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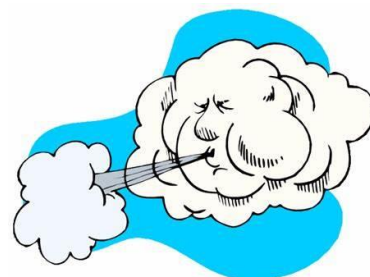
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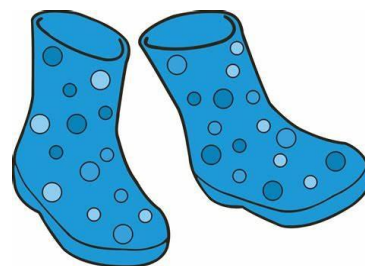
Newsletter No 8

Well, what a windy and sometimes wet January it has been, it just needs to end now! In Greek Mythology there were four main gods of wind, Boreas, god of the north wind and the cold winds of winter, Zephyros, god of the west wind and the warm breezes of springtime, Notos, god of the south wind and the torrential storms of summer, Euros, god of the east wind and "harbinger of fall." Let's hope that the winds of change are upon us and bring some better weather in February and beyond! The weather didn't put off our children last week when they took part in the Orienteering Festival hosted by Burton Salmon School, so please see how they did further on in the newsletter.



Wellingtons Please

During playtimes and lunchtimes, the children in Classes 2 and 3 like to play on the field and grassy play areas which have been wet and sometimes muddy (a lot) lately. However, if the children wear shoes the mud can be carried into the classrooms, making a mess of the carpets. If you would like your children to be able to play on the grassy areas, please send them to school with a pair of wellingtons (initialled or named inside) and pegged together, so that they can swap them with their shoes. The wellingtons will be left in school and stored in one of our playground sheds. **On wet days,**



children who have wellingtons available will be able to play on the grassy areas and those that do not, will not. The children in Class 1 are also asked to ensure that they have wellingtons to be left in school, so that they can go outside into their class outdoor area, so to as not to get their shoes wet during the activities that they take part in which may involve the use of water. Please can the parents of Class 1 children check to make sure that they have wellingtons in school and that they are still of the correct size. **Many thanks for your cooperation to keep our classrooms, as clean as possible.**

Spares Please

Class 2 are in need of clean pants and socks for ages 6 to 9, if you have unwanted pairs at home, please send them in. **Thank you.**



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Guidance on Measles Outbreaks



Measles has been in the news recently, so here is a link below with all of the information that you need to know about the latest UKHSA guidance: -

[Information from NYC about Measles](#)

Policy for Collecting Children From School

To ensure the safeguarding of all children, it is essential that the school has a procedure for the safe collection of all children at the end of a school day (for normal school end of day and for the end of the attendance of an after-school club).

Sorry, I'm late.



Policy

- The school expects children to be collected at the end of the school day, which is 3.30pm for all classes.
- Parents are reminded to keep the area around the classroom doors clear to enable children to make a safe exit.
- Children in classes 1, 2 and 3 are let out of class at 3.30pm and handed over to their parent/carer in the school playground area.
- Years 5 and 6 children may walk/cycle home on their own, on condition that the school office has been informed beforehand and that the permission form has been completed (see attached to this policy).
- If the person expected to collect the child is not there, the teacher will return to the main school building with the child and will make attempts to contact the parent or other emergency contacts. The Class teacher will continue to assume responsibility for the child until the parent has collected. If the Class Teacher is not present, the next Senior Teacher will take responsibility and contact the parent.
- Please refer to Guidance for Parents within this policy for the procedure beyond this point.

Guidance for parents/carers in the event of a parent/carer not arriving to collect their child at the end of the school day

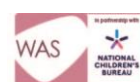
As a parent/carer, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child is collected at the end of the school day. Please ensure that the school has up-to-date telephone numbers to contact you in an emergency.

- If you are unexpectedly delayed and are unable to collect or will be late collecting your child from school, please contact the school immediately on: 01757 618319.
- If you arrange for another adult to collect your child, you must let the school know the details of that person. A password will have been supplied to the school office for persons not usually known to the school, this should be relayed to the person collecting your child as an additional security measure.
- If you are unable to arrange for another adult to collect your child, then the school will look after your child until 4.30pm after which the school will contact the Customer Service Centre (Children's Social Care) on 01609 780780 unless a phone call is received giving details of who will collect the child.

Please note that when collecting your child (ren) from school, if you are later than 3.35pm (normal end of school day) or 4.35pm (end of after-school club), your child(ren) will be brought to the office with their teacher and you will need to sign the Late Collection Register, upon collection.

For further information, please refer to the Collecting Children from School Policy below : -

Child Collection Policy



Academisation Meeting on Wednesday, 31st January at 5.00pm at Chapel Haddlesey School

Last week parents were sent a letter inviting you to attend the above meeting, as detailed briefly below



The purpose of the meeting is for parents to find out more information about the potential academisation, with the opportunity for you to ask further questions about Pathfinder and any specifics that you may wish to consider relating to your school and your child.

We do recognise that some parents may not be able to attend in person, therefore all parents will be sent an open TEAMS link, which will enable you to join the meeting online for 5:00pm. Should you choose to attend remotely, you will be able to ask questions through the monitored chat function, with these questions being shared on your behalf.

We have appointed an independent minute taker who will take minutes during the meeting, and these will be sent out to all parents before the end of term on the 9th February.

To help us to prepare for the meeting, we would appreciate it if you would email your child's school by 6pm on Tuesday 30th January should you aim to attend in person. One email per family is fine, sharing the number of parents attending. This will help us to confirm the venue and set up the room accordingly.

A number of parents have asked if they are able to send questions in before Wednesday. You are welcome to do this and can send them directly to your school admin - admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk. Once we receive them, we will forward them on to Andrew.

Class 2 and 3 Visit to Magna – Thursday, 1st February 2024

To enhance our science studies in Class 2 and Class 3, we have planned a joint visit with Chapel Haddlesey School to Magna Science Adventure Centre, near Sheffield.

Please refer to the letter which was emailed and sent out in paper form last week giving full details of what is in store for your children and what they need to wear, etc on the day. The day is sure to be exhilarating and fun-packed at a discounted cost of £14.20 per child which is available to pay via ParentPay. Thank you to the BPASA for their valued contribution of £200 towards the cost of the coach. We can't wait to see and hear what the children experienced. [Magna Science Adventure | Magna Science Adventure Centre \(visitmagna.co.uk\)](https://www.visitmagna.co.uk)



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Internet Safety Week in school – Monday 5th February to Friday 9th February



This week will be focused on Internet Safety with Safer Internet Day taking place on **Tuesday 6th February**, so please be reminded that our school website has lots of useful information for parents and carers regarding internet safety. We subscribe to an online safety newsletter which gets added to the website regularly, along with articles from National Online Safety, such as 'Top Tips,' for managing screentime, how to set up parental controls on devices, smartphone security, advice for safe online gaming and plenty more.

Please visit our 'Online Safety for Parents' website page for more information:

[Online Safety for Parents | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk/online-safety-for-parents)

Please also visit the link below for the Online Safety Newsletter for January 2024. This edition covers: new devices and parental controls, WhatsApp, LEGO Fortnite, YouTube and content warnings, a guide to the Online Safety Bill and advice on how to manage distressing content that children observe.

[online-safety-newsletter-primary-january-2024-the-white-rose-federation-05-01-2024.pdf \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk/online-safety-newsletter-primary-january-2024-the-white-rose-federation-05-01-2024.pdf)

Another link under our Online Safety for Parents website page which gives important tips for parents regarding how to guide your children through Smartphone Safety Tips for them.

[NOS Smartphone Safety Tips Guide \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk/nos-smartphone-safety-tips-guide)

PCSO Joe Spooner will be visiting our federation schools on Friday 9th February, to deliver an assembly focusing on Internet Safety and we have also booked an exciting visit from the Police Cyber Protect Van Team, on Wednesday, 24th April for the children in Classes 2 and 3.

Linked to this, we have an updated Privacy Notice for January 2024, which states how your personal information is collected and processed within our federation and what your personal data rights are:

[Privacy Notice for Parents and Pupils Jan 2024](https://barlowschool.org.uk/privacy-notice-for-parents-and-pupils-jan-2024)



Please find our latest copy of North Yorkshire Families Magazine in the link below on our website. Or alternatively, please look out for the magazine coming home with your child(ren). [Families Magazine Jan - Feb 2024](https://barlowschool.org.uk/families-magazine-jan-feb-2024)

In this edition cheer up the dark and dreary days of winter and keep the children busy with a selection of great activity pages. Get more out of music with their great app selection, or cook up a storm in the kitchen, or do some exciting science experiments. Some great suggestions for family works and early ideas for World Book Day costumes. *We hope that you enjoy reading this packed edition!*

Further editions can be obtained via our website link [Families Magazine | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk/families-magazine)



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Change of Dinner Menus – Advance Notice

Our Cook, Miss Franks, has been busy organising some special themed menu days which will take place during the coming school year, as follows:-



Friday, 9th February – Valentine’s Lunch – no change to main menu choices but the dessert will be Valentine’s cup cakes, as well as the usual fruit and yoghurt.

Thursday, 7th March – World Book Day Lunch – *this will replace the main meal of minced beef bolognese and vegetarian tomato and cheese pasta on this day.*

Cheese pinwheels, new potatoes, vegetables, beans with a dessert of cake or jam tarts. Jacket potatoes and panini options will still be available, so please contact Mrs Briggs if you would like to change your child’s menu on this special day.

Please remember to email Mrs Briggs if you would like your child to have any new menu choices, during any of our special themed days.

Virtual Dairy Farm

On Wednesday, 24th January, all three of our classes joined Sam, a local dairy farmer, on a virtual tour of his farm. Sam was fantastic in showing us around the Arla farm that he works at, sharing details on the cows, calves and bulls that they have on site. We met some of the calves and learnt all about how much milk they produce, how they are kept and how the farm and land are used to make sure they are well cared for. We had a great time asking Sam questions that came up throughout the tour too.

Class 1

“I liked the story Farmer Sam read us ... it was very silly because cows don't have heated blankets!” Robyn

“I'm really amazed because I didn't know that milk can make so many other things like butter, cheese and ICECREAM!!” Eliza

“I learnt that baby cows are called calves.” Ava

Class 2

“I found it really interesting! I liked learning about dairy farms'.” Georgie

“It was very interesting...I didn't know cows only have 4 udders!” Sienna

“I didn't know there were so many machines used at dairy farms, I thought they milked the cows themselves” Georgia M

Class 3

“I did the maths based on what Sam, the farmer, said, and the cows make 1,825,000L of milk per year!” Mia

“I learnt that cows always chew because their stomachs are made from four different chambers, so it comes back up. The calves were really cute too.” Regan

“The milk filtration process was interesting. I didn't know so much happened to it before it was ready to drink.” Nathaniel

“I loved learning that the cows had a back scratcher! I can't believe how long their tongues are either.” Sophia

Small Schools Orienteering Festival on Thursday, 25th January

A team of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children travelled with children from Chapel Haddlesey School to join the other teams of Barkston Ash, St Josephs and Tockwith Primary Schools, for an afternoon of activities at Burton Salmon School who hosted the event. Orienteering is a competitive sport in which runners have to find their way across terrain with the aid of a map and compass. The teams of 5 had to put their map reading skills to the test in order to follow the set routes, collecting the clues and working out how they each linked together,



in order to form an answer. The winning teams that completed both maps in the quickest times came from Tockwith, Barkston Ash and St Josephs. Well done to Team Barlow who worked very well together.



Cooking Club Latest News

Mrs Smith always has plenty of new and tried and tested recipes up her sleeve, ready for the children in Cooking Club to enjoy preparing, cooking and then eating. During the latest lesson the children made Chicken Fajita Pasta, which has lots of healthy ingredients, as well as being gluten and dairy free, batch and freezer friendly.



CHICKEN FAJITA PASTA

⌚ 10 MINS 🍷 20 MINS ✂ SERVES 4

PER SERVING:
491 KCAL / 78G CARBS

400g dried pasta
1 tbsp ground cumin
1 tbsp ground coriander
1-2 tsp chilli powder, to taste
½ tsp dried chilli flakes
1 tsp garlic salt
low-calorie cooking spray
2 small skinless chicken breasts, sliced into strips
2 tbsp tomato puree
2 peppers (any colour), deseeded and sliced
1 onion, peeled and sliced
200ml water
fat-free yoghurt, to serve (optional)

We LOVE Mexican-inspired flavours, and this easy, speedy recipe is a great way to turn your favourite dish into a family-sized, freezer-friendly dinner. Forget tortilla wraps – mixing fajita-spiced chicken and veggies into some freshly cooked pasta gives it a whole new lease of life. On the table in just half an hour, this dish is perfect for batch cooking; any leftovers will make for a delicious lunch the next day!

Weekly Indulgence

Cook the pasta according to the packet instructions. In a bowl, mix the cumin, coriander, chilli powder, chilli flakes and garlic salt until thoroughly combined.

Spray a frying pan with low-calorie cooking spray and place over a medium heat. Add the sliced chicken and cook for 5 minutes. Add the spice mix and tomato puree and cook for 3 minutes.

Add the sliced peppers and onion along with the water and mix well. Leave to cook for 10 minutes until the chicken is cooked through and the peppers and onion have just started to soften.

Drain the pasta and combine with the chicken fajita mix. Serve with a dollop of fat-free yoghurt, or a different topping of your choice!

FREEZE ME

DAIRY FREE

USE OF YOGHURT

GLUTEN FREE

USE OF PASTA

BATCH FRIENDLY

Mrs Smith always starts her lessons off with ensuring that the children have their hair tied up and their hands washed, ready to prepare and cook, as well as teaching the children how to use knives and other cooking utensils safely. As you can see from the photos below the children concentrate very hard during their lessons.



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BPASA News



Henry and Mia, our School Ambassadors both enjoyed joining Mrs Briggs last week, to post Bag2School leaflets to our school neighbours. We had a better response than last year, raising **£30** for the BPASA. Thank you to everyone who had a sort-out and donated their surplus goods to this worthy cause.



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Just a reminder not to forget to book your Valentine's Disco tickets and Adult Hot Dog Tickets for **Friday, 9th February**. Please note that children must be supervised by an adult and siblings are welcome. There will be a maximum of 60 tickets (first-come, first-served), available to purchase via ParentPay until Monday, 5th February and will be sent home with children on Tuesday 6th February and will need to be produced at the event to gain entry. **When purchasing tickets, please select the correct number required and then the correct amount should be charged.** Child Disco Tickets cost £3.50 each and Adult Hot Dog Tickets cost £2.00 each.

If adults would like a hot dog they can purchase one for £2.00 each in advance on ParentPay.



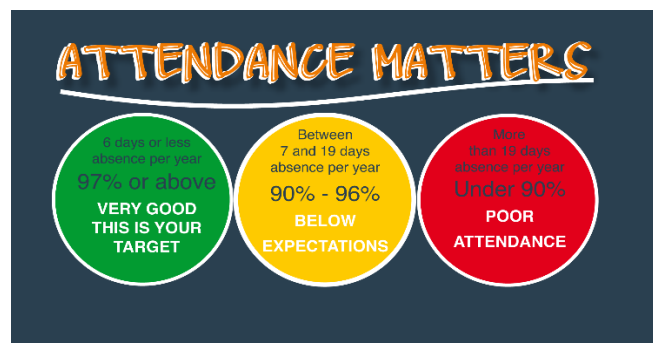
News from our Federation Pastoral Team

We hope this message finds you well and filled with excitement for the start of 2024. We trust you had an enjoyable and restful break filled with special moments and cherished memories.

Our commitment to providing a supportive and engaging environment remains, and we are keen to work closely with families to make this year an enriching experience for each child. We will continue to work in partnership with parents as we believe open communication and collaboration between home and school is essential for success.

Throughout the year we will continue to focus on fostering a sense of belonging, promoting positive relationships, and nurturing the well-being of all.

Why does attendance matter? Consistent attendance is a key factor in pupil success. It not only ensures the children receive the support they need but also contributes to the development of crucial life skills. We aim to achieve a whole school percentage of 97%.



If your child or family would like any support, please speak directly to your child's class teacher, or email admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk who will direct you to the Federation Pastoral Team.



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Introduction to the Federation Pastoral Team



Sam Maud
Federation Pastoral
and Attendance Lead



Eleanor Langhorn
Federation Pastoral
and SEN Support
Officer



Emma Bowers
Pastoral Worker
Burton Salmon
School



Beth Hunt
Pastoral Worker
Barlow School

Here's to a fantastic school year full of learning, growth, and success!
Sam Maud
Pastoral Lead

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

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

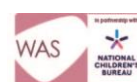
Whole school attendance target is: **97 %**

The whole school attendance for the fortnight: **92.7 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	94.0	3rd
Kahlo	90.8	4th
Moore	95.1	1st
Rashford	94.7	2nd

51 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 \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk)

[NYC Term Dates 2023-2024](#)

[NYC Term Dates 2024-2025](#)

Wednesday, 31 st January 2024	Pathfinder Academy Parents' Meeting – Chapel Haddlesey School - 5.00pm - all welcome to attend (either in person or via the TEAMS link)
Thursday, 1 st February 2024	Magna Visit - Class 2 and Class 3 - children to be in school by 9.00am prompt
Thursday, 1 st February 2024	BPASA Committee Meeting - Barlow Village Hall - 7.00pm - All welcome
w/c Monday, 5 th February 2024	Online Safety Week
Tuesday, 6 th February 2024	Twig and Mrs Hall Visiting - Start of school day
Thursday, 8 th February 2024	KS2 Small Schools High 5's Netball at Barkston Ash School - Afternoon
Friday, 9 th February 2024	Non-uniform Day for School Council choice of Wateraid for ParentPay donation
Friday, 9 th February 2024	PCSO Jo Spooner – Safer Internet Assembly - All relevant Year groups to attend
Friday, 9 th February 2024	Valentine's menu (change to desert only)
Friday, 9 th February 2024	BPASA Valentine's Disco - 6.30pm - 8.00pm at Barlow Club - Children must be supervised by an adult
Friday, 9 th February 2024	School Closes for February Half-Term
Monday, 19 th February 2024	School re-opens Spring Term 2
Wednesday, 31 st January 2024	Pathfinder MAT - Meeting with Parents - Chapel Haddlesey School at 5.00pm or via TEAMS link
Tuesday, 5 th March 2024	Open Morning for Prospective Nursery & Reception Families – 9.30am to 11.30am
Thursday, 7 th March 2024	World Book Day - Menu Change - Please advise Mrs Briggs
Thursday, 7 th March 2024	World Book Day - Dress as your favourite book character (no charity donation)
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, 15 th March 2024	Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Non-uniform for donation to charity
Wednesday, 20 th March 2024	Class 3 - Visit to Interfaith Centre - details to be confirmed by letter to parents
Thursday, 21 st March 2024	Menu Change - Build Your Own Burger - change to original menu - please advise Mrs Briggs
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
Thursday, 16 th May 2024	Census Day Menu - Roast dinner with vegetables and carrot cake - please advise any changes
Wednesday, 24 th April	Police Regional Cyber Protect Van - Class 2 and 3 - Afternoon
Monday, 13 th - Friday, 17 th May 2024	KS2 SATs Tests
Monday, 20 th May 2024	Phototronics - Class, Individual and Siblings Group Photographs – To Be Confirmed
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	Menu Change - At the Beach – change to original menu - please advise Mrs Briggs
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

School Holiday Dates



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