



Barrow Hall Community Primary School

I am here to feel secure, to be valued, and to learn
Newsletter 6th January 2017



School Web Site: www.barrowhall.co.uk

Happy New Year

I would like to start the first newsletter by wishing all of our children, their families and friends a Happy New Year and best wishes for 2017. 2016 was an especially important and busy year in the life of Barrow Hall with the relocation to the new school building in September. As we return to school for the Spring Term, it is a good time to briefly reflect and celebrate the hard work and commitment of all the staff, children, families and members of the Local Authority for ensuring the move went as smoothly as possible. Needless to say, there are still a few remaining 'teething' issues, but, on the whole, I am sure parents will agree that our new building is a lovely and positive environment for our children to learn.

Staffing—January 2017

We have now formally welcomed Miss Rachael Mather to her teaching role at Barrow Hall, covering Miss Corbett's maternity leave in Year 4. Miss Mather spent some time in school before Christmas and, therefore, had already got to know her class. Mrs Dilorenzo has now also taken over the teaching of Miss Sumner's Year 3 class.

Parent Survey

A short parent survey form has been sent home today. As a school, we are keen to understand parental opinions to help inform our future planning. We would, therefore, be very grateful if parents would complete these and return to us by Monday 23rd January.

Consultation to convert to Academy

As covered in previous correspondence, the school is currently in a period of consultation regarding a proposal to convert to academy status as part of the Omega Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Details are available on the home page of the school website. The consultation ends on 20th January 2017.

Jumpers for Jensen

Many thanks to all of you who supported the School Council's 'Jumpers for Jensen' day on the last day of term. £453.36 was raised which has now been passed to the charity, along with a number of 'selfies' from the day which had been requested by the charity.

Dates for the term

Some of the key dates for the Spring Term are below.

FEBRUARY	
10	Mid Year Reports to Parents
15/16	Parents' Evening
17	School closes for half term
27	INSET Day
28	School reopens to children
MARCH	
2	World Book Day
13-17	Science Week
APRIL	
7	School Closes for Spring Break
24	School reopens to children

