiration for the summer term now is to consistently hit **90%** as we have on a number of occasions in the spring term. Please see our attendance information on the school website.

This attendance figure of 86.5% means we are up with the national average (SEN schools with the highest attendance) however, we can and must do better – please ask for help and support!

School Website

It is essential that we continue to support each other with attendance and many other things not least **Online safety and relationships**; something we are working on in school with the children through our values (Ready, Respectful, Safe) PSHE curriculum and our relational approach.

Just on that, please take time to listen to Mr. Moore’s superb (first) podcast about our relational approaches, that you can find on our website and via this link. As a community we are extremely proud of him for this; it has already had 200+ views!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VG9FoD5viu0>

We continue to improve the website and its content so that you can use it as a reference point for keeping updated, the children safe with quality resources and signposted support, our curriculum, school policies, celebrations and much, much more.

www.barleylaneschool.org.uk

The parents tab is a useful link as is the news link but in truth, there is necessary and essential information on all of them.

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Curriculum

In response to parental feedback, we are advertising new roles in **Outdoor education** and **Forest school**, a **PSHE** teacher to replace Mrs. Lee and we continue to review the curriculum and pupil needs when considering all recruitment. New fencing has been installed and we are in ongoing discussion about the potential for **expansion** with DCC.

Uniform

Again, thank you! Uniform is looking fantastic across the school.

Post the Easter holidays, as we enter the summer term, coats will now need to be removed in class.

Exams

A few weeks after the holiday we enter exam season and Mrs. Butler will be working incredibly hard to ensure all year 11 needs will be met. The pupils and staff are working extremely hard in preparation for these.

Year 11 transition

Once the exams are over, the year 11's will then move into a transition curriculum, supporting them will letter of applications, CV writing and careers education until their last day – Friday the 30th June 2023. We will of course still be available until the end of the academic year and beyond if needed. CSW are supporting us also. Please continue to have a dialogue with tutors about the next steps for your son if in year 11. If there are any niggling anxieties and concerns we are here to help.

Mr. Cocker (Careers lead) is planning and coordinating our very first careers fair in school this year for parents and pupils in KS 4 with dates and times to be confirmed in April. However, if you would like to attend with your son to attend, even if they are in years 7-9 please feel free to arrange with Mr. Cocker or your tutor.

We will continue to keep you updated in the coming weeks and months of all plans and developments.

Have a happy, safe and fun filled Easter break!

Mr. Jones and the Barley Lane School family!

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