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One family branching out together

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Newsletter No 5

Our countdown to the Christmas period begins on Friday this week, so please refer to the calendar on the back page, so that your children don't miss out on any activities. Text reminders are sent as a backup but we can only keep these to a minimum if parents can reliably consult the calendar. This week our Year 2 children are taking part in a Dodgeball Fun Festival with our other federation teams at Read School on Thursday and Class 2 children are visiting Chapel Haddlesey School on Friday this week to take part in a Viking Day, so we ask parents to please refer to the letters which were sent out regarding these two events. We can't wait to hear about the childrens' experiences.



Flu Immunisations



The York School Immunisation Team have cancelled the catch-up flu immunisation session on Tuesday, 5th December. Parents will be contacted directly by them to arrange for them to attend a local clinic where their child can be immunised.

Christmas Dinner – Menu Swap

Just a reminder that Christmas dinner is on the menu on **Friday, 8th December** and that due to the demands of cooking such a feast that this will be the **ONLY** school meal available on this day.



Reminders have been sent, asking parents to advise their childrens' menu choices for Christmas Dinner and for the Friday on the same week. If you haven't done so already please email admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk to advise your child's menu choice for the Wednesday, as per the details below

*The usual Friday dinner (fish & chips) of this week will be swapped with the Christmas dinner, 6th December, so please advise Mrs Briggs if your child will be having a panini, jacket potato or packed lunch instead of the fish & chips, on **Wednesday, 6th December**. Thank you.*



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Change of Dinner Menu – Tuesday, 9th January 2024

When we return to school on the **Tuesday, 9th January** the menu will be Week 2 and the school dinner will be Pizza instead of Cottage Pie (jacket potato and panini options are still available). Please email Mrs Briggs to advise if you need to change your child's menu on this day. For the rest of this week the menu will remain as printed. Thank you.



KS1 Nativity



The children in KS1 are in full We are pleased to advise that our KS1 children are in full-blown rehearsal mode now for their Nativity, 'Everybody Loves a Baby'. It is also the first year since pre-pandemic that we have been able to hold our performances at Barlow Village Club, so we are all very excited!

Tickets will go on sale on ParentPay this week, on a first-come, first-served basis and are restricted to **2 tickets per family, per performance**. The performances will be as per the dates and times below and we invite you to attend 15 minutes before the start to take your seats with the performances taking approximately 30 to 45 minutes. We request that no photos or video recordings are taken during the performance please. If you have any family members who need special seating arrangements due to their mobility, please email admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk. If we have any tickets left for sale, after every family has taken their allocation, these

will be offered on a first-come, first, serve basis.

Performance 1 - Wednesday, 13th December at 2.00pm - 2 tickets per family

Performance 2 - Thursday, 14th December at 2.00pm -2 tickets per family

Performance 3 - Thursday, 14th December at 5.30pm - 2 tickets per family

Our school BPASA have kindly offered to provide refreshments after each performance and will also be selling raffle tickets (cash only) for their Winter Raffle which has already been launched in our previous Newsletter No 4, so please bring plenty of change! Miss Nunn will advise parents regarding the logistics of dropping off children for the evening performance in due course.

We hope to see as many of you as possible, as the children can't wait to perform for you.

Refreshment Costs (cash only)

Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate £1 Juice (Free) Chocolates/Biscuits 50p

Hot chocolate with marshmallows and cream £1.50

Pastoral News From Miss Maud



Selby and District Foodbank offer a Citizens Advice Drop-In service.

10.00am to 1.00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Selby Food Bank
1811 Building, New Lane
Selby
YO8 4QP



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BPASA News



Our Survey Says.....

Parents are asked to please complete the following online survey for the BPASA which will only take a couple of minutes of your time. The survey will help the BPASA understand what events parents have attended so far and what events and activities that they would like to see provided in future.

<https://s.surveypal.com/38me48au>

Christmas Card Design Competition

All of our children were invited to design a Christmas card for the BPASA to produce and use this year. The entries were of a high quality and the winners were picked by Ann from Barlow Village Club (see below). Two children from each class were presented jointly with prizes donated by the BPASA, plus Ann and the BPASA kindly sent treats for all the children who took part. The overall winner, **Millie** will have her design made into the finished Christmas card (below). Well done to all of the children who took part and many thanks to Ann, the BPASA and to their Chairperson Naomi pictured below, who presented the prizes.



Class 1
Riley and Oscar

Class 2
Rhys and Millie

Class 3
Olivia W and Mia

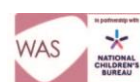


Winter raffle

We are now able to confirm the BPASA Winter raffle details which has 3 separate hampers for you to purchase raffle tickets to enter the draw, via ParentPay. Please note that the cut-off date for raffle tickets to be purchased on ParentPay will be **Friday, 8th December** when they will be taken off Parentpay. After this date please look out for the BPASA Team who will be around after school in the coming weeks to sell further raffle tickets for cash. The BPASA will also be selling raffle tickets after the three KS1 Nativity performances, also for cash. The BPASA members will draw the winners on **Friday, 15th December at 10.00am. Don't delay, purchase today!**

There will be a **Chocolate Hamper**, **Alcohol Hamper** and **Childrens' Toy/Game Hamper** with the corresponding ParentPay transactions below, depending on what combination of tickets you would like to purchase.

Chocolate Hamper Raffle Tickets for BPASA 1 strip for £3 December 2023 (please select quantity of strips required up to 3 maximum).



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Chocolate Hamper Raffle Tickets for BPASA 4 strips for £10 December 2023 (please select quantity of strips required, 1= 4 strips, 2 = 8 strips, 3= 12 strips, etc).

Alcohol Hamper Raffle Tickets for BPASA 1 strip for £3 December 2023 (please select quantity of strips required up to 3 maximum).

Alcohol Hamper Raffle Tickets for BPASA 4 strips for £10 December 2023 (please select quantity of strips required, 1= 4 strips, 2 = 8 strips, 3= 12 strips, etc).

Childrens' Toy Hamper Raffle Tickets for BPASA 1 strip for £3 December 2023 (please quantity of strips required up to 3 maximum).

Childrens' Toy Hamper Raffle Tickets for BPASA 4 strips for £10 December 2023 (please select quantity of strips required, 1= 4 strips, 2 = 8 strips, 3= 12 strips, etc).

Mixed Raffle Tickets for BPASA 4 strips for £10 December 2023 (please select quantity of strips required, 1= 4 strips, 2 = 8 strips, 3= 12 strips, etc) to receive 1 strip of each raffle ticket for the Chocolate Hamper, Alcohol Hamper and Childrens' Hamper, plus 1 extra random ticket per transaction).

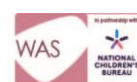
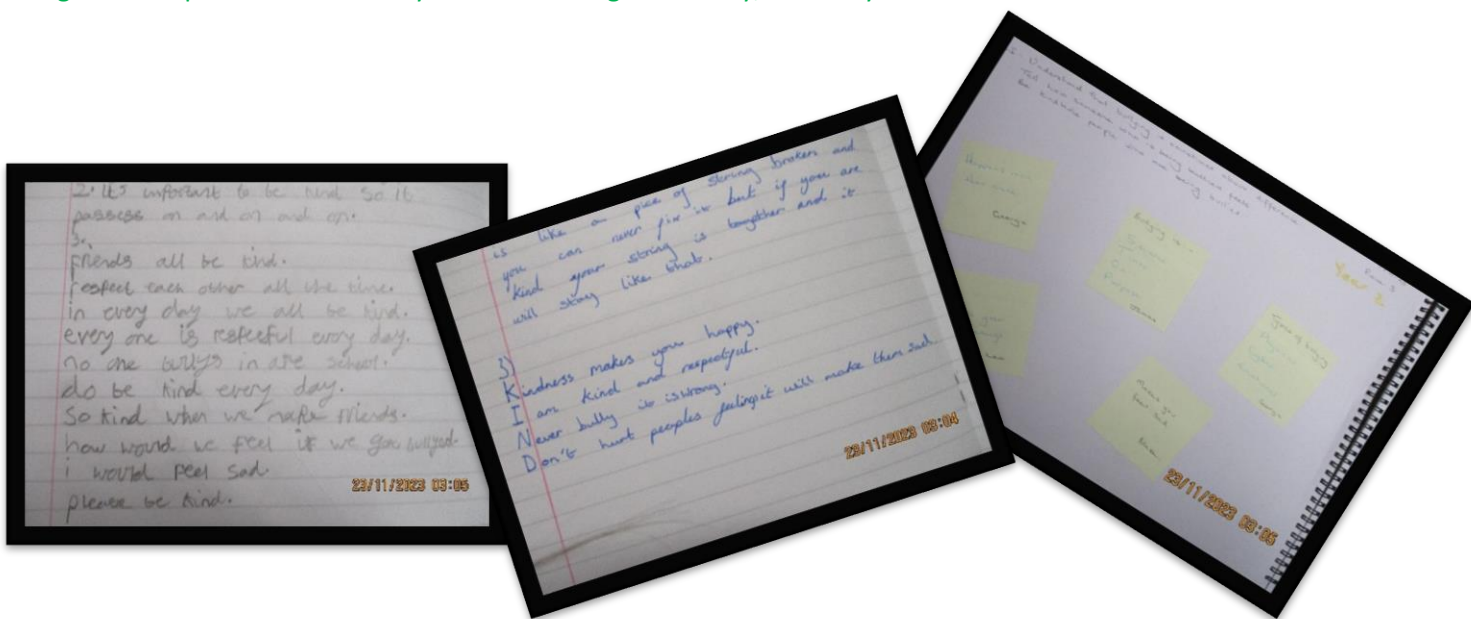
Anti-Bullying Week – 13th – 17th November

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual event that aims to raise awareness of bullying of young people, with an emphasis on prevention and effective responses to bullying. To support Anti-Bullying Week, our children had an assembly which focused on what bullying is, how and who to report it to at school and at home. They also discussed how to ensure that they are always kind, treat each other with respect and celebrate their differences.

The children in Class 2 discussed bullying during their Jigsaw session and wrote poems (see below) and the children in Class 3 discussed how to be kind to each other during their Spirituality lesson.



Laura wrote “We can stop bullying by being kind and stop saying unkind things to other people and maybe give a compliment instead. If you have nothing nice to say, don’t say it!”



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Children in Need

On Friday, 27th November 2023 the children at fully embraced Children in Need. A Spotty, Stripy, Pudsey themed non-uniform day raised **£84.11** for this important charity event. At lunchtime, our Cook Miss Franks made a Pudsey Bear cake for the children and all classes took part in traditional Pudsey colouring and biscuit decorating activities. One of our Year 5 pupils, Ella, made cookies at home and sold them to her neighbours, raising **£13.11** which was added to our school fundraising total.

Children In Need is a traditional date in our school calendar which the children embrace fully. As well as contributing towards the fund, the children are aware of the importance of this event in helping to fund grassroots organisations and project workers in the UK, to support the children who need it the most. Our photos show Ella with her cookie donation box, Mrs Bowmer with Hattie holding the Pudsey Bear cake, Lewis and Riley making their own Pudsey Biscuits and Class 2 in their spots, stripes and Pudsey outfits.



Class 1 News

Fire Engine Visit

Class 1 have been discussing 'the people that help us' and invited the local Fire Brigade in to show the children around their fire engine. They also allowed the children examine the equipment that they use to help people who have house or car fires and the equipment that they use to free people trapped in car accidents. The weather was appalling when the firemen visited and the children were wet through when they arrived back in class. However, this didn't dampen their spirits and they all agreed that the visit was well worth it.





Great Fire of London – Thursday, 9th November

It is no coincidence that following on from the topic 'People Who Help Us' that Class 1 enhanced their Year 1 studies about the Great Fire of London when they be joined Chapel Haddlesey School to attend a workshop provided by Alfresco Learning. The begin by investigating the wattle and daub building method used to build houses in 1666. They then worked collaboratively to build their own wattle walls using sticks and then finish them off by hand with their own sticky daub mixture!

Once our structures are built we reflected on the weather prior to The Great Fire of London and discussed how this, combined with the materials, will have impacted the strength of the flames! Next the children experienced fun and movement with our very own Great Fire of London games. Finally we will took a closer look at Thomas Farriner, his bakery and that fateful night when he failed to put out the flames of his oven. We then took pity on Thomas Farriner and agreed to build him a new model bakery! For this part of the workshop children investigated different materials and aimed to build a bakery that was strong & waterproof to help Thomas Farriner get back to baking his bread!





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 %**



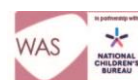
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The whole school attendance for the fortnight: **97 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	97.7	2nd
Kahlo	99.2	1st
Moore	94.9	4th
Rashford	96.7	3rd

57 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: -

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

[nycc-school-term-dates-calendar-2023-24-final.pdf \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

Thursday, 30 th November	Year 2 – Dodgeball Fun Festival at Read School - Afternoon
Friday, 1 st December 2023	Class 2 - Visit to Chapel School for a Viking Day - Facilitated by Murton Park - All Day
Friday, 1 st December 2023	Design a Christmas Bauble Competition Launched - School Council led (free to enter)
Monday, 4 th December 2023	Christmas Post Box – out for posting cards
Tuesday, 5 th December 2023	Flu Vaccinations - For children who were previously unable to attend - CANCELLED
Wednesday, 6 th December 2023	Movie Night - The Grinch 2018 Version U - Reception to Years 6 welcome - 3.30pm - 5.40pm
Thursday, 7 th December 2023	BPASA Meeting - Barlow Village Club - All Welcome - 7.00pm
Friday, 8 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children Charity
Friday, 8 th December 2023	Raffle Ticket Sales Close on ParentPay – (Can purchase by cash after this date)
Friday, 8 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner – Swapped with Wednesday's menu – Parents to advise of any changes
Monday, 11 th December 2023	Christingle Making and Worship – BPASA Members to help – 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Tuesday, 12 th December 2023	Design a Christmas Bauble Competition Closes
Wednesday, 13 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity – Reception to Year 2 – 2.00pm at Barlow Village Club
Thursday, 14 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity - Reception to Year 2 – 2.00pm and 5.30pm at Barlow Village Club
Monday, 18 th December 2023	Christmas Post Box – Last date for posting cards
Friday, 22 nd December 2023	All Classes – Christmas Parties - 1.15pm – 3.15pm
Friday, 22 nd December 2023	School Closes for Christmas - 3.30pm
Friday, 5 th January 2024	BPASA Winter Quiz – Barlow Village Club – 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Monday 8 th January 2024	Staff Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday, 9 th January 2024	School Open for Spring Term 1 - 9.00am
Tuesday, 9 th January 2024	Change of Menu to Pizza – parents please advise Mrs Briggs of any menu changes
Monday, 15 th January 2024	Closing date for Primary School applications for Reception 2024
Tuesday, 23 rd January 2024	Open Morning for Prospective Nursery & Reception Families – 9.30am to 11.30am
Friday, 9 th February 2024	School Closes for February Half-Term
Monday, 19 th February 2024	School re-opens Spring Term 2
Tuesday, 5 th March 2024	Open Morning for Prospective Nursery & Reception Families – 9.30am to 11.30am
Wednesday, 21 st February 2024	Young Voices Concert - Sheffield Arena
Monday, 11 th March 2024	Robinwood Residential Depart
Wednesday, 11 th March 2024	Robinwood Residential Return
Friday, 22 nd March 2024	School Closes for Easter
Monday, 8 th April 2024	Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday, 9 th April 2024	School re-opens for Summer Term 1
Monday, 6 th May 2024	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Monday, 13 th - Friday, 17 th May 2024	KS2 SATs Tests
Friday, 24 th May 2024	School Closes for May Half-Term
Monday, 3 rd June 2024	School Opens – Summer Term 2
Friday, 19 th July 2024	School Closes for Summer Holidays
Monday, 22 nd July 2024	School Closed – Training Day

New Dates Added

Important to remember



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School Holiday Dates



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