

## BARNES FARM INFANT and JUNIOR SCHOOLS

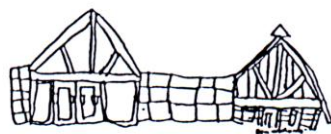
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Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to our letter of 13<sup>th</sup> May, you will know that on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm**, we will be hosting a joint celebration between both schools celebrate the Commonwealth games, to which all parents/carers are invited. The event will begin with a joint picnic lunch on the field, in which parents/carers can join their children with their own picnic, followed by a parade by all classes.

As part of their learning during the second half of the summer term, each class has been assigned a country from the Commonwealth about which to learn, as follows:

### Infant School

Rabbit - Ghana

Fox - Canada

Badger - Maldives

Otter - Kenya

Hedgehog - Australia

Squirrel - New Zealand

Snowy Owls - Cyprus

Tawny Owls - Malawi

Barn Owls - India

### Junior School

Class 1 - Mozambique

Class 4 - Trinidad & Tobago

Class 7 - Nigeria

Class 10 - Jamaica

Class 2 - Mauritius

Class 5 - Malaysia

Class 8 - Malta

Class 11 - Pakistan

Class 3 - Sierra Leone

Class 6 - Fiji

Class 9 - Singapore

Class 12 - South Africa

For the parade, children will have the opportunity to dress representing their assigned country either by wearing that country's national colours or even their national dress! Children can come to school in the morning dressed in their clothes ready for the event.

We would ask that **all** children have a packed lunch on this day, whether or not parents/carers are able to attend the picnic. For those children receiving free school meals, this will still be provided by the kitchen staff.

Due to the expected numbers at this event, children will become the responsibility of their parent/carer once they have been collected from their class at 1pm and for the duration of the picnic. Younger siblings are welcome to attend as well, as long as there is continuing parent/carer supervision throughout the event. The children will reconvene with their class and class teacher following the picnic, ready for the school parade. Parents and carers of children in both schools are permitted to take their children home at the end of the event. If you are unable to attend, please communicate with your child's class teacher who will ensure that they are accompanied by a member

of staff at all times during the event and taken back into school until the usual home time of 3.15pm.

Please note this event will be weather-dependent and unfortunately will be cancelled if there is bad weather. A decision regarding this will be made during the *morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>* as use of the field will be paramount - please refer to the schools' websites and Twitter feed (Junior School only). Please note that in the interests of safety and security, only the main entrances to the Infant and Junior schools will be open all afternoon.

We hope to see you there!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mills and Mr McTaggart