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Newsletter 3

Half Term Theme – Positive Attitude, Positive Start
This week's value is: I have set a positive example to those around me!

	<p>Congratulations to our Stars of the Week!</p> <p>N: Charlie R: Rowan Y1: Daisy Y2: Scarlett Y3: Alyscia Y4: Evie Y5: Ayla Y6 : Gracie</p>
	<p>Health Update</p> <p>It was announced at the end of last week that Colin Cox, Director of Public Health is strongly advising people in Barrow take additional steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This includes the recommendation for all non-essential visits to schools to be paused from today. Therefore, all our afterschool clubs have been cancelled until further notice. This includes Matty from BAFC who teaches curriculum PE on a Tuesday afternoon. Class teachers will teach curriculum PE. I understand that the children will be disappointed but I feel that we need to do everything possible to help prevent the spread of the virus.</p> <p>There is a legal limit of six on the number of people who can meet in groups indoors or outdoors. In addition, in the Barrow Borough Council area people are now being strongly advised that groups of six should be limited to people from no more than 2 households at any one time. This is to reduce the level of social contact between different people and reduce the risk of infection spreading. It will also help improve the effectiveness of local contact tracing efforts.</p> <p>It's very important that children understand this. Large groups of children have been seen out playing by the shops and skate park. The Police are aware and will be patrolling the area to break up groups and ensure that children are aware of the current situation.</p>








Free Breakfast Club



Natterjacks Breakfast and
 After-School Club



	<p>Phonics</p> <p>All the children in Year 2 will complete the phonics screen test at the end of this term due to testing not taking place during the summer term. We teach phonics daily in school but if you wish to support at home, or just know more about phonics, there is a fabulous, FREE, online course run by Cumbria County Council. Here is the link if you wish to register for the course.</p> <p>https://adultlearning.cumbria.gov.uk/subjects/family.asp?show=all</p>
	<p>Remote Education</p> <p>Where a class of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, schools are expected to provide immediate remote learning. I am currently in the process of setting up a system to enable virtual lessons. However, this would require you to have internet access at home. If you don't have access to the internet please let me know so we can plan alternative ways of children receiving lessons to complete at home.</p>
	<p>Attendance</p> <p>As the school is now open fully, normal attendance procedures will resume. If your child is absent due to illness, then please phone the office on 01229 471781. Please be specific as to the reason. If you think your child or anyone in the family has COVID symptoms, then please get tested and let us know of the outcome as soon as possible. Any confirmed cases of a child or staff member will result in a class – bubble needing to close.</p>
	<p>Arriving and Departing School</p> <p>Thank you so much for being so patient and keeping to the rules regarding dropping off and collecting children. Some queuing will be inevitable but please observe social distancing and try to avoid blocking exits and entrances. Thank you</p>
	<p>PTA</p> <p>I would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA. Last night Mrs McMullan gave me the very good news that the PTA are kindly donating £750 for outdoor play equipment. This is much needed as the children are now restricted as to where they can play. Each class will have their own equipment which will be disinfected. We now also have a weekly class rota for the climbing equipment so it is important that children don't touch the playground equipment when arriving or departing school. Thank you.</p>

Important Dates

Date	Event
Monday 21 st September	Yoga - Cancelled
Tuesday 22 nd September	
Wednesday 23 rd September	

Thursday 24 th September	Karate Club - Cancelled 3-15 – 4-15pm Robins. Owls and Kingfishers
Friday 25 th September	Dance Club - Cancelled 3-15 until 4-15pm Owls and Robins
Monday 28 th September	Yokids - Cancelled 3-15 until 4-15pm Robins and Owls
Tuesday 29 th September	
Wednesday 30 th September	
Thursday 1 st October	Karate Club – Cancelled 3-15 – 4-15pm Robins. Owls and Kingfishers
Friday 2 nd October	Dance Club - Cancelled 3-15 until 4-15pm Owls and Robins