

Barford



Monday 23rd July

Primary School

Summer 6

Headteacher's Message

The school year has once again been a roller coaster ride, with many challenges and triumphs on route. Looking back on the months that have passed since last September, we have achieved so much together and must be proud of where we have taken the school, as we look forward to a restful summer. It is fair to say that our main success, as far as the school as a community is concerned, has been our 'good' Ofsted outcome, which justifies our efforts and exertions over the past few years. We have seen some more of our pupils move onto bigger things, shedding tears as our Year 6s leave us for pastures new. We have seen our Reception children grow and flourish throughout their first year at school and we have seen all of our pupils enjoy a successful year. I would like to wish all of those leaving us tomorrow all the very best for the future and I look forward to the next exciting challenge ahead of us in a few months time as the new school year begins. Have a happy summer everyone— and, as always, thank you for your support.

Leavers' Show—the best yet?

Each year we think that the Leavers' Show cannot get any better, but it seems that this year, following a number of rave reviews, it may just have done that. Pirates of the Curry Bean was a triumph! The Year 6s taking on the leading parts showed their star qualities over a run of 4 performances, supported superbly by the pupils in Year 5. One factor that added to the fantastic outcome was the fact that the children only had 3 weeks to pull the show together—from being given the script for the first time, to stepping onto the stage in front of an audience. All of the actors were brilliant and by the final show, were glowing with confidence. Thanks must go to Mrs Whittingham for her sterling efforts to bring everything together in time, which was no easy feat. When the final line of the final song was blasted out, there was a tinge of sadness at it all being finished, but this was quickly overcome by feelings of pride and jubilation once again. Well done Badgers Class for putting on such a stellar show!

Farewell to Mrs Cox-Kersley

It is with sadness that we say good bye to Mrs Cox-Kersley who will be leaving us tomorrow for a new challenge.

Laura has been working at the school for 10 years fulfilling a number of valued roles over that time. She is much loved by the children, who have benefitted from her nurturing support over recent years in particular. We wish her all the very best for the future and hope that she will pop in and visit us from time to time. Thank you for all of your support and good luck!

School Attendance 95.3%

**First day back at school for the children is :
Thursday 6th September 2018**



Summer Reading Bingo Challenge

On Friday, the children brought home a Reading Bingo Challenge sheet which we would like them to tackle over the long summer break. It is really important that reading continues over this time, so that progress made during this year at school is not lost. This challenge provides a variety of ways to add further interest to reading. We would like children to tick off as many of the challenges as they can before September and then share their experiences with us at the start of next term. Good luck and go for that ‘full house!’

School Uniform

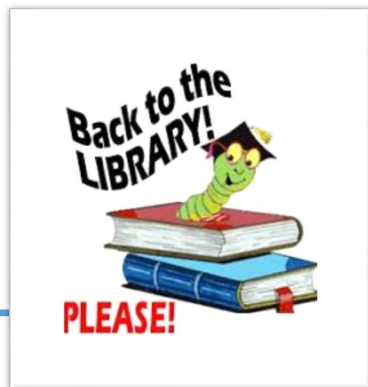
It is really important that we have shared values at school and one of the key factors supporting this is the school uniform, worn by all the pupils at the school. Please could you ensure that children have the required uniform with them each day and that any issues with the uniform are passed on to the class teacher, so that we are aware. Thank you for your support with this.

End of Year Assessment Outcomes

We are really proud of the effort and determination shown by our pupils once again this year. At the end of each Key Stage, national assessments take place to measure the attainment of the pupils in Year 2 and Year 6, which are then compared to national figures. I have added the latest outcomes for 2018 to our website so that you can see this comparison. The Year 6 group will also be measured on their progress from the end of Key Stage 1, but this information is not available to schools until September—I will update the details on the site when this comes through. The SAT tests are challenging at both Year 2 and 6—we are always impressed with the way that our children put their all into these and do the best that they can. Well done to all of those who have taken these tests this year!

Appeal for overdue library books.

Please could you have a check at home for any school library books which need to be returned? If you find any, please return to your child's class teacher tomorrow. Many thanks.



Improve your times tables speed of recall over the summer.

HIT THE BUTTON



Search on Google

Take some awesome photos!

The summer break is an ideal opportunity to take some fantastic photos. We would like you to take photos which fit under the theme of 'summer.' Bring them in to share with us in September—or email them to the school office. We would like to display them in and around the school to remind us of sunny days as autumn closes in.



PE KIT reminder

Please take the opportunity over the summer to check that PE kit is still the right size and fit for purpose. Kit should be in school at all times and items of clothing clearly labelled please. If, for some reason, your child is not able to take part in a lesson, please could you confirm this to either the school office or the class teacher. We have had disruptive starts to a number of lessons over the year, due to kit not being available for some of the pupils.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any matters further.

Kind regards

Matt Dunscombe

Headteacher

Keys dates for your diaries

Tuesday 24th July

Last day of Summer Term

Thursday 6th September

First Day of Autumn Term (Y1—6)

Monday 9th September

New Reception children start (mornings)

