



# **BARNARD GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Headteacher: **Mr. L. Walker** | Deputy Headteacher: **Miss J. Thompson**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Last Day of Term**

We break up for the Summer holiday on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017. The last day of term will be a 'Toy Day' in school. All of the teachers will have had discussions with their classes, explaining our usual routines for the last day of term. **We would advise that any toys/games of great value, both personal and financial, are not brought into school.** The following messages have been passed on:

- Any toy/game brought into school is your child's responsibility.
- Phones/iPads/Tablets are not allowed to be brought into school.
- Games which need to be plugged in are not allowed to be brought into school.
- All toys/games need to be labelled with your child's name and class, preferably in a plastic bag.

## **Term Dates for 2017-2018**

Please find our school's calendar attached to this letter. After the Summer holiday, pupils will return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Other key dates for you to make note of are our PD days (highlighted in yellow) where school is closed to pupils. During the next year, the PD days are on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

## **Goodbyes!**

This Friday marks the end of the Barnard Grove 'journey' for three of our highly respected members of staff.

After seven-and-a-half years, Mrs. Jones will be leaving us to take up new opportunities within education. Mrs. Jones has spent most of her time with us as Nursery teacher, so will be very well known to all of you in setting the firm foundations in place for the vast majority of children in our school. During all of her time at Barnard Grove, Mrs. Jones has always been totally dedicated to improving outcomes for children, not to mention fully supporting our parents/carers. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing Mrs. Jones the very best of luck in the next stage of her career.

After nine-and-a-half years, Mr. Myers will also be leaving Barnard Grove at the end of the week. During his time with us, Mr. Myers has worked in every year group in school, at some point, with his recent class teaching commitment coming in Year 1. Mr. Myers has been dedicated to supporting children throughout his time with us, with his calm, hard-working and flexible attitude being very much appreciated by all who have worked with him. We all wish him the best of luck for the future.

After nineteen years, Mrs. Lister will be retiring at the end of this academic year. As one of the longest serving members of staff at Barnard Grove, Mrs. Lister will have influenced the lives of thousands of children and families in our school community. Her relentless dedication to improve our school is unquestionable and her work with colleagues, pupils and parents/carers will be sorely missed by all of us. Whether it be supporting classes or individuals, in her role as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, or helping with the organisation of whole-school events, Mrs. Lister goes the 'extra mile' to make other people's lives better. For all but one year of her career in education, we have been lucky to have Mrs. Lister as one of our Barnard Grove family and I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her the best of luck (and good health) as she becomes a lady of leisure (!) and enjoys some quality time with her real family.

In a year which has seen our school continue to go from strength to strength, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support in all that we do to make our school the best it can be. Enjoy your summer!

Yours sincerely,

Mr. L. Walker  
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