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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we were so happy to welcome Yew Tree Class back into school following their period of isolation. We have missed them so much – Barrow 1618 just hasn't been the same without them.

Infact, yesterday, we discovered the most wonderful surprise waiting for them: two beautiful, newly hatched, ducklings! Because of the the ducks' precarious manner in which they have been caring for their eggs, we had little hope of them hatching and were all amazed to find them swimming with their mother on Yew Tree garden pond yesterday. Miss Ellis couldn't contain her excitement!

Due to the circumstances of the past year, many of us have reassessed our lives and values. For many, this has culminated in a realisation of the importance of family. As you may be aware, Mr Holmes has a young son and has decided that he would like to spend more time with his family at home. For this reason, Mr Holmes will be the teacher in Ash Class for three days a week, from September. Miss Ellis, who is currently with Ash Class for two days a week, will continue with these two days as their teacher. The teaching role will be shared. I know that you will be understanding of the reasons behind Mr Holmes' decision. We appreciate how precious the years are with a young family and how quickly they pass.

This will not affect Miss Ellis' role in Yew Tree class, which she will continue to share effectively with Mrs Preston.

On Friday, we were sorry to officially say goodbye to Amber Jones, our much-loved student teacher, who has worked in school since October and been a brilliant addition to our team. She has carried out her placement with Elm and Ash classes and been a real 'hit' with the pupils – as well as staff! Miss Jones has successfully qualified as a teacher and takes up a teaching post in September with her own KS1 class. We wish her all the very best in her career. I know that she plans to be in school throughout the rest of this term and will remain part of our Barrow family.

We have had a very active week in school. Miss Ellis and Mrs Hadley have done an excellent job in organising Energise Week where a variety of sporting events have been enjoyed by the children. In addition to a variety of PE activities, lessons in cricket, tennis and dance have been delivered by specialist coaches visiting school.

On 14th July, to celebrate Seaside Day in Yew and Elm classes, fish and chips will be served in a box to all pupils choosing to have a school lunch.

For those of you who have visited school, you will notice that the frames for the raised beds around the path of the offices have been constructed, thanks to the hard work of Nikki and Nick Swankie. Oak Class have the job of gardening this half-term and we hope to be able to fill them with soil and prepare them for planting as soon as possible.

Next Friday is 'Forest Day' for Oak class and the Year 6 'Camp-out' is due to take place in the forest until 9pm.

The Summer Term is always busy and - although different to usual - this year is no exception; teachers will be keeping you informed about class events.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Sian Stephenson

(Headteacher)

Date	Event
21-25/06/2021	Energise Week
24/06/2021	Harry Potter Book Night – Ash & Oak (separate bubbles)
25/06/2021	Oak Class BBQ – Oak pupils and staff
02/07/2021	Oak Class Forest Day and Camp-out
06/07/2021	Next year's teacher spends time with Children
07/07/2021	Sports Day
12/07/2021	Sports Day (contingency)
14/07/2021	Seaside Day
16/07/2021	Annual Reports to parents/carers
21/07/2021	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
21/07/2021	Last day of Term