



Barton Clough News

September 2020

Welcome Back

It is sooooo good to be back and to see everyone again. We have been delighted with how the children have returned and how the drop-off and pick-ups have been relatively smooth.

Just a reminder that only one family member can accompany children to school. Please use the one-way system into the school playground, keep your distance from others and leave promptly.

School Office Closed

Due to COVID-19, our school office remains closed. If you have any questions or concerns, please catch a member of the leadership team on the playground, or contact the school office by email or telephone.

We Need You!

Are you interested in helping out in school? Listening to readers, helping in the Wild Woods or supporting in the school office? If the answer is yes, then we need you.

Look out for an expression of interest form that we will send out in the next few weeks.

Sad News

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the news that during the summer holidays we lost a member of our Barton Clough family. Zac McKenzie, who previously taught at Barton Clough for three years, sadly passed away after a battle with cancer. He will be greatly missed by all he worked with, the children he taught and his loving family. We will be fundraising for Macmillan and Christies in his honour throughout the year.

Baby Boom

We are delighted to announce that Miss Unsworth welcomed a very handsome baby boy into the world in May and Mrs. Gribbon welcomed her beautiful baby girl in July. They are both enjoying every moment of their Maternity Leave and we look forward to welcoming them back in the Spring Term.

New Library and Books

We are really excited to inform you that we have invested in new shelving and furniture to create both a library space and a space for our individual reading books. The furniture should be with us in the next week or two and we will share some images on social media when it has been set up.

New shelves of course, require new books and we intend to keep them stocked up with the latest literary offerings.

We have put together an exciting reading strategy and we will again, share this with you over the coming term.

Commando Joe

This year we have allocated some of our Sports Premium funding a nation-wide character education programme called Commando Joe.

Commando Joe will be with us every Thursday working with the children on exciting missions to develop resilience, team work and leadership. Please follow the link below for more information.

<https://commandojoes.co.uk>

Extra INSET Day

Due to the amount of extra COVID-19 preparation and training for our September opening, Trafford have granted each school an extra INSET day to use during this academic year. Therefore, school will be **closed** on **Friday 18th December**.