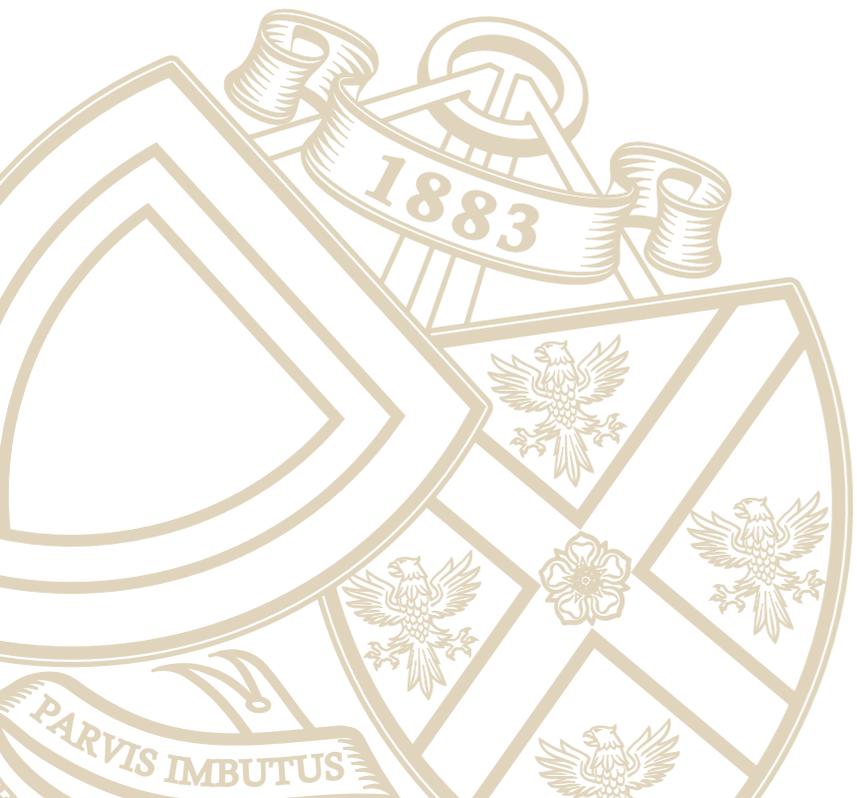




BARNARD CASTLE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WELCOME TO YEAR 2  
A GUIDE FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS  
2022-2023



## Introduction

Welcome to Year 2 at Barnard Castle Prep School. A new year offers new opportunities and I hope you are looking forward to having a busy and enjoyable time.

There will be plenty to do both in and out of the classroom as well as new trips to go on and new friends to make.

In this booklet there is some information to help guide you along the way. However, please do not hesitate to ask any of the teachers for any help that you may need.

Have a great time.

Laura Turner  
Headmistress



## Class Teacher

If there is anything you are not sure about or you have any questions or problems, please talk to your Class Teacher and they will be able to help you. You will see them at registration each morning and at the start of the afternoon.

In Year 2 you will be expected to:

- Follow The Barney Way.
- Come into the classroom on your own each morning.
- Carry out your morning jobs independently by putting your homework diary, reading record and homework activities in the correct place.
- Take responsibility for the decisions you make.
- Share when working with others in your class.
- Know how you will be going home at the end of the day.
- Pack your bag independently at the end of the day.



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## Homework

Homework is important in helping you remember the work you have completed in class and also to extend your knowledge.

You will receive either a piece of Mathematics or English Homework weekly. You will be given this on Fridays and you need to return it the following Tuesday. You will also have weekly spellings linked to your sound, pattern and grammar work for that week.

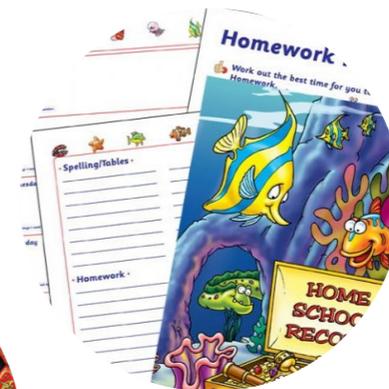
In the Trinity Term you will receive two pieces of homework, one Mathematics and one English to complete each week.

Reading is very important and you will have a reading book to take home every night. Your family would love to hear you read as often as possible so try to read each night if you are not too tired.



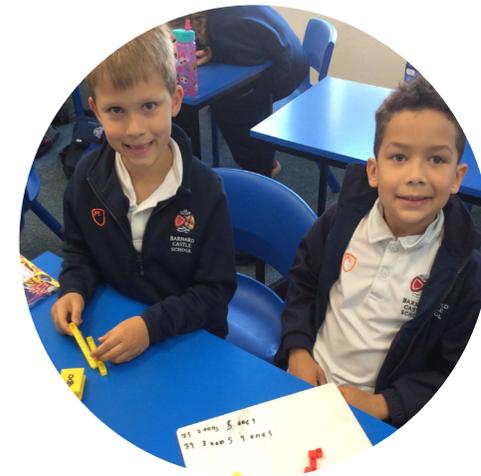
## Home School Diary

Your Home School Diary is also very important; it allows your Class Teacher to give important messages to your family as well as giving you the chance to write your own reminders in your diary. You will be asked to make sure somebody at home signs your diary at the end of each week; you will earn a merit if they do!



## Trips & Visitors

You will be given the opportunity to go on a variety of trips during the year or you may be visited by someone special. These will relate to the work you are doing in class. At the end of the year, the Pre-Prep will go out for the day and enjoy some activities relating to your work you have completed throughout the year.



## Merits

You earn merits for following The Barney Way. The merits are added up at the end of each term and a book token is awarded if you have accumulated the most merits.

The Rainbow Award Scheme is designed to reward you further. Every time you get to a coloured band on the rainbow you will be presented with a certificate in assembly.

We always expect your best behaviour, which will keep your name on the "Happy Board". If your teacher sees any thoughtless behaviour, they will speak to your family about this.



## Co-Curricular Programme

Activities take place in the School day at break time, lunch time and after School. These are delivered by School staff, as well as some external teachers and coaches.

A booklet which contains all the information about activities will be emailed to your parents before the start of each term. You should chat to your parents about which clubs you would like to sign up for, and your parents will then complete the online form for you before the start of term.

Once you have started an activity, you are expected to attend every week until the end of term and to give your apologies to the member of staff running the club if you cannot attend.

There are so many activities to choose from, we are sure you will enjoy taking part in some of these!



## Uniform

Your appearance is very important and you should always be dressed smartly in the correct uniform.

Hair must be hair tied back if it is shoulder length or longer. Short hair should be brushed and neat.

Your school shoes should be black or navy and you are responsible for ensuring they are polished every day.

It is anticipated that you will have two PE lessons a week and should come to School in your PE kit on these days, and your School Uniform on the other three days.

You will also go swimming every week using the Senior School pool.



## Something on your mind?

If you are worried or upset, you can talk to:-

- Any of your teachers
- Mrs Morse, the School Nurse or the School Counsellor
- Your parents or your friends
- School's Independent Listener, call 07817 484818
- ChildLine, call 0800 11 11

To make a complaint, speak to your class teacher, the Deputy Head or the Headmistress or any member of the Junior Boarding staff for boarders.

## Wellbeing

Prep School is a happy place and we help to keep it that way by taking care of our wellbeing regularly. During class time in the morning, after lunch and at the end of lessons, you will spend time with your class teacher either doing yoga stretches, breathing, listening to a mindful story or simply colouring and focusing on your breathing. Because we like to be very busy at Prep School, it is important that we all take the time to breathe, reset and ask ourselves how we are feeling.

## A Barney Education

At Prep School we help you develop skills that we feel you will need most as you continue your journey through Barney and beyond. We use the terms **Feel**, **Be**, **Share** and **Go**, and develop the following values as you progress through the School.



We hope that as you leave Barney you will have a strong understanding and awareness about each of these values. Each week, the Prep and Senior Schools have a 'Value of the Week', with a different value identified and discussed in assemblies, within the classroom environment and all your lessons. To help you remember the values we have our own Barney Superheroes who will join you on your journey in September to help you develop these skills, they can't wait to meet you.





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# The Barney Way

Be kind

Be polite

Be smart

Be organised

Be respectful