

## One family branching out together

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Dear Parents & Carers

At last the weather has turned for the better which means that we all need to work together to ensure that your children are hydrated and 'sun safe'. Thank you for all completing the sun cream permissions and for remembering that you are all responsible for applying your own cream to your children before school, as we only apply top-up applications during school hours. Please also remember to send your children in daily with sun hats and full water bottles (which are refilled during the day).



It's lovely to see the children wearing our new stickers and wristbands. During our Pupil Voice meetings, the children shared that they would like to have new stickers that are bespoke to our school. The new stickers and wristbands arrived a short time ago and have caused great excitement amongst the children.

Do keep an eye out for them at home and 'Ask Me Why' (I received this wristband or sticker) as more will come home as the term goes on.



## Open Classroom Events



We welcome our parents, carers to come into school on the dates and time below to our Open Classroom Event. The events will be child-led, so parents can join us between these times and be shown around the classrooms by their own children. Please take up this opportunity to come into school and see what your children have been learning. Parents will be asked to sign into class when they arrive and sign their children out, as they are free to leave with you when you leave.

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May – 3.00pm to 4.00pm**

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July – 3.00pm to 4.00pm**

## Change to Menu – Week 1

Just to advise that there is a small change to the current Week 1 Menu on a Tuesday. The omelette has been changed to hash brown, as our Cook Franks (Cook) found that the children weren't keen on the omelette.

Please advise Mrs Briggs by emailing [admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk](mailto:admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk), if your child(ren) would like to now change their menu choice on this day.



A copy of the revised menu has been emailed to parents and please click on the link below for further details of our school meal provision:

[School Meals | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](http://barlowschool.org.uk)

## Census Day Menu Change – 15 & 16<sup>th</sup> May

The main dinner on Wednesday this week will be Margherita pizza and Sausage and mash on Thursday, so please email Mrs Briggs, if you need to change your child's menu choices on these days.

## Photographs



It is a timely reminder if any haircuts are required, that Phototronics, our school photographers will be joining us on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May to take individual, sibling, class, Reception and Year 6 photographs. If you have a Nursery child who doesn't normally join us on a Monday, please bring them into school at 9.00am, if you would like them to have their photographs taken.



## Health News



The Public Health Agency has produced a handy poster which has been emailed to parents which is a quick guide show various childhood illnesses. The poster helps parents to know at a glance, when to keep their child off school and when they can return to school when they are well enough to do so. Please click on the link below to access the poster and for further health information from our school website: -

[poster-do-i-need-to-keep-my-child-off-school.pdf \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

[School Health | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](http://barlowschool.org.uk)



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## Measles

The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. Measles is a highly infectious, serious illness that can be very unpleasant. Those most at risk are under 1's, the unvaccinated, immuno-compromised or pregnant woman. There is no specific treatment available, so it's important to get vaccinated to avoid serious illness. Parents should keep their child away for at least 4 days from when the rash first appeared and until they are completely recovered.



## **'THINK' Measles**

If parents think their child has Measles or has been in contact in the last 3 weeks with someone with a confirmed case of Measles, they should stay at home and call their GP.

- **DO NOT** take their child to nursery.
- **DO NOT** visit GP surgery/ out of hours, or Hospital.
- **CALL** ahead to the GP surgery so measures can be put in place for arrival.

Children in provision who are suspected of having Measles should be isolated and parents contacted to collect promptly.

## **Vaccination**

Parents can check their child's vaccination status by calling their GP surgery or checking their 'red book'. If a child has missed one of their MMR's, parents should call their GP surgery and book an appointment. The MMR schedule is usually 1 vaccine at 12 months old and a 2nd vaccine at pre-school, around 3 years and 4 months. For adults it's never too late to get vaccinated. Adults require 2 vaccines at 4 weeks apart. MMR vaccines that do not contain pork products are available from GP surgery who may need to order this product specially. MMR vaccine is not advised during pregnancy, those women of childbearing age should avoid getting pregnant for at least 4 weeks following vaccination. Pregnant women are advised to contact their midwife/GP surgery if they believe they have come into contact with Measles. Pregnant women who suspect they might have Measles should **not** go to antenatal clinic or any other maternity setting until they have been assessed. Please follow the links below for further information and guidance:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Think Measles! \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Pregnant? Immunisation helps to protect you and your baby from infectious diseases \(publishing.Services.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.Services.gov.uk)



Please click on the link below from Family Matters York to read about a full range of parenting courses for parents available for children from all age groups:

[Parenting Courses Hub | Family Matters York \(fmy.org.uk\)](http://fmy.org.uk)



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Please find the latest newsletter for parents and carers which covers the subjects such as 'Is being online affecting our child's mental health?', 'Digital Addiction', 'misinformation' and much more information.

Online Safety Newsletter May 2024

[https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/media/files/online-safety-newsletter-may-2024\\_the-white-rose-federation\\_30-04-2024.pdf](https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/media/files/online-safety-newsletter-may-2024_the-white-rose-federation_30-04-2024.pdf)

## School Council News

### UPCYCLING

Just a reminder to send your upcycling creations into school on **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May**. There will be House Points, certificates and goodies up for grabs in exchange for your great creations.

We continue to collect plastic bottle tops (all kinds of bottle tops, including fabric softener bottle tops) which we will trade in to purchase an item, or items for our outdoor area. Our grand total is now 37,385 earth tokens which is a massive 149.54KG of bottle tops which have been recycled.



### Wear what you want – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May

**St Leonard's Hospice**  
Caring for Local People



We have been approached by St Leonard's Hospice in York to join one of their forthcoming charity fundraising events. The children of the School Council have had a discussion and announce that they would like to dedicate **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May** as a 'Wear What You Want Day' and donate the proceeds to St Leonard's. Please support us by sending your children in school-sensible non-uniform (no crop-tops please, even if it is warm) in return for a donation which can be paid via ParentPay.



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# BPASA NEWS



## Random Acts of Kindness

We are often told by visitors to our school how well-mannered and kind our children are, so here they had the opportunity to put their kindness into practice.

The following children received a thank you card and gift from the BPASA for completing this challenge during April.

### Class 1

Eliza, Maria, Bobby, Henry, Oliver

### Class 2

Hana, Sienna, Millie, James, Georgia, Edie, Charlie, Scarlett, Georgie

### Class 3

Sofia



The BPASA have invited each class to take part in The Small Change Challenge. Posters have been sent home to parents via email and are up and around school, inviting you to send in your change with your child(ren) until Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June.

The class filling their jar the most will win an extra playtime and the class who earns the most points will also earn an extra playtime.

Every coin will count towards supporting the costs (£360) of the upcoming Mini Medics course for Class 3 which has been funded by the BPASA and the Bug Club reading books in Class 1 which the BPASA contributed £200 towards. Thank you for your support.

To link in with National Numeracy Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> May we are launching

## The Small Change Challenge



Collect as much of your loose change in the Small Change Challenge and put in your class jar throughout May for your class to win a fabulous team prize.

Points system:  
Copper coins = 1 point  
Silver coins = 2 points  
£1 or £2 = 5 points



There will be two treats up for Grabs:

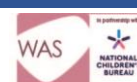
1. The class who fills the Jar up first will receive extra playtime.
2. The class who earns the most points will receive extra playtime.

Get collecting now!

This challenge will be on-going until 6<sup>th</sup> June and treats will be given after this.



This fundraising event will support the upcoming Mini Medics course for Year 5 and 6's pupils and new Bug Club reading books for Class 1.



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# SPORTING NEWS



## Tri Golf Tournament

Some of our Year 1 and 2 children attended a Tri-Golf Festival this week. It was filled with fun and laughter from start to finish. The children showed fantastic determination and effort and came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> across two competitions! The coach driver also commented on the beautiful manners that the Barlow children have - we are very proud!

**Maria said 'It was really good and nice, it was the best trip I have been on!'**

**James said 'I liked doing the putting and hitting the cones. It was fun!'**



## Sophia is a Knockout

Sophia in Class 3 is proud to share her recent news with our families and has shared her news by writing a report.

I box at Selby Boxing Academy and have been going for almost one year. I wanted to go to keep my stamina up which will help with my swimming. I went to the Beginner Class for a month before my coach moved me to the Adult Class, which includes sparring.

Recently, I was supposed to have a boxing match against a girl in my first bout but she dropped out, so I ended up boxing against a boy instead. I was nervous but my Dad said "If you don't show it, they don't know it" which made me feel better. I had three, one-minute rounds and knocked my opponent over in the first round. My next home event is a bout near Riccall and I can't wait and I will get my own boxing kit for it!



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Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Good attendance is linked to success in all aspects of life!

Whole school attendance target is: **97 %**

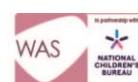
The whole school attendance for the fortnight **96.3%**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	<b>98.0</b>	<b>2nd</b>
Kahlo	<b>96.4</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Moore	<b>98.5</b>	<b>1st</b>
Rashford	<b>96.0</b>	<b>4th</b>

**60** children in the 100% Club for the fortnight!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E V Briggs,  
Admin Assistant



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Please also refer to the Calendar page of our website for our full school calendars for the next 2 years: -

[School Term and Holiday Dates | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](http://barlowschool.org.uk)

[NYC Term Dates 2023-2024](#)

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Monday, 13th - Friday, 17th May 2024	KS2 SATs Tests and Year 6 invited for SATs Breakfast before school daily
Tuesday, 14th May 2024	Mrs Hall & Twig Visiting - 9.00am - 11.00am
Thursday, 16th May 2024	Census Day Menu - Wednesday and Thursday menu's swapped
Wednesday, 15th May 2024	The School Council Upcycling Challenge - Entries to be brought to school at 9.00am
Monday, 20th May 2024	Phototronics - Class, Individual and Siblings Group Photographs
Tuesday, 21st May 2024	Open Morning for Prospective Nursery & Reception Children - 9.30am - 11.30am
Tuesday, 21st May 2024	Open Classrooms - 3.00pm to 4.00pm - parents welcome to attend
Tuesday, 21st May 2024	Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshop - Year 2, 5, 6
Thursday, 23rd May 2024	Bean Bag Rounders at Tockwith Primary School - Some Year 1 & 2 - 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Friday, 24th May 2024	The School Council - Non-uniform Day - donations to support St Leonard's Hospice, York
Friday, 24th May 2024	School Closes for May Half-Term
Monday, 3rd June 2024	School Opens - Summer Term 2
Tuesday, 4th June 2024	PC Smith & PCSO Spooner Visiting all classes - afternoon
Thursday, 6th June 2024	Federation Sports Day at Barlow - Year 3, 4, 5, 6 - 9.30am - 11.30am - date change, pupils only
Between 3rd & 14th June 2024	Year 4 MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) Administered
Between 10th & 14th June 2024	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Thursday, 13th June 2024	Sports Day - all Year Groups - 1.30pm - 3.00pm - families welcome
Tuesday, 18th June 2024	Open Morning for Prospective Nursery & Reception Children - 9.30am - 11.30am
Monday, 24th June 2024	Mini Medics Training - Facilitated by BPASA – Class 3 pupils
Tuesday, 25th June 2024	Parents' Open Evening for those joining Reception in September - 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday, 26th June 2024	1st Visit - Reception New Starters visit unaccompanied in Class 1 - 9.15am to 10.30am
Thursday, 27th June 2024	Back-up Sports Day - all Year Groups - 1.30pm - 3.00pm - families welcome
Wednesday, 3rd July 2024	2nd Visit - Reception New Starters visit unaccompanied in Class 1 - 9.15am to 11.45am
Wednesday, 3rd July 2024	Summer Film Club - Rio (U rated) - Years R to Y6 - 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday, 10th July 2024	3rd Visit - Reception New Starters visit unaccompanied and staying for lunch in Class 1 - 9.15am to 1.10pm
W/C 8th – 12th July 2024	Brayton Academy Transition Week - Current Year 6 pupils to attend
Friday, 12th July 2024	BPASA Olympics Event - 3.00pm - 4.15pm - parents welcome to attend
Wednesday, 17th July 2024	Crucial Crew - Federation Year 6 pupils to attend - 09.00 - 12.30pm
Thursday, 18th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 2.00pm - 3.00pm - families & BPASA welcome to attend
Tuesday, 16th July 2024	Open Classrooms - 3.00pm - 4.00pm - parents welcome to attend
Friday, 19th July 2024	Menu Change - At the Beach - change to original menu - please advise Mrs Briggs
Friday, 19th July 2024	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 3.30pm
Monday, 22nd July 2024	School Closed - Training Day

New Dates Added

Important to remember

School Holiday Dates



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