



DATES FOR DIARIES



Sir John Barrow School Term Dates 2017/2018

Autumn Term

Term begins Wednesday 6th September 2017
 Half term holiday Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2017
 Term ends Tuesday 19th December 2017

Spring Term

Term begins Thursday 4th January 2018
 Half term holiday Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2018
 Term ends Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term

Term begins Monday 16th April 2018
 Bank holiday Monday 7th May 2018
 Half term holiday Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018
 Term ends Friday 20th July 2018

INSET days for staff training:

Children are NOT expected in school on:
 Monday 4th September 2017
 Tuesday 5th September 2017

Just a little reminder:

We finish at normal school finishing time on our last day Thursday 20th July. Afterschool Club is available until 4.15pm.

All the staff and children at SJB would like to wish you a very happy summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to SJB on Wednesday 6th September 2017.

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

July 2017

As we approach the end of another school year I would like to thank every individual who has played their part in the SJB team, big or small, this year. It is due to the hard work of many that we have had such a successful year.

What a successful year we have had! The children have enjoyed a rich curriculum including exciting trips, endless sporting events, musical opportunities and theatre visits, amongst a few to be named. We have a team of teachers and support staff who are second to none and I cannot thank them enough for their commitment to ensuring our children experience the best possible education. A big thank you to the children for demonstrating positive attitudes to learning and embracing the team ethos of the school – succeeding, enjoying and belonging. The belonging part is an important lesson for life as we learn to respect and support one another on our journey. Thank you too to governors and parent/carers for your ongoing contributions and support of the school.

Miss H Pemberton
Headteacher

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If you would like a copy of this newsletter in a larger print please call in at the office.

This newsletter is also available on our website - www.sjbarrow.cumbria.sch.uk

PTA News

SJB PTA would like to thank everyone for their continued support this year. With your help we have been able to donate over £4000 towards things that cannot be covered by the school budget. This includes £169 for a new literacy system, £166.50 for new book bags, £453 towards the popular M&M theatre production, £1000 towards IT upgrades, £1500 towards school trips and £937 for a future maths development programme.

We look forward to your continued support in the next school year and would like to wish you all a happy summer.



SJB Communication/Weekly Snippets

At SJB we are always striving to improve our lines of communication with parents/carers.

With the increased use of our School Blog and texting/email service, in September we plan to introduce 'SJB Weekly Snippets'. This will be emailed to parents/carers on a Friday and will provide information such as upcoming afterschool activities, School Blog uploads and other bits and pieces of useful information.

It is important therefore that your email contact details are up to date. Please advise our office staff if you do not receive emails.

Online Payments

Good news!

After the successful introduction of paying for school dinners online with 'Lunch Shop', we are going to trial paying for other school services online too using the 'Lunch Shop' system.

From September Parents/Carers will be able to book our afterschool club provision online and any additional nursery wraparound care. In time we will introduce educational visits, swimming and more.

This is a new system and we anticipate that there may be some minor hiccups along the way but I am sure that if we work together we can sort any issues out.

Look out for further information in September.

Price increases – September 2017

SJB has tried to keep down the price of a school meal for the past few years. However, in line with the other local schools, we need to increase the price to £2.30 per day.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to benefit from Universal Free School Meals.

In addition, from September, we have found it necessary to increase the cost of our afterschool wraparound provision as follows:

3.15pm – 4.15pm	£3.50
4.15pm – 5.15pm	£3.50
5.15pm – 6.00pm	<u>£3.00</u>
	£10.00

Breakfast Club cost of £1.50 per day will remain the same.

Please ensure all outstanding summer term bills are paid by Thursday 20th July. Thank you.

School Uniform

The summer holidays is usually the time we renew our children's uniforms ready for the school year.

At SJB we adhere strictly to our school uniform policy so please do check this when buying new clothing. Please make sure your child has a complete P.E. kit for September and this is available in school **every day** Monday to Friday.

Please label **all** clothes. This year, as a school we have been much more vigilant about this and consequently we have significantly decreased the size of lost property and hopefully together we have saved you some money. We think it is part of school life for our children to learn to be responsible for their belongings and to value what we have.

Uniform list:

- Navy sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt with or without logo (Nursery and Reception children may wear a navy blue polo shirt if preferred)
- Navy, black or grey trousers/shorts/skirt
- Pale blue checked dress for girls in summer

PE Kit:

Coloured t-shirt according to house colour, with or without school logo Navy shorts with or without school logo Tracksuit pants for outdoor use in cold weather.

Celebrating Success National Assessment Results

We are very proud of our children's positive attitudes to learning and their hard work is paying off. This year national assessment results at all key stages are above the national and the number of children exceeding across the school is significantly higher than nationally. In addition those of our children who find aspects of academic learning a challenge are also making excellent progress from various starting points. Well done, boys and girls, you deserve your success.

Year 6



*A big thank you to Year 6 for their significant contribution to school life here at SJB. They have worked hard, got involved and set a good example to the other children. We wish them happiness and every success in their new schools. **Well Done Year 6** 😊*

Fond Farewells

*We are sad to say good-bye this term to Mrs Dearden and Miss Sadler. Both have contributed **significantly** to our school and will be greatly missed. We wish them every success as they move on to pastures new.*