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One family, branching out together

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, what a busy couple of weeks it has been in school since the last newsletter was sent out! I hope that you will enjoy reading our latest news and we are very excited to be launching our new school website next Friday:

www.barlowschool.org.uk

Mrs Marwood has been working extremely hard across our federation schools over many months to ensure that our new websites bring our schools to modernity.

Myeloma Appeal

On 27th December 2018, Halle's Great Aunty, Nicola was diagnosed with Myeloma. Halle's family efforts are now focused on supporting Myeloma and hoping that sometime in the future, there will be a cure. Last year their family raised over £7000 for Myeloma.

On the 14th February the School, and hopefully yourselves, will support the Welsh family in raising a little more for this fantastic charity and therefore they would like to ask pupils to 'Wear Orange' in support of the charity with a £1.00 voluntary donation. Please don't go to extra expense if you don't have anything orange to wear, as the children will be able to make orange badges in school. Payments can be made on ParentPay, or cash will be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

Valentine's Lunch

Next Friday 14th February the school dinner will be the usual Week 3 Friday menu of battered fish, chipped potatoes and peas with beetroot salad. However, Miss Godfrey-Davies will be putting her heart and soul into making a heart-shaped pudding for all children who have school dinners on this day.



Class 2 and 3 Selby College Coaching Session

On Tuesday 11th February our Class 2 and 3 children will attend the final session of coaching at Selby College. Please can they arrive in school in their PE kit and bring a bottle of water and coat with them (school uniform to be in a bag). Many thanks.

Quiksticks Hockey at Holy Family High School

On Tuesday 25th February, Mrs Hall has arranged for Year 4 to attend a Quiksticks Hockey tournament at Holy Family High School. As the event takes place at the beginning of the school day, the children need to arrive in school in their PE kit and bring their school uniform with them in a bag. They will also need a bottle of water, a pair of shin pads (if you don't have a pair, Mrs Hall can provide these) and their coat.



Roman Outreach Day

We are pleased to advise you that on Monday 2nd March the children in Class 2 and 3 will be joined for the day by a Roman Legionary, Atticus from the Northern Forge. Atticus will spend time introducing himself to the children, including the world he lives in, where he comes from, what his daily life is like and what he wears.

Following on from this, the children will move on to handling a broad range of historical objects from Roman everyday lives. A full overview of the period will be given, using a variety of replica objects to illustrate different aspects of everyday life with topics being introduced such as Hearth & Home, Food & Drink, and Fashion, Travel & Trade/Ships & Seafaring, Religion & the Gods, and Weddings.

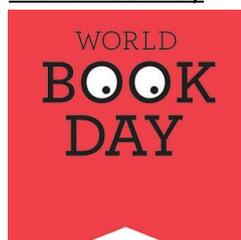
The afternoon session will consist of two, hour-long workshops which cover some of the bigger topics to encourage the children to think actively. These sessions will be: Roman and Norman catapult making, and the ever-popular Weapons & Warfare! The day will be rounded up with a 'question and answer' session and a recap of the key facts that the children have learned.

Prior to the 2nd March we will be making shields to be used during the workshop, so it would be really helpful if you could send in a piece of sturdy cardboard which is suitable to make a shield.

If you have any questions regarding this outreach day, please contact Mrs Lofthouse or Miss Trafford for further details.



World Book Day



On Thursday 5th March we will be taking part in World Book Day. Children can dress as their favourite book character on this day and we will be taking a special look at poems and performance poetry in school. If your child doesn't want to dress up, then they are able to come in non-uniform. Please encourage your child to bring in their favourite poem (or Class 1 children to bring in their favourite nursery rhyme) to be shared with their classmates. Every child will be given a World Book Day Token that can be used in participating bookshops.

Volunteer Librarian/Readers



Following on the scheme of books, we are looking for a keen volunteer to run our school library for a couple of hours, one afternoon per week. Also we would love to hear from any parents, carers, family members or family friends who are available to come into school to hear our children read. Just a couple of hours a week would make all the difference to our children. As a volunteer for either role, you would need to have a DBS check which is provided through school free of charge. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Briggs for further details.



KS1 Parents Information Meetings

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Phonics screening week for all Year 1 children commences on the 8th June, so Mrs Lane would like to invite parents and carers to an information meeting to provide you with key information about the screening checks including the purpose of the checks and how parents and carers can help their children in preparing for them.



The meeting will take place in school on Monday 9th March from 3.45pm until 4.15pm, if you are able to attend.

Year 2 KS1 SATs

KS1 SATs for Year 2 children will take place during the month of May. Mrs Lane would like to invite you to a parent and carer information meeting to provide you with key information about the tests, how they are administered in school and how parents and carers can support their children in preparing for them.

The meeting will take place in school on Monday 16th March from 3.45pm until 4.15pm, if you are able to attend.

If you are unable to attend the meetings but would like to know the relevant information, please contact Mrs Briggs to arrange to meet Mrs Lane at a time that is convenient for you.

JRSO News

Leighton and Elizabeth are relentless in their task to educate our parents, carers and children about road safety to make our school environment a safe place. Following on from their successful partnership with North Yorkshire Traffic Police and Selby Central Community Engagement Forum (CEF) speed watch team, they are pleased to announce that they have invited PC Jamie Smith and his colleague to an assembly for pupils and parents. Please look out for a personal invite to the assembly from Leighton and Elizabeth which will be held on **Friday, 13th March at 3.00pm in school.**

York City Knights Rugby Club

Mrs Hall has secured a 3 week after school coaching club with York City Knights Rugby Club across our federation schools. The club will run for 3 weeks from Tuesday 5th May for Year 3 – 6 at a cost of £7.50 in total which will be available to pay on ParentPay with an availability for 16 places (on a first come, first serve basis). The club will be itemised on the next club list letter which will be sent home at the end of March.

Yorkshire Air Ambulance

On Friday 31st January, during her Forest School teaching sessions involving every class, the children helped Mrs Hall make hot chocolate using a Kelly Kettle in a safe environment. The photos show how they enjoyed the session and the hot chocolate at the end. Thank you to everyone who contributed their £1 donation to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance which raised £120 across our federation schools.

<https://www.yorkshireairambulance.org.uk>



Children's Mental Health Awareness Week – w/c 3rd February

During this week in school, we have undertaken activities to raise awareness of children's mental health issues and how this can affect them both physically and mentally. We held a Collective Worship around the theme of bravery and knowing when to talk to a trusted person, who may be able to help. In class, the children have been encouraged to recognise and share the experiences that they have encountered which have brought out their 'brave side'.

Olivia in Class 3 wrote, *"this week on Wednesday a collective worship was held around the subject of mental health. It was all about 'Finding Your Brave'. Mrs Collins and Miss Hargreaves held this worship and got people's opinions and thoughts on what makes them brave. Some of the ideas that the children in school thought of were:-*

- *Taking stabilisers off their bicycles*
- *Going swimming*
- *Cantering horses for the first time*
- *Exploring a new challenge during lesson time"*

NSPCC – Speak out. Stay Safe.

On Monday 3rd February we were joined by NSPCC representatives who delivered their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme with the help of their friendly mascot Buddy. This is a nationwide age-appropriate programme for every primary school upper KS2 child. For further details please visit nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

NSPCC

Lily in Class 3 wrote *"On Monday the NSPCC came in and did a KS2 assembly. Tom and Trish spoke to us about the different types of abuse that children can experience. Here are some examples: sexual abuse, bullying and mental abuse. They also showed us their mascot, Buddy. If you would like to call about any worries you have the phone number is 0800 1111 and the best thing is that they are open 24/7 and the calls don't cost a thing. You can even call and tell them something good that has happened to you, like learning how to swim or cantering your horse for the first time. Did you know NSPCC stands for National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children?"*

Jack in Class 3 said *"Tom and Trish spoke to us about the types of abuses that children might face. The types are sexual, physical, emotional, neglect and cyber. They helped us to understand where we can go for help if we need it and this includes ChildLine, speak to a trusted adult or the Police. Remember 'Speak Out and Stay Safe'."*



Playground Safety

Our playground pedestrian gate is opened every morning at 8.45am when a member of staff begins their playground duty, ensuring that all children are safe until they line up in class order at 8.55am, to be led into class by their teachers. **Please refrain from dropping off children alone outside the gates before 8.45am, as it is not safe to do so.** If you do arrive at school before 8.45am, please stay with your children until a member of staff is present. Thank you for your cooperation.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens from 8.00am daily, so please don't be offended if you arrive with your child(ren) earlier than this time and are asked to wait with them until the Club opens. Thank you for your understanding.

Staff Vacancy

We are excited to advertise for a new Pastoral Support Officer to work across the federation - 2 days at Chapel Haddlesey, 1 at Barlow, 1 at Burton Salmon and 1 floating dependent on need. Attached to the post is an MSA responsibility for 30 minutes each day and 2 evenings Out of School Club responsibility at Chapel Haddlesey which are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Each of the job roles has different pay grades, in line with NYCC job evaluation.

Here is the link to the details on our website and it's also on NYCC jobs website.

<https://www.chapelhaddleseyschool.org.uk/vacancies>

Cool Milk



Please note that the daily milk that children under 5 receive from the Nursery Milk Scheme which is provided by Cool Milk, stops the week before your child turns 5. All children over the age of 5 are able to have milk daily for a termly fee. Visit Cool Milk website for more details, or ask Mrs Briggs for a form to allow you to sign up.

Yours sincerely

Mrs F Lofthouse
Head of School



Diary Dates

Tuesday 11 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 2/3 – Selby College Coaching – 9.00am – 10.30am
Thursday 13 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> France Residential – Meeting for Parents/Children – Chapel Haddlesey in Class 3 – 3.45pm
Friday 14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Uniform Day – Melanoma UK – supported by Welsh family (wear orange)
Friday 14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barlow NEW School Website Launch
Friday 14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valentine’s Lunch
Friday 14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break up for Half-Term
Monday 24 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back to school
Tuesday 25 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quiksticks Hockey at Holy Family Carlton – Year 3 and 4 – 9.00am
Wednesday 11 th , 18 th , 25 th March, 1 st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Lessons Block 2 – Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 – Abbey Leisure Centre
Monday 2 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roman Day – Class 2 and 3 – All day
Thursday 5 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day - Non Uniform or Dress as a Book Character - no donations
Monday 9 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting for Parents/Carers – 3.45pm – 4.15pm
Monday 9 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Relief Week – details to be confirmed
Tuesday 10 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5/6 Federation Teams – Debating Competition at Selby District Council Chambers – 10.00am – 12.00pm
Friday 13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Safety Awareness Assembly – Parents/Carers invited – 3.00pm
Monday 16 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 SATs Meeting for Parents/Carers – 3.45pm – 4.15pm
Monday 16 th – 20 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5/6 Federation residential trip to Chateau du Tertre, Normandy
Wednesday 1 st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Lunch
Tuesday 24 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mothers’ Day Lunch – Mothers welcome
Monday 30 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Service – all welcome – 2.30pm
Friday 3 rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break up for Easter
Tuesday 21 st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back to school
Tuesday 21 st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket Day – details to be confirmed
Thursday 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VE Day Anniversary Lunch – Grandparents invited
Friday 8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Day holiday – revised date
Friday 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break up for half term
Monday 1 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back to school
Tuesday 2nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Dan Circus Man – Skipping Workshops – Whole School – Full day
Tuesday 23 rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fathers’ Day Lunch - Fathers invited
Friday 17 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leavers’ Lunch - picnic, Parents/Carers invited
Friday 17 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break up for Summer

New dates added

