

One family branching out together

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Newsletter 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach autumn, we have had a real mixed bag of weather from torrential rain (which soaked Mrs Briggs at the gate earlier this week) to light showers and sunshine. We can advise that our children have really settled in well to the new school year and our new routines are firmly established with them. Please read further below to see how you can support our staff by further embedding some of our school housekeeping policies regarding uniform, PE kit and Breakfast Club bookings to promote your child's school experience.



Building News Update

As we continue the work to enhance our school, we thank you all for your patience and understanding once again whilst the car park is out of use and for continuing to park carefully and considerately for our neighbours and so as not to block the bus route. We apologise for any inconvenience caused to our staff and parents and carers alike, whilst this worthwhile work is underway. Work is rapidly taking place, as you can see from the photo below showing where the old red Portakabin was situated. Not too long now until our new purpose-built classroom is filling this space!



As part of our modernisation, we have had a new phone system installed which did cause a few minor phone and internet hiccups whilst it was being installed recently. We are pleased to say that full communication is now restored and working well.

Parents' Consultations

We thank every parent and carer for taking the time to book a Parents' Consultation with your child's class teacher. It was fantastic to be able to offer a choice of face-to-face, Teams and phone appointments this time and to be able to meet in person. Our teachers have really enjoyed being able to share your child's progress and news of their fantastic, hard work so far this term.



Please do keep in touch and, if at any time you would like further updates regarding your child's progress, or have any other concerns about your child, or queries about school life in general, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher by emailing or telephoning Mrs Briggs.

If you would like pastoral advice or support from Mrs Thornton, please contact her directly by email at s.thornton@wrfed.co.uk



Let's Celebrate

The following children from each class deserve a mention for their outstanding achievements during this fortnight: -

Class 1

Eli - For being such a kind and thoughtful friend!

Henry - For using some fabulous adjectives in his fact file about tigers.

Class 2

Brooke - Brooke for her imaginative flair for writing.

Rhys - for his focused attitude towards his learning.

Class 3

Riley - for his enthusiasm in class and doing so well in PE, especially the rugby sessions we are having on a Thursday. Keep up the positive attitude, Riley.

Anya - for her fantastic reading and working so hard in her maths, recognising the place value of digits within numbers. She always asks if we need any help with anything and always wants to do well. Keep it up, Anya!

Breakfast Club

Just a quick reminder to please remember to book places with Mrs Briggs by phone or email, if you would like your child(ren) to attend Breakfast Club. Alternatively, please remember to cancel any places that you no longer require but have already booked. Please note that charges will still be applied if you have booked a place that you have failed to cancel. **However, if you have an exceptional family emergency, booking is not necessary.**



Please note

The Breakfast Club account limit is £30 per child. Parents who reach this limit will be sent a reminder text to clear their account. **Payment for any monies owing above this amount must be made on the day of the reminder text before any more bookings for Breakfast Club can be made.**



Barlow School Website Phone App

Here is a reminder of our school website link <https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/>

You can install the school's web app on your smart phone, without going through the app store.

- Follow your child's learning groups
- Latest news and dairy dates
- Never miss an announcement



To install on iPhone and iPad

1. View this website in Safari
2. Tap the share button
3. Add it to your home screen

To install on Android

1. View this website in Chrome
2. Tap the menu icon
3. Select 'Install App' or 'Add to home screen'

You can uninstall the app at any time.

National Poetry Day

We will be celebrating National Poetry Day with a special pizza lunch on **Thursday, 7th October**, so please let Mrs Briggs know if your child is normally a packed lunch and would like a school dinner instead on this day.



Just a reminder that entries for the Poetry Competition need to be sent to your child's class teacher by **Thursday, 21st October**. The most original poetry in each class will be displayed in school and on the website and will receive a £5 Amazon voucher.



World Mental Health Day

On Friday, 8th October The School Council have voted to support the charity Mind and for our staff and pupils to wear green for the day to raise awareness. The green ribbon is the international symbol for mental health awareness and wearing a green ribbon shows people that you care about their mental health. Please support this worthwhile charity by allowing your children to wear green for a donation of £1 per child via ParentPay.

Open Morning Date Change

Please note that we have changed one of our open events to the morning of **Friday, 5th November** (from 4th November) and the afternoon of Tuesday, 9th November will remain the same. If you would like to join us, or know of any friend or family member who would like to have a look at our fantastic school and Class 1 facilities, please contact Mrs Briggs.



Tapestry Journals



We use Tapestry as an online interactive learning journal during the Nursery and Reception Years in Class 1. The current Year 1 children will have their accounts de-activated, so parents will have the opportunity to download their child's journal before the end of the activation period. Parents whose children's accounts are due to be de-activated will be contacted by text to advise of the date that their account becomes inactive.

Uniform Matters

Please could all parents pay particular attention to the information below to ensure consistency across the school.

<https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/parents/school-uniform>

Named uniform

All items must be clearly named so that lost property can be quickly returned. Children will be asked to write their name in any unnamed items. **Please can the parents of children in Class 1 especially, ensure that their children's uniform items are all named clearly, as in a busy classroom of very young children, it is difficult to match children to their belongings without clear labelling.** Thank you for your cooperation.



For PE lessons (indoor and outdoor)

- A plain or embroidered white or school colour (royal blue at Barlow) short-sleeved, round neck t-shirt
- Plain black or navy shorts of any style
- A plain navy, grey or black tracksuit/sweatshirt top (**not a 'hoodie' top**) and bottoms OR a plain navy, grey
- or black crew neck sweatshirt (available from Classroom Clothing)
- Trainers
- All items to be kept in a named PE kitbag



If you have any other items of clothing, we are planning a Bag2School collection for each school in the upcoming weeks. We would like families to have a clear out over the October half-term and deliver any bags of unwanted clothes to school. The company will come to school on Friday 26th November to collect all of the bags, but if you could please deliver any filled bags to school by Thursday 25th October, we would be very grateful. Families can use their own bags and here is the link to see what items are accepted: - <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Class 2 and 3 Visit to Eden Camp

We have now booked our visit to Eden Camp to take place on **Wednesday, 3rd November 2021**. Please refer to the letter which was emailed and sent out in a paper copy to all parents and carers and contains all the details that you need to know, to ensure that your child has the best visit experience possible. Thank you to the parents who have already paid the £12 voluntary contribution on ParentPay, please keep the payments coming. So that Miss Godfrey-Davies can plan ahead to provide the packed lunches, please complete and return your forms to school by **Wednesday, 20th October**.



Class 1 News

This week our Year 1 children have been writing fact files about tigers and they have come up with some wonderful adjectives to describe them. 'The tiger has super sharp claws' - Sophie 'Tigers have humongous, giant paws' - Henry. Our EYFS children have been exploring numbers and creating the most marvellous obstacle courses. It has been lovely to watch them encouraging each other to put their arms out to help them balance.



Class 2 News

Class 2 have been delving deeper into their WW2 topic during their research sessions this week. The children have been inspired to bring in some news and articles from home, as well as creating their own air raid shelters. We have been very impressed with the efforts so far!



School Council

Mrs Alnajjar has done a fantastic job in recruiting our new School Council and getting them meeting already to plan some exciting fundraising and non-fundraising events in school. Our School Council is a formal group of pupils who act as representatives of their classmates by meeting to discuss school issues with a teacher present. The members of the School Council are responsible for carrying out the ideas that have been agreed upon, such as taking on projects that support children's learning, development and charity events. Some of the children were asked why they had joined the School Council and the replies were: -



Rhys said, "I joined because I thought it was going to be fun to meet with other School Councillors from other year groups."

Erin said "I joined to help everyone share ideas and make our school a better place."

Jesse said "I joined because I wanted to try it out because my brother had been in it before and it is good for helping the school to be a better place."

Please see our photograph below showing our School Councillors, wearing their badges with pride.

Henry, Erin, Jesse, Sofia (Back L to R), Heidi, Flo, Rhys, Eva (Bottom L to R)



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: 98.41

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	96.41	4th
Kahlo	98.63	3rd
Moore	99.43	2nd
Rashford	99.60	1st

61 children in the 100% Club!



Yours sincerely

E. A. Hugill

Mrs L. Hugill
Head of School





Thursday, 7 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Poetry Day – Special school lunch and poetry entries open
Friday, 8 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Mental Health Day - Non-Uniform – wear green for Mind charity
Thursday, 21 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry Competition - Closing Date for Entries
Thursday, 21 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collective Harvest Worship with Rev Pete – pupils and staff only
Friday, 22 nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Closes for Half-Term
Friday, 22 nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Uniform Day for Charity – theme to be advised
Sunday, 31 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for submitting high school applications for current Year 5 parents
Monday, 1 st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Opens
Wednesday, 3 rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 2 and Class 3 – visit to Eden Camp
Friday, 5 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 1 – Open Morning – 9.00am – 11.30am - Prospective Reception and Nursery parents visiting Class 1
Tuesday, 9 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 1 – Open Afternoon – 1.00pm – 3.00pm - Prospective Reception and Nursery parents visiting Class 1.
Friday, 19 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day & Bake Sale – Non-uniform Spots & Yellow Theme
Monday, 15 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood Immunization Team – visit to give flu vaccine to children with consent – (parents to be advised of how to consent in due course).
Friday, 26 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bags2School Collection -parents to send filled bags to school
Friday, 10 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day for UNICEF Charity – Design a Jumper Competition
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
Friday, 18 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Closes for Half-term
Monday, 28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Opens
Friday, 8 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Closes for Easter
Monday 25 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Day
Tuesday, 26 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Opens
Monday, 2 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday, 27 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Closes for Bank Holiday (includes extra day for Queen's Platinum Jubilee)
Monday, 6 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Opens
Friday 22 nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Closes for Summer holiday

New Dates Added

