

One family branching out together

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Newsletter No 16

Dear Parents & Carers

This will be the final newsletter of our school year and what an eventful year it has been in school! However, we have not quite finished yet, so please read on to find out what we will be doing and what you can get involved in, during our last couple of weeks. Please note that the final day will finish at 3.30pm.

Mrs Bowmer will be saying goodbye to Barlow School at the end of this term. Mrs Bowmer joined our school on a volunteer basis over 5 years ago before gaining employment at Chapel Haddlesey School in the EYFS Class. She moved across to Barlow two years ago and has been of great value to our team there.

She leaves us to take a position at Kids' Corner, in a move that will offer her the opportunity to work with the 0-3 age range, and we wish her all the very best as she embarks upon the next stage of her career. Thank you, Mrs Bowmer for your commitment to our school and we look forward to seeing you in a parental capacity once we return in September.



With goodbyes also come hellos so we are pleased to say that we have recently welcomed our new Reception children to Class 1 for their inductions. Millie, Teddy, Xander, Lewis, Emily and Harrison who are completely new to our school, along with Robyn, Hattie, Reggie, Albie, and Vernie who will move up to Reception from Nursery in September. We know that you will give them and their families a warm welcome, as they settle into our school community. All of our new starters received a fun welcome pack from our BPASA.

Belongings

On the last day of term, please ensure that your child collects all of their belongings from school, as the classrooms and cloakrooms will be cleared out and cleaned in preparation for the new school year in September. Any items left behind that are named will be returned to your child in September, but we don't have the capacity to keep any unnamed items, so they will be discarded in September.

We will offer all of our donated school uniform items for sale during the Olympics Day, so please come and have a rummage. All items will be sold for a small donation via ParentPay to go towards the BPASA Funds.



Reception Tapestry Journals

Parents of the children who are currently in Reception are aware that we use Tapestry to keep a journal of their child's learning journey both in school and parents can also add to this at home.



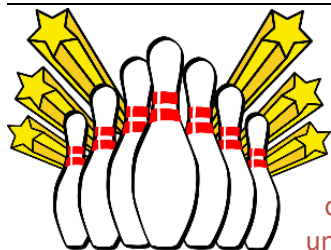
If your child is in Reception, please note that your child's Tapestry journal ends on Friday, 19th July. You will receive an email shortly after this date, inviting you to download your child's journal. If you are unable to access this and need a downloaded copy, please contact Mrs Briggs. The staff in Class 1 hope that you like your child's journal and will keep it as a fitting reminder of their first year in formal education.

Cooking Club Ends

Due to Mrs Smith attending school trips across the federation, Cooking Club for the 11th and 18th July has been cancelled and refunds have been issued to parents for these two weeks. We are sorry for any unavoidable inconvenience that may have been caused. We do hope that your children have enjoyed preparing and making the variety of tasty meals with Mrs Smith, so look out for the return of Cooking Club in September.



Year 6 Federation Leavers' Trip – Monday 15th July 2024



The children in Year 6 across our federation are going to Xscape to enjoy a game of tenpin bowling and a meal together to mark the end of their journey with us. Our children at Barlow will now leave at 11.00am and return for the end of the school day. Thank you to the parents who have already paid the very reasonable cost of £22 each on ParentPay. **Parents and close family members of Year 6 children, please remember to join us on Thursday, 18th July from 10.00am until 11.00am, when we say our goodbyes.**

Families Magazine

Please look out for a copy of the July/August edition of Families Magazine, winging it's way home with your children and the online version will be added to our website. In this edition you will find ideas for making the summer holidays more affordable and enjoyable, as well as ideas for holiday games. Why not check out the What's On section for plenty to do closer to home! The Education section has suggestions of how to keep your child's learning fresh during the break and if you have a child starting school in Reception or going up to high school you may be interested in the preparation that you can do over the summer.

Online Safety Awareness

Please find the latest Online Safety Newsletter in the link below. This month there are many articles relating to how you can keep your children safe online and what to look out for, including 'being unkind online', 'Summertime Screen Time' and 'Harmful Online Challenges.'



[Online Safety Newsletter July 2024](#)



Ofsted at Kids' Corner

We are pleased to share the recent Kids' Corner Ofsted report with you which is very positive and reflects the hard work of Steph, Leanne and their team. Click on the link below to read the full report from our website:-

[Kids Corner Ofsted Report 18 June 2024](#)

Please Can You Help?



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HELP



- Our school piano is ready for a new home, so if you would like to rehome it or know anyone else who may, please contact Mrs Briggs to arrange to collect it, free of charge.
- Class 2 have bought 2 cushion covers for their classroom for September, so if anyone has 2 cushion inners that are surplus, Miss Yeomans and Mrs Parris would be pleased to receive them.

Recent Events

Mini Medics First Aid Training in Class 3

We were very pleased to welcome Andy and Luke from LA First Aid to Class 3 on Monday, 24th June, to deliver a Mini Medics First Aid course to the Year 5 and 6 children. During the full day the children learnt the skills to be able to deliver First Aid in an emergency and possibly even save a life! We thank Mrs Durham, Chair of the BPASA for booking Andy and Luke through her contacts at work, to deliver the course at a cost of £360 which the BPASA very generously funded.

The children started the day by examining the contents of a First Aid kit, continuing as the course progressed to learn vital skills around the subjects of resuscitation (CPR), wounds and bleeding, choking, allergies and asthma. All the children were fully engaged and absorbed in their learning throughout the course, taking their usual playtimes and lunchbreaks fully bandaged looking like 'extras' from Casualty.

Miss Hillerby said "It was wonderful to see the children getting involved in hands-on practice with the Resusci Annie dolls and bandages, which impressed Luke and Andy."

Mrs Durham received an email from Andy after the course which speaks volumes about our school to say "The day went really well. What a lovely school and fantastic teachers! We were made to feel very welcome and the children behaved impeccably!! It was a fun day with loads of practical! We enjoyed it and we were also thankful for the air-conditioned classroom!"

"I found it interesting because I liked learning about how to treat people and using the defibrillator" Laura commented.

The day was such a success that the BPASA would like to make this an annual event for all our Year 5 children, so when as parents you give generously to any BPASA event, please bear in mind that your donations towards and purchases at BPASA events, will go towards this and other worthwhile events and resources for your children in future.



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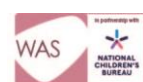


Class 2 and Class 3 Pottery Workshop

On Wednesday, 26th June, Naomi and Pepe returned to school deliver the 'fired' pottery dishes that the children in Class 1 made earlier in the term and to continue their work in Class 2 and Class 3 with our older children.

Naomi and Pepe taught the children to use techniques like 'cross hatching and carving' to make terracotta, clay bust sculptures. As you can see from the children's faces in the photos below, they were very pleased with their work which has been taken away to be fired in the kiln.

"I liked making the face because I enjoyed using the pen lids to carve into the terracotta to make the mouth and adding on different pieces to build the eyebrows" - Bailey



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Film Night – Wednesday, 3rd July 2024

Thank you to Mrs Alnajjar and Mrs Parris for giving up their own time to invite the children from Reception to Year 6 to join them last week to watch Rio with their friends, whilst enjoying some snacks. The night raised **£27.10** for the School Fund which buys valuable resources for the children.



BPASA NEWS

OLYMPIC DAY – THURSDAY, 11TH JULY 2024 – 2.00PM – 4.00PM

Please support your BPASA and join us in school for fun, games, raffle and refreshments at the Olympic Day. Raffle tickets available to purchase via ParentPay, along with refreshments (prices below), so please check your ParentPay account to see what has been uploaded for you to purchase. All of the games will be free to take part in for everyone, so come along and test your competitive side! Every child will receive a free cupcake.

Cans of Pop - £1 each, or 2 for £1.50

Crisps - 50p per bag

Raffle £1 per strip

Ice Lollies - £1 each (handed out from 3.00pm due to weather)

Any raffle prizes would be gratefully received, so please send them in with your child from now on.

As is becoming the custom for our whole school events, parents and wider family members will be signed in at the gate upon arrival and the children will return to their classrooms at the end of the normal school day to be signed out by a parent. If you are unable to attend and you would like another parent to take your child around with them for the afternoon, please email Mrs Briggs via admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk



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Summer Fun Olympic Style



All games are free of charge!!



Bottle of Prosecco

Book Hamper
from Fox's
Books in
Thorpe
Willoughby

Olympics Coloured Raffle

A colour raffle is simply, a hamper with prizes all in the same colour!
We have chosen the colours of the Olympic Rings for our hampers.

Other raffle prizes available:

- Tickets for 4 people to Stockheld Park
- Voucher for Olivia's Tearoom
- William's Den Voucher

Raffle tickets are on Parent Pay,
£1 a strip or cash on the day.
Raffle will be drawn at the event.



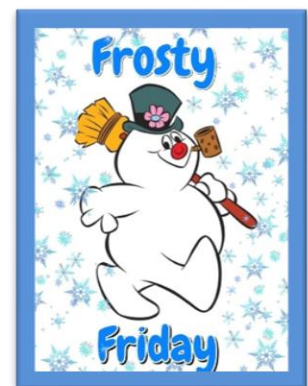
Kevin the Carrot
Collection

Harry & The
Dinosaurs Book
Collection

If any parents, grandparents, or other family members are free on this day and would like to help out in any way, please email barlowpasa@outlook.com. Thank you.

Frosty Fridays Reminder

Purchase your ice lollies on ParentPay **by 2.00pm every Friday** until the end of term, for a cost of £1 each (up to a total of 5 per child) to go towards BPASA funds. Our School Ambassadors give each child a token when their parent has paid, to be redeemed against the same amount of ice lollies.



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

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

The whole school attendance for the fortnight **92.4 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	96.0	2nd
Kahlo	95.5	3rd
Moore	96.6	1st
Rashford	82.7	4th

57 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: -

[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](#)

W/C 8th – 12th July 2024	Brayton Academy Transition Week - Current Year 6 pupils to attend
Tuesday, 9th July 2024	Class 3 Puberty Talk with Mrs Lindley - 1.30pm (revised date)
Wednesday, 10th July 2024	3rd Visit - Reception New Starters visit unaccompanied and staying for lunch in Class 1 - 9.15am to 1.10pm
Thursday, 11th July 2024	BPASA Olympics Event - 2.00pm - 4.00pm - all welcome and any help appreciated
Friday, 12th July	Tapestry Journals end for Reception children
Friday, 12th July	All Pupil Reports emailed to parents via ScholarPack
Monday, 15th July 2024	Year 6 Federation Leavers' Trip to Xscape Castleford
Tuesday, 16th July 2024	Mrs Hall and Twig Visiting - 9.00am - 11.00am
Tuesday, 16th July 2024	Open Classrooms - 3.00pm - 4.00pm - parents welcome to attend
Wednesday, 17th July 2024	Crucial Crew - Federation Year 6 pupils to attend - 09.00 - 12.30pm
Thursday, 18th July 2024	Reception & Year 1 visit to RHS Harlow Carr in Harrogate - all day
Thursday, 18th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 10.00am - 11.00am - families & BPASA 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
Monday, 2nd September	School Closed – Training Day
Tuesday, 3rd September 2024	School Closed – Training Day
Wednesday, 4th September 2024	School Opens – Start of Autumn Term 1
Monday, 27th January 2025	Young Voices Choir – Sheffield Arena – Years 2 to 6

New Dates Added

Important to remember

School Holiday Dates



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