

One family branching out together

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We are down to the final week of school and what a year it has been without Covid restrictions, meaning that we have finally been able to welcome visitors into school, enjoy school visits and socialise in and out of school again. As you will be well aware by now, **Monday, 24th July** is a school day and we round off our final day with the Summer Picnic and Art Showcase and Open Book Event in the afternoon (further details below).

Finally, we hope that all of our families have a fabulous summer break, keeping safe and well. Please don't forget to join us again, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed on **Wednesday, 6th September**.

Rising Stars

Please celebrate the two children from each class below who are our Rising Stars this week.

Class 1

Georgie is such a wonderful inspiration to Class 1. Her determination and enthusiasm is remarkable and she does all of this with a huge smile! We will certainly miss Georgie's positivity and giggles next year as she moves into Class 2.

Eve is such a happy and positive little girl. Her smile is infectious and her love for learning is fantastic. We are so proud of Eve for always demonstrating kindness and love for everyone in Class 1!



Class 2

Eva - For working tirelessly to improve the quality of your writing. You have really taken on board our advice and you have worked so well, independently, to meet your targets.

Class 3

All of Year 6 - for making us proud with their SATs results and their positive attitude. They have taken everything in their stride and shown a great amount of resilience while getting ready to transition to secondary school. We wish you all well, as you continue your journeys into high school.



Medicines and Inhalers – End of Year

On the last day of term, **Monday, 24th July**, if your child has any medication, or an inhaler in school they will be given to the adult who collects them from school at the end of this day, along with a copy of the accompanying medication permission and administration forms.

If your child needs medication or an inhaler to be administered during the school day then the necessary forms will be sent home with your child this week, so that they can be completed and returned to school in September, along with the necessary medication.

Please note that the strongest pain relief medication that we are legally allowed to administer in school is paracetamol such as Calpol and any other medication apart from this needs to be provided in the box provided by the pharmacy, as prescribed by a GP or hospital, along with the completed forms to allow school staff to administer the medication.



Medicine and inhaler administration forms are also available during the school year on our website following the link below and must be completed by the parent and handed to a member of staff before any medicine can be administered:-

<https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/parents/school-office/consent-forms>

Online Safety Newsletter for Parents July 2023

Here is our new monthly resource for parents with the latest news about Online Safety - find out what is **hot** for July and tips to keep your children safe whilst they are gaming online, or playing on ipads and phones. This month also there is a feature about summer holiday activities and also how to manage the extra screen time that the holidays may bring.

[Online Safety Newsletter for Parents - July 2023 | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/parents/school-office/consent-forms)



ParentPay

Please may we remind parents to check your ParentPay accounts weekly and to ensure that your payments for dinners and other school items are up-to-date. Our school accounts are kept in order as with any other financial business and as such we can only allow up to a £30 per child to be outstanding to be accrued at any time. As we draw to the end of the school year, please can all parents ensure that your accounts are cleared in full for dinners and ad-hoc

payments and that the only outstanding payments are for Robinwood for the payments leading up until December. If you are having any difficulty making full payment of any ParentPay accounts, please contact Mrs Briggs to arrange a suitable Payment Plan. **Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.**

Barlow Art Showcase and Open Book Event

We recognise that securing an extra afternoon off work is proving tricky for some of our families. Following this feedback, our Art Showcase and Open Book Classroom Event will now take place in classrooms on **Monday 24th July** from **1pm-3.30pm**, to run in conjunction with our BPASA Summer Picnic which takes place from **12.15pm to 2.00pm** (further details further below). As well as the art that the children have been working so hard to produce, we will include the items made during the KS2 Pottery Workshop, which the children are eager to show. Also, your individual child's school books will also be presented for you to view.



We realise that some parents may not be able to attend this event on the last day of term, so if you are unable to attend on the afternoon of the 24th July, you will be able to view your child's artwork and books **during this week commencing 17th July from 3.45pm**, allowing all parents the opportunity to see the fantastic work that the children have worked hard to produce.

To arrange this, don't forget that you need to contact your child's class teacher directly to book in a suitable day and time this week, if you cannot make Monday, 24th July.

BPASA News

The BPASA are pleased to announce that they have recently taken delivery of new t-shirts (kindly modelled in the photo by Naomi their Chairperson). The members will wear their t-shirts during all future events, to be easily identified, so that they can be approached with any questions or queries.



Summer Picnic



The last day of the school term on **Monday, 24th July** cannot be marked in any better way than with the BPASA Summer Picnic which takes place from 12.15pm until 2.00pm and includes the accompanying stalls below. **All proceeds will go towards the BPASA funds.** Parents, carers and extended families are very welcome to join their children for this event, bringing your own picnic and blanket to join us on the school grounds.

Our children will be having a school dinner menu of pizza, chips, beans and a shortcake biscuit on this day, so if your child normally has a packed lunch, panini or jacket potato on this day but they would prefer the alternative dinner menu, please email Mrs Briggs via admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk to advise.

Raffle Reminder - tickets have recently been sent home with your children in an envelope. If you would like to purchase them, please write your child's name on one set of tickets (retaining the other set yourself) and return them in the envelope along with the accompanying slip of paper, completing the colour of your tickets on the slip and whether you would like to pay by ParentPay or with cash. If you are paying with cash, please send this back in the envelope with your slip and named tickets. If you are paying by ParentPay this will be added to your account. Please ensure that your envelopes are returned to Mrs Briggs by the morning of **Thursday, 20th July**. Additional tickets are available from Mrs Briggs upon request, or from one of the BPASA members for cash during the first half-hour of the Summer Picnic. Some of the amazing prizes that are available to win are :-

- 2 children's tickets to Piglet's Adventure Farm in York
- A Family Ticket to a York City Knights Rugby League game
- 2 tickets to a York City Football Club home fixture
- A family ticket for an Open Top Bus Tour of York
- 4 day tickets to York Balloon Festival
- A Family Ticket for the North Yorkshire Moors Railway

Plus much, much more.....



Gift Bag Tombola - roll up, roll up for this stall! It's simple, pay £1 and pick a bag. Who knows what can be inside the bags? Gratefully received prizes have been trickling into the school office for this stall, so if you have any unwanted prizes (however big or small) of toiletries, stationery, sweets, etc please send them into school from now on, along with any new or recycled gift bags.

Refreshments - tea, coffee and juice will be served from 1.15pm for a minimum charge. The BPASA welcome any parent or carer who is able to help out on this stall on the day please.

Pre-owned Uniform Stall – Please send in any items of unwanted uniform with your children this week. Uniform items will be on sale with the following prices:-

Items with logos – jumper/fleece/cardigans £3, t-shirt £2

Items without logos – jumper/fleece/cardigan £1, t-shirt 50p, PE Items 50p, trousers/dresses £1

The stall will be unmanned and donations can be placed in the box provided.

Book Stall – Please send in any unwanted books with your children this week. This stall will also be unmanned and donations can be placed in the box provided.

Ice-Cream Van – As a special treat the BPASA have booked an ice-cream van from Selby Ices to attend between 1.00pm and 2.00pm.

If you are unable to attend the Summer Picnic but would like your child to visit the stalls with another parent, please email Mrs Briggs to advise. Alternatively, if you cannot attend but you would like your child to visit the stalls with a member of staff, please send them to school with cash in a named envelope and email Mrs Briggs to advise via admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk.

Bag2School Collection

We haven't had a Bag2School collection since before the pandemic, so this was arranged for Wednesday, 12th July. It was worth a try but we only had a very small response which will raise approximately **£10** towards BPASA funds. However, £10 is better than nothing, so thank you to those who donated their unwanted items.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the BPASA Committee Members and Volunteers for their hard work and dedication in setting up the BPASA this year for our children. They have raised a fantastic amount of funds so far, purchasing a wide range of resources and funding school events. Keep up the good work!

Charity Non-Uniform Day – Diabetes UK



On **Friday the 7th July** Evie and Mia Sh in Class 3 invited everyone to dress in bright colours (see Class 1 below) to raise funds to provide resources for people who are living with this condition. A total of **£76.50** was raised for Diabetes UK, so a big thank you from Evie and Mia to everyone who donated. The children in Class 3 discussed what we had learnt about diabetes type 1 and ascertained that people who suffer with this have to inject themselves with insulin to keep their blood sugar levels stable, as their pancreas no longer produces insulin naturally. We also learnt that anyone of any age can be diagnosed with diabetes. We wore brightly coloured clothes to show

support for the people who live with this illness every day. Here is a photo below of the children in Class 1 proudly wearing their bright coloured clothes.



Japanese Festival of Stars

We had a very exciting visit in Class 1 recently from Juri who is Hana's mum. She came to explain why the 7th of July (7/7) is an important date in the Japanese calendar - it is the **Festival of Stars**. We listened carefully to the mythological story of Orihime and Hikoboshi and watched a video showing us how Japanese children celebrate by writing wishes and making special decorations using origami paper that are placed on the bamboo tree.

It was amazing to see Hana and Juri in their traditional dress, the kimono which they proudly showed to the children in Class 2 who have been working on designing their own kimonos in art recently!

We have learnt so much about the Japanese culture and how our friend Hana celebrates her family traditions.



Pottery Workshop

The children in Class 2 and Class 3 were joined last week by Naomi and Pepe who have established the Jasmine Pottery Studio, producing beautiful pottery and holding workshops for adults and children. Naomi and Pepe taught our children how to mould and layer their clay, using examples from existing pottery products to inspire their own unique designs and patterns.



The children in Class 2 really enjoyed the challenge of putting handles onto their designs with some choosing to test themselves by attempting to put up to four handles on their vases! Naomi took the finished pottery to be glazed and fired, so that they are strong and robust. We are looking forward to receiving the finished products in time to share these with our parents and carers at our Art Showcase.

Scarlett L in Class 2 said **"I liked putting the handles on using the cross-hatch technique. It was tricky, but it was fun."**

The children in Class 3 said **"We had a really fun afternoon making clay vases and painting them. It was lovely to see how each one was unique."**

<https://jasminepotterystudios.com/>





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Sports Gala

A huge thank you to the instructors at Ace Sports (Health for All), who joined us on **Thursday, 13th July** to run a 'Sports Gala'. The children had an amazing time using the inflatable jungle assault course (which Mr Rich can be seen below, 'testing' for the children to use). The children were split into mixed age groups and took it in turns to take part in the activities at various stations which involved practicing both Football and Dodgeball skills and learning how to dance. As you can see from the photos below the children had an amazing day and we were very lucky to be blessed with the ideal weather for the occasion.

Zach said **"I loved the assault course; it was so much fun getting over the jumps!"**



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Ready, set, read!

Get ready to take part in the UK's biggest free reading programme for children!

This annual challenge encourages children aged 4-11 to keep reading during the summer holidays. Reading skills can 'dip' during the long summer break without regular access to books and the encouragement to read for pleasure. We are ready to tackle this by motivating them to visit their library and keep reading during the holidays, maintaining their skills in preparation for the new school term.



The 2023 challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about games and sports, delivered in partnership with the Youth Sports Trust.

'Ready, Set, Read!' will showcase how reading can be active and involved as well as encouraging children to engage in games and sports in any way that best suits them. Join the fictional team (and their animal mascots) as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course.

Alongside the Challenge libraries around the country have a super programme of events and activities including epic storytelling, travelling theatre, Lego events and more... Keep your eyes peeled for more information on this coming soon.

How to take part

Register to take part at your local library (see link below) from 8 July 2023, collect your FREE poster, stickers and incentives and get reading...

Don't forget to let the library know how you are getting on throughout the holidays and visit them at the end of summer to collect your finisher's certificate and medal!

Summer Reading Challenge

[Summer Reading Challenge \(eastridinglibraries.co.uk\)](http://eastridinglibraries.co.uk)



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

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

The whole school attendance for the fortnight: **96.0 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	98.5	1st
Kahlo	93.1	4th
Moore	97.4	2nd
Rashford	95.1	3rd

55 children in the 100% Club for the fortnight!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E V Briggs,

Admin Assistant





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

<https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/calendar/term-dates>

Monday, 17 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 2.00pm - 3.00pm Parents and Carers Welcome
Wednesday, 19 th July 2023	Crucial Crew - Federation Year 6 - 8.30am pick up from school
Wednesday, 19 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers' Treat at Selby Superbowl - Afternoon
Monday, 24 th July 2023	Family Picnic - Parents & Carers Welcome - 12.15pm -2.00pm
Monday, 24 th July 2023	Art Showcase - 1.00pm - 3.30pm
Tuesday, 25 th July 2023	School Closed for Training Day
Wednesday, 6 th September 2023	School Opens for New School Year
Friday, 13 th October 2023	9.30am - 11.30am Nursery Open Morning for Prospective New Families
Friday 17 th November 2023	9.30am - 11.30am Nursery Open Morning for Prospective New Families

New Dates Added

Important to remember

School Holiday Dates

* Please note: We break for school at the end of the day on Monday 24th July which is a normal school day and all pupils should be in attendance.



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