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Newsletter 18

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we go! Here we go! Here we go! These are the chants heard as people everywhere celebrated England winning 2 – 1 against Denmark on Wednesday evening. We all know that it is the taking part that counts as much as winning but after the pandemic we all need something to cheer for. Come on England, we CAN win again against Italy on Sunday! If England do win, it will be the first time that they have ever won the European Football Championship which first started in 1960! The other bonus of England playing is that the socially-distanced supermarket shopping trip is very quiet if you're not a follower!



On this note, although we would all like to have a late start on Monday, 12th July following a late night supporting England this will not be possible, as it is not a Bank Holiday or official date agreed by NYCC, so please bear this in mind that if your child arrives to school late, or doesn't arrive at all on Monday. Late attendance or absence will be marked as normal on Monday, in line with our Attendance Policy. Thank you for accepting and complying with this Policy.

Yes, it's true we only have 2 full weeks left in school but it's not time for our children and staff to wind down yet, as the catch-up curriculum is still in full-swing right up until the end of term! Only then shall we all enjoy a well-deserved break with our families, friends and loved-ones. All of our classes have been doing some fantastic learning, enabled by equally fantastic teaching, so please enjoy reading further to see the photographs and hear their news.

Latest Government Guidelines

The government have announced their intention to move to Step 4 on July 19th, meaning that social distancing measures will cease, and the country can begin its road back to normality.

The opportunity to revert back to our familiar routine is welcomed but we have decided to continue with our current rules and routines during the last 5 days of term. The three key reasons for this are:

1. Covid is still prevalent, and the Delta variant has been identified in some of our feeder secondary schools.
2. There are staff members on site who are medically vulnerable and some who have not had their second vaccination yet.



3. Test and trace will not end until the 16th August. This means that if anyone tests positive at our school during the last week of term, plus the 48 hours after we break up for the summer holiday, close contacts will be notified and will be required to self-isolate for 10 days. This may have consequences for families and their summer plans. We would like to reduce this risk as much as possible.

Face masks remain a polite request outside of the school grounds when collecting but I appreciate that this is beyond the control of the school. Social distancing is the most effective way to manage the spread of the virus; please consider this when collecting your children as we have many vulnerable families who still need to be protected.

We aim to relax these rules in September, and we will wait for the government updates at the end of August before sharing our return to school routines with you.

Let's Celebrate

The following children deserve a mention for their outstanding achievements this fortnight: -



Class 1

Scarlett – for finding the confidence to try new activities around your classroom.

Eli – for explaining our classroom rules to all of the other children during circle time this week. We really appreciated the reminder!

Class 2

Laura - for her beautiful presentation. Laura's attention to detail is fantastic to see! Keep it up Laura.

Riley – for impressing us so much this week. From the moment he walks through the door he is ready to learn and is up for a challenge! Well done Riley.

Class 3

Oliver – for his fantastic contributions when we have been writing our shared letter recently.

James – for going from strength to strength in his writing and trying his hardest with his spellings.

Holiday requests

As the Covid restrictions are lifting, requests for Leave of Absence from school are being received for holidays booked pre-Covid that are being reinstated. Please note that a holiday reinstated because of Covid, or taken because Covid restrictions did not allow you to take a holiday during restrictions, does **not** fall within the parameters of exceptional circumstances. All requests for Leave of Absence are considered individually by the Head of School and if exceptional circumstances are to be considered, full evidence needs to be provided in order for the Leave of Absence to be authorised. Thank you for your cooperation.



ParentPay

As it is approaching the end of term, please may we remind all parents and carers to check your ParentPay balances for outstanding Breakfast Club and school meal payments and ensure that these are settled in **FULL** by the end of the day on **Friday, 23rd July**. If you are unable to settle your account fully, please contact Mrs Briggs in confidence to arrange a payment plan. Thank you for checking your accounts.



PE and Sport report 2020-2021

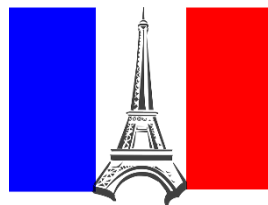
Mrs Hall has been winning at keeping our PE and Sport focused and alive during the pandemic. Please click on the link below to read this year's annual report: -

<https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/media/files/evidencing-the-impact-of-the-primary-pe-and-sport-premium-2020-2021-at-barlow-primary-school.pdf>



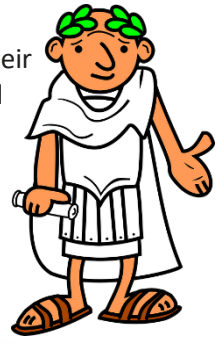
Class 1 News

Bonjour from Class 1. This half term we have begun French lessons and we are very much enjoying this new adventure together. We are now able to greet each other in French. As well as being able to ask each other, 'What is your name?' and answer in French. We have learnt the colours of the tricolour French flag in French and have had the opportunity to colour our own French flags. One of our class questions was 'What do French children eat for breakfast' so after some research we found the answer and of course we had to try it out for ourselves. The petit-déjeuner menu included baguettes, croissants, confiture (jam) and lait au chocolat (chocolate milk). We even chose the napkins carefully to match the colours of the tricolour French flag. While enjoying our breakfast we listened to some songs in French and finished off the morning joining in with the counting songs.



Class 2 News

Class 2 have been making Roman goblets this week out of clay. The children have worked on their DT skills to shape and mould the clay into some fantastic designs. They added patterns and texture to their goblets to make them unique. Let's hope they have no cracks in them when we fill them with wine (grape juice) on our Roman day which takes place on the Tuesday, 20th July! Please remember that Class 2 are dressing as Romans on this day, so if your child would like to dress up, there is no need to go to any expense, a white sheet will make a lovely toga.



Class 3 News

The photos below are not the 'rogues gallery' but our final group photograph of our fabulous Year 6 children who will leave us to start their new life journeys at high school in a couple of weeks. We will all be very sad to see them go but proud that they will be fantastic representatives of Barlow School.



Georgina, Elizabeth, Jack, Tyler, Ellisia, Leighton and Oliver



Last Day of Term School Meal

On Friday, 23rd July Miss Godfrey-Davies will be making pizza, served with potato wedges and vegetable sticks and the pudding will be ice cream. Please let Mrs Briggs know if your child is normally a packed lunch but would like this lunch instead.



SEN Survey

NYCC are working in partnership with Parent carer voice and local Clinical Commissioning groups to develop a joint strategy for North Yorkshire that covers education, health and care, for children and young people with SEND up to the age of 25 years.



The Council for Disabled Children is hosting online events starting w/c 28 June, and there will be [an online survey here](#)

There will also be sessions to enable young people to give their feedback.

Parents, carers, children, young people and anyone else who wants to share their experiences of SEND services in North Yorkshire may participate.

This informal gathering of views will take place between 28 June and 23 July, ahead of a formal consultation in Autumn this year.

Sign up for an online event and fill in the survey to tell us what you think about SEND services for young people across education, health and care.

For details of events and how to book visit our website at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-strategy-engagement>



Wraparound Care & Curriculum After-School Clubs Consultation – Update from Mrs Marwood

In May 2021, we invited all our families to take part in a consultation on Survey Monkey about our Breakfast Club and curriculum-based after-school clubs. We had a great response so thank you to the 35 families who responded and shared their views.



We understand that wraparound care is important to our families and can be a key factor in selecting a school. As a federation, we endeavour to offer wraparound care at the most reasonable cost to families, ensuring that it does not impact significantly on the school budget. The biggest element of the cost to consider is staffing costs - a increase in the minimum wage, national insurance and pension contributions over the last two years has been absorbed by the school rather than adding an increase onto the price of the childcare. It goes without saying that the more families that use the service, the more cost effective it is and we can then pass these savings onto our families when taking into account the future pricing structure.

The majority of families found the start time and price of Breakfast Club met their needs. A couple of families did express interest in a 7.45am start and I would be grateful if those families would contact Mrs Briggs so we can better understand the number of children involved and what year groups they are in. We can then consider if this is something that is feasible with the staff members we have in school and financially viable at this time.

There was an overwhelmingly positive response about Curriculum-based after school clubs until 4.15pm or 4.30pm. I know in the past when we have organised after-school clubs at Barlow, the interest has been very low so this is great response. We are making plans for these to restart the second week back in September and for them to be a success, we need as many families as possible to support the clubs. The cost suggestion of £2.50 to £3.00 was agreeable to most, with Cookery Club pricing at £4.00 to meet the cost of staffing and ingredients. There will be a range of clubs across the academic year – we cannot cater for all year groups in the first half-term so the plan across the year will reflect a balanced approach for all as much as possible.

More information about how to make an after-school booking, on a 'first come, first paid' basis, will be available before the end of July. Refunds will be offered where we cannot meet the staffing requirements of the club.

Parking

We have received a complaint from a neighbour who is concerned that he is going to be late to collect his grandchildren from school, as parents and carers sometimes park so tightly to his car that he has been blocked in. Please may we remind parents and carers to take care when parking and to be considerate of our neighbours. If in doubt, please think of how one of your own family members would feel in a similar situation.

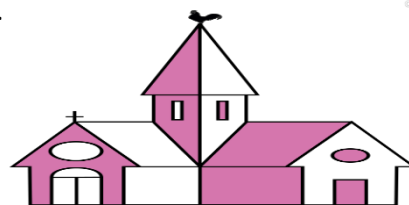


News from Rev Pete and St Wilfrid's Church

Alive@5

We are holding a Friday Fun Club and Alive@5 Teddy Bear 's Picnic on Sunday 11th July from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. This will be held between St Wilfrid's Church and the Parish Hall. We really hope you can join us for a relaxed time for the whole family. Please bring:

- A teddy
- A picnic blanket
- A picnic (due to Covid safety measures please bring a picnic and drinks for your own family as we cannot provide or share food) Contact rector@stwilfridsparish.com if you have any queries.



We hope to see you and your teddy bears soon. Best wishes from Rev Pete.



School Governors' Visit

Two of our school governors were excited to be invited back into our federation schools to complete their governor visits recently. Rev Anna and Anne visited Barlow School at the end of June and met with staff and pupils and enjoyed a school lunch. They both followed up on their visit with the following comments: -



“Thank you for making us so welcome. You have a lovely school (lots of hard work to get it that way!) and the happy atmosphere is obvious from the start. As a governor, it is very reassuring to see such enthusiasm and hard work from all staff, reflected in high standards of work and confident children. The school looks lovely: exciting outdoor provision - who could not want to be there! - and eye-catching, inspiring displays. I too was impressed how articulate the children are. I love pupil voice and they had many interesting things to say!” Anne

“Thank you so much for your generous welcome at Barlow School today. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting the children and staff and seeing the huge amount of work you are all putting in, to engage the children in the creative curriculum and with the immense challenge of catch up. Our conversation with each child was encouraging – you have some wonderfully articulate children! And the classrooms and outside area looked inviting, inspiring interest and a thirst for learning. Thank you again!” Rev Anna

Summer Reading Challenge 2021



Children can find out all about looking after the natural world this summer when North Yorkshire libraries and the Reading Agency invite them to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge.

The Challenge is aimed at children aged 4 to 11, encouraging them to read six library books over the summer holiday period. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes, and is all about what they can do to make a difference to the environment and stand up for the planet.

To take part and be a Wild World Hero, children just need to sign up at their nearest library. They'll be given a colourful fold out map of an imaginary place called Wilderville.

As they read their chosen books, they will receive stickers (some scratch & sniff!) and can use the stickers to fix an environmental problem and make Wilderville a better, greener place to be. There are more free incentives to collect along the way and those who complete the Challenge will receive a medal and a certificate to celebrate their achievement.

The challenge is open to all children aged four to 11, and they can choose from a vast range of books at the library or download them as an eBook from the catalogue. There are loads of fantastic new books about protecting the planet and our wildlife but they don't have to stick to that theme – any library book they want to borrow will count. It's a great way to encourage children to keep up their reading skills during the long break.

A brilliant programme of online events for families will also support the Challenge, including a cartoon workshop, a story hunt, finding out why rubbish isn't rubbish and how to be a North Yorkshire Rotters! Look out for more details of the events and great reading recommendations on the @nycclibraries Facebook page and local library pages too.

The challenge starts in libraries on Sat 10th July and finishes on Sat 11th September.



Pastoral News from Mrs Thornton

Mrs Thornton has set up a new attendance system across our federation schools so that our children can see how much their attendance matters. At the end of every fortnight our school house points will be recorded and the results will be added to the newsletter, along with how many children will be in the 100% Club. Mrs Thornton is busy setting up a new attendance display in the Dining Hall so that the children are able to see their up-to-date attendance figures.

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%**

This fortnight whole school attendance was: **97.84%**

House	Percentage	
Attenborough	97.98%	2 nd
Kahlo	95.38%	4 th
Moore	100%	1 st
Rashford	96.91%	3 rd

63 children in the 100% Club!



Yours sincerely

E. A. Hugill

Mrs L Hugill
Head of School





Tuesday, 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil Reports sent out to parents and carers via ScholarPack
Thursday, 15 th July - cancelled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception New Starters Induction and stay for lunch – 9.15am – 1.10pm
Tuesday, 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 2 – Roman Day - children may dress in a toga if they wish
Friday, 23 rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School ends for Summer
Monday, 6 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Day – School Closed (to all but below induction children)
Monday, 6 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception and Nursery New Starters Induction – 9.30am – 11.00am
Tuesday, 7 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Day – School Closed
Wednesday, 8 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Opens
Friday, 22 nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Closes for Half-Term
Monday, 1 st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Opens
Friday, 17 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Closes for Christmas
Tuesday, 4 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Day – School Closed
Wednesday, 5 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Opens

New Dates Added
Important – Don't Miss

