

The Parents' Newsletter

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Welcome to the Barnwell Parents' Newsletter, an informative news sheet that will include relevant dates, events and information for parents and carers.

Dear Parents and Carers,
You should have received in the post a Headteacher's Annual Report which looks back over the past year and relays all the changes and moves that have been made this past academic year and some information about next year.
If you haven't received this document, please visit the website where there is a copy of the booklet for you to download.
Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer holiday,
Vivian Swaida—Headteacher.

Events at the End of Term

As usual, there is a full schedule of activities planned for the last week of term and this year is no exception!

Continuing the month of enrichment ventures—which has seen Year 9 “Slumming it” in a full day of Geography based activities, Year 7 taking part in “Calcutta Day” and many students joining in with town wide sports competitions and drama festivals—the fun continues next week with Sports Day, the Fun Run and Community Day.

Sports Day: Tuesday 20th July

Students should come to school in full PE kit. The students will be escorted to Ridlins Athletics Club during the day and will leave from Ridlins at approximately 2:00pm.

Fun Run: Wednesday 21st July

Non-uniform day. Students can pay £1 for wearing non-uniform if they do not receive donations for the fun run. Students will have 1 1/2 hours to see how many laps of the West campus field they can do. Prizes will be given for the best fancy dress!

Community Day: Thursday 22nd July

Non-uniform day. Many stalls, games, rides and activities on offer at Barnwell's annual fun event. Students will begin the festivities at around 1:30pm and will be finished at the usual time of 3pm on the West Campus.

Uniform

The school will be open for the purchase and collection of pre-ordered uniform on the follow days:

Tuesday 31st August—Friday 3rd September between 9am—2pm

If you have pre-ordered your uniform please contact the school to see if it is ready for collection.

Parents' Partnership

From feedback received at the two parent/headteacher Coffee Mornings—the Parents' Partnership has been formed.

It is open to every parent and carer of a student at Barnwell school and will represent the views of parents about the education and welfare provided to their children by the school.

Please visit the website under Parents > Parents' Partnership for more details or email ParentsPartnership@barnwell.herts.sch.uk or call *Rachel Shenton* on 01438 222500 to join the Partnership, raise issues for discussion or simply for further details.

IMPORTANT DATES



School ends at 12:00 on
Friday 23rd July 2010.

**Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd
September**—Training Days
(School closed for students)

Monday 6th September
Start of Autumn term for all students
8:35am—Year 7 & 12
10: 30am—Years 8-11

Wednesday 15th September
Year 7 Information Evening

Tuesday 21st September
Year 12 Information Evening

Thursday 23rd September
Year 10 Information Evening

Thursday 30th September
Year 9 Information Evening

Tuesday 5th October
Prospective Parents Evening

Fri 8th—Sun 10th October
Y7 Adventure Weekend

Wednesday 20th October
Year 11 into 12 Evening

Smartcards/cash payments

In September we will be working with a new catering contractor—Hertfordshire Catering - which we are very excited about. As part of this change we are reviewing the cashless system.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. We are hoping for a swift resolution for September

Parents' Handbook

A handbook with all the guidance needed for your child at school, can be found on the website under **Parents > Parents Handbook**.

This document contains lots of useful information that is given to you when your child first starts at Barnwell.

Your views count! - If you have any ideas or comments that will help improve this service, please contact *Mrs R Shenton*.