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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I have to congratulate our Year 2 pupils, this week for trying their very hardest when working on their end of Key Stage 1 SATs. The tests have been well organised and approached with sensitivity to foster a positive experience for the pupils who have shown a great deal of perseverance.

Yew Tree Class presented their work and ideas to the school and their parents/carers in last Friday's Celebration Assembly and did a great job speaking in front of their largest audience to date. It was lovely having the parents and carers of our youngest pupils in school to join us for what was, for many, their first opportunity to participate in an event during the day. Thanks to all who attended.

This week, auditions have been taking place for the Oak Class end of year production, Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. Through this humorous script, pupils will be entertaining us with their acting and singing talents. Performances are due to take place in school on Tuesday 12th July at 5pm and Wednesday 13th July at 10am.

Shropshire Music Service are expected in school today to carry out workshops and introduce the children to the songs they will be singing at the Community Jubilee Celebration on 5th July.

Jordan Spilsbury, Sixth Form Manager, from William Brookes, is planning to visit local schools and carry out a torch relay with groups of children using the 2012 London Olympic Torch from WBS. The visits will be filmed and form part of an opening film at their dance show in July. This show is being used to celebrate the legacy of the 2012 Games, 10 years on, and to remember the visit the torch made to their site. They will be naming this the 'Renwick Relay' after Geoff Renwick for his 20 years service at William Brookes School. Jordan will be visiting Barrow 1618 school on Friday 27th May to deliver an assembly and film a group of pupils. Consent will be sought from parents/carers of pupils taking part in the filming beforehand.

Year 4 and Year 6 pupils, swimming lessons will take place on Thursday mornings from 9th June – 14th July. Parents and carers of those children will be emailed shortly with further information.

Please remember that tomorrow is Census Day and we are having a special pizza buffet menu to encourage pupils to have a school meal.

We look forward to welcoming the parents of Elm Class into school this Friday to join us for the Celebration Assembly. This will begin at 2:50pm. Parents and carers should arrive on site from 2:40pm.

From Monday to Wednesday next week, Ash and Oak classes will be away on their residential visit to the Pioneer Centre. As I will be accompanying the children with other members of staff, Mrs Pitchford and Mrs Preston will be named in charge in my absence. If there are any issues, please contact the school office.

Arrangements for Residential Visit to the Pioneer Centre

- Children should arrive on site at the normal time, between 8:20 and 8:40.
- Bags and cases should be clearly labelled and taken to the hall on arrival in school.
- Any medicines should be clearly labelled with instructions and handed to Ms Parker, who will be in the hall, by a parent/carer before 9:00.
- Children should bring a packed lunch and drink for the first day. Lunch should be in a bag that can be disposed of as there won't be an opportunity for washing-up.
- Electronic items and mobile phones are not allowed and should be left at home.
- Each child can bring £5 to spend in the shop. Staff will not take any responsibility for this or any items purchased.
- A reasonable number of snacks can be brought with them – not too much sugar please! There is plenty of food served at mealtimes at the centre and there won't be an opportunity to eat snacks during activities. A drink and biscuit will be provided in the evenings.
- A kit list and further information is attached and available on the website: <https://barrow1618school.co.uk/parents-area>
- We plan to leave the centre at 13:30 on Wednesday when children will return to school, ready to be picked up. Anyone wishing to pick up their child/children earlier than 15:30 may do so. An email will be sent out to parents as soon as we leave the Pioneer Centre at Cleobury Mortimer on Wednesday.
- For any further queries, please speak to me or contact the school office.

Finally, I am sad to inform you that Wendy Partridge will be leaving at half term to take up a full time admin position at Christchurch CE Primary, Cressage. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on her success, and wishing her all the best for her exciting new role. I know that Wendy has loved working at Barrow for the last two years, and we hope that her relationship with the school will continue.

Yours sincerely,

Sian Stephenson
(Headteacher)