



BARTON PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th November 2021

New Date: School Individual Photos

The school photos will now be taken on Friday 19th November. The photographer will be going to Bayards Hill School first and will get to us sometime mid-morning.

Covid: Update

Thankfully, we have had no further positive cases since we contacted you on Wednesday. However, please do remain vigilant around symptoms as the incubation time is around 5 days.

Poppy Workshop

We are in the news! The Oxford Magazine published an article about our event for Remembrance Day. Please click [here](#) to see it.



Phonics Workshop: New Date

Apologies that we changed the phonics workshop at the last minute, due to our positive Covid cases. We have rescheduled it to Thursday 18th November, as follows:

- Reception parent phonics workshop at 2:30
- Year 1 parent phonics workshop at 3:15

Your school-age children can be looked after by Mrs Rayner and Miss Parsons during this time, if it helps.

Cherry Class: Update

Miss Freedman continues to recover and, I'm pleased to tell you, she intends to work full days next week. She is not quite ready to hold parents' evenings after school yet. We intend to hold these during the first week of December. In the meantime, if any parent wishes to speak to me about how their child has settled back into school, please let me know.

Anti Bullying Week:

Next week is national anti-bullying week. In school, we will be marking this with an assembly on Monday for Saplings and Cherry class, followed by a circle time in class at some point in the week. We will be discussing what bullying behaviour is, and how our school values help us tackle bullying behaviour as a team, together. I do not believe we have evidence of bullying behaviour in our school, but it is important that children learn about what bullying behaviour is, so that they know how to get support if they were to ever need to. Part of the week's activities also include signing up to Oxfordshire's Anti-Bullying Charter, and an opportunity for parents and pupils to voice their opinions on behaviour at Barton Park Primary School.

Tee/Tea Day and The Walking Bus : Wednesday 17th November



Send your child in wearing their brightest T-shirt or jumper on Wednesday in support of Road Safety Day. Teachers will be discussing the need to wear high-vis clothing in the darker nights and reminding about safe road crossing, particularly if your child is on a scooter or bike around the Barton Park Estate, with its dropped curb. We will also be unveiling our new 'SLOW DOWN' banners. If you wish to make a donation to the [Brake Charity](#), we will be collecting on their behalf.

The Walking Bus will support you in getting your child safely to school, by foot, if you live in the Barton Park or Barton area. Michelle Francis (Bracken's mum) and Iona Carroll (Carmelo's mum) are taking a lead on setting up a walking bus for Barton Park Primary School. Join us in the Community Hall at 2:30pm to find out more, sign up, or just have a cup of tea and a chat with the other parents!

What is a walking bus?

A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. If that sounds simple, it is, and that's part of the beauty of the walking school bus. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school or as structured as a route with meeting points, a timetable and a regularly rotated schedule of trained volunteers.



Key dates:

16 Nov:	Jigsaw parents group: SEND support group at 10:15	30 Nov:	Big Christmas Sing (Y3/choir)
17 Nov:	Road Safety Day: Tee/Tea Day	1 Dec:	Christmas Jumper Swap event in playground
19 Nov:	Individual photos	1 Dec:	Choir singing at St Mary's Church light switch on
22 Nov:	Teacher Training Day - school closed to pupils	8 Dec:	Christmas Show at Pegasus Theatre
WB 29th Nov:	Y2 Phonics Check	10 Dec:	Christmas Jumper Day
		15 Dec:	Whole School Christmas Singing: parents invited - 2pm
		17 Dec:	Last day of term - school closes at 1:10pm

More info on the dates above:

- Big Christmas Sing : This is an event for the choir and further details will be sent in a letter today.
- Christmas Show at Pegasus Theatre.
 - This trip will not cost us any money, as we have been given free tickets by the theatre and Hill developers will be paying for our coach.
 - It will take place during the school day.
- Christmas Jumper Day & Swap event
 - Dig out those Christmas jumpers! If you have one that is too small, or just fancy swapping last year's for a new (2nd hand) one, bring it to school before 1/12 and receive a token to collect a swap in the playground event on 1/12. Any that are left after swaps have been made can be purchased for a small donation to the school fund.
- Christmas singing for the whole school - all parents are invited!
 - In the hall. We will retell the story of Christmas through song. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers and add some sparkle through tinsel headbands etc.