



Barden Primary School
Only my best is good enough for me



July 2023

September Staffing Update September 2023-24

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am now in a position to be able to share with you our staffing arrangements for September 2023.

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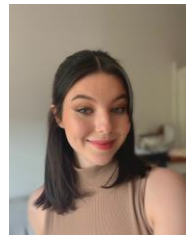
Mrs Horner is leaving After 31 years at Barden Primary School, Mrs Horner, our Assistant Headteacher, is leaving. This is an incredibly sad occasion for Barden as Mrs Horner has had such an amazing impact on our school for so many years. She will be greatly missed and remembered very fondly by children, staff and parents alike. Don't worry though, Mrs Horner will still be teaching Swallows class on a Friday - phew! I appreciate that many parents may wish to show their appreciation to Mrs Horner for her incredible contributions over the years. Many parents may have even been taught by her! If you wish to do so, please send your voluntary contribution into the school office. If you wish to make a contribution to a gift voucher, please send in your contribution in a clearly labelled envelope or pop into the school office. **We wish Mrs Horner all the very best for the future and look forward to seeing her in school on Fridays!**

We have appointed five new members of staff for 2023-24 who will start at Barden in September. Mr Coombs has been appointed as our new Assistant Headteacher. Miss Cregg and Miss Barker have been appointed as teachers and Mrs Smith and Miss Coates have been appointed as teaching assistants. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to them, and I am confident that they will have a positive impact at Barden Primary School. Here is a little 'hello' from them!



Hi, my name is Mr Coombs (new Assistant Headteacher). I am really excited about coming to work at Barden Primary School as Assistant Headteacher. I loved meeting the staff and children during the interview process and was able to see what a fantastic, caring environment the school is. I currently work in a large primary school in Accrington and for the Abacus Maths Hub. I love working with children and seeing them progress. The school's motto of 'Only my best is good enough for me!' is something that matches my values and philosophy. I work hard to make my best better and expect others to do the same. I have lovely family with two wonderful children (a boy and a girl) that I love spending time with - they keep me very busy! I'm a big sports fan and particularly love football. I try to stay fit and active and believe a healthy body helps nurture a healthy mind. I can't wait to come and join you in September and look forward to getting to know you all. Please introduce yourselves to me when you see me around school as I want to get to know the whole Barden community.

Hello, my name is Miss Cregg (new Year 3 teacher) and I am excited to be joining Barden to teach Doves class in September. I am passionate about all opportunities to learn and have a particular love of music and science. I studied for my PGCE in Primary Education at Edge Hill University and also have a BA Hons degree in Music Production. Outside of school, I love to read, sing, and watch lots of live music!





Hi! My name is Miss Barker (new Year 5 teacher) and I am so excited to be joining the Barden team in September! Although I initially trained to be a lawyer, I left the legal profession to pursue my love of teaching. In 2016, I graduated from the University of Manchester with my PGCE and have been teaching ever since. I am passionate about inspiring a life-long love of learning and supporting our children to flourish and thrive. I absolutely adore Reading and Writing, whether it be teaching it to the children or just doing it for fun! Outside of school, I love playing board games and baking. Having recently moved to Burnley to be closer to my family, I love spending time in the local area with my loved ones.

Miss Coates (new teaching assistant in The Nest) My name is Miss Coates. I am really excited about coming to work at The Nest at Barden Primary School. I enjoy long walks with my friendly cocker spaniel, Rocco! I am part of a competitive dance group who represents the UK in competitions across Europe. I have worked in a variety of school settings and, for the past 6 years I have worked in an SEN setting. Being able to make a difference in a child's life makes working with children the most rewarding job. I look forward to meeting you all and becoming part of your warm and welcoming community.



Congratulations to Mrs Hill (Puffins Class teacher) Mrs Hill, our Year 5 teacher, is expecting her first child. **Huge congratulations from everybody at Barden to Mrs Hill and her family.** Mrs Hill's baby is due in the summer holidays, and we wish her lots of love and luck 😊 **Also, congratulations... to, our Deputy Head, Mr Cooper** who is imminently expecting his second child. **Huge congratulations from everybody at Barden to Mr Cooper and his family!**

Please find below an overview of the staffing structure for September 2023

YEAR GROUP	Class	Class teacher	Teaching assistant
RECEPTION	Owlets	Mrs Worthy	Mrs Sultana
RECEPTION	Eaglets	Mrs Asad	Mrs Kauser
RECEPTION	Additional EYFS class for morning sessions	Mrs Hindle	Miss Begum Ms McGlynn
EYFS Lead – Mrs Worthy			
Year 1	Wrens	Mr Holland	Mrs Hart Mrs Wilkinson
Year 1	Robins	Mrs Stansfield	Mrs Greenwood Mrs Wright
Year 2	Wagtails	Mr Walmsley	Miss Hayhurst
Year 2	Goldfinches	Miss Bate	Mrs Shan
Year 2	Swallows	Mrs Fielden (Friday = Mrs Horner)	Mrs Hameed
Key Stage 1 Lead – Mr Cooper (Deputy Head Teacher)			
Year 3	Doves	Miss Cregg	Mrs Akhtar
Year 3	Skylarks	Miss Bodill	Mrs Townend (am) Miss Ahmed (pm)
Year 4	Kingfishers	Mr McKnight-Shaw	Ms Collins
Year 4	Woodpeckers	Miss Lingard	Mrs Ahmed

Year 3 & 4 Key Stage Lead – Mr Coombs			
Year 5	Puffins	Miss Barker	Mrs Hodge
Year 5	Jays	Miss Rawstron	Mrs Driver
Year 6	Eagles	Mrs Arshad Mr Coombs	Miss Nadeem
Year 6	Kestrels	Mrs Booth	Mrs Hamzic
Year 5 & 6 Key Stage Lead – Mrs Arshad			
The Nest	Cygnets	Miss Nelson	Mrs Wilkinson Mrs Ogden Miss Bullen Mrs Smith Miss Coates
The Nest	Swans	Mrs Thomas	
The Nest Unit Lead – Mrs Thomas			

Pastoral Team

Staff member	Role
Mr Dowling	Pastoral Lead Early Help Lead Delivering therapeutic interventions to pupils
Miss Lynch	Early Help Facilitator Parent support Delivering therapeutic interventions to pupils
Mrs Green	Delivering therapeutic interventions to pupils Read, Write, Inc pupil tutoring

SENCO

Staff member	Role
Mrs Hindle	SENCO senco@barden.lancs.sch.uk

Support Staff

Staff member	Role
Mrs Reilly	School Bursar/Office Manager
Mrs Hussain	Administrative Assistant
Mrs Rawcliffe	Attendance Manager
Miss Darcy	Sports Lead (teacher)
Mr Collins	IT Lead
Mrs Townend	Forest School Lead
Emotional Literacy Support Assistants	Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Hodge

If you have any questions about any of the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this.

Kind regards,

C. Holgate

Mrs C Holgate

Headteacher, Barden Primary School