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## *One family, branching out together*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School is a vibrant and exciting place to be at all times of the year but especially at Christmas time when the sound of children singing and practising for the Christmas Performances can be heard alongside the sounds of lessons being taught. Peace at this time of year in school is rare but balanced by the joy that this special time of year brings our families.

### Christmas Productions

The rehearsals are heating up for Our Christmas Production of 'Straw and Order' and your children will be bringing home a slip which advises their character in the performance and the required costume. It is really not necessary to go to great expense when providing costumes, so please let your child's class teacher or Mrs Briggs know if you have any problems with your child's costume. We do have plenty of costume resources in school and we will ensure that all the children are looking spectacular and ready to entertain you.

Just a reminder that all performances will take place in Barlow Village Club, as follows:-

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30pm and 6.00pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 6.00pm



Tickets for the performances are available for you to purchase on ParentPay at a cost of £1.50 per ticket. Due to the restricted number of seats available to comply with fire regulations, tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and restricted to 2 tickets, per family, per performance. If we have any spare seats for any of the performances, a text will be sent out to notify parents and these will also be sold subject to a first-come, first-served basis. All proceeds from the sale of tickets will go towards new resources for the children in school.

Raffle tickets are also available for you to purchase on ParentPay at a cost of 50 pence per ticket. Some of the ladies who attend Stay and Play on a Friday morning have devised a hamper list of suggested prizes for families to donate which will be displayed outside the office door. Prizes will be an adult hamper, a Class 1 children's Hamper and a Class 2 children's hamper. If you would like to donate a prize, please add your name to the list. All donations will be gratefully received in the school office and the winning hampers given out during Christmas Collective Worship on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.



Please note that performance and raffle tickets will be sent home in book bags the Friday before the performances and a text will be sent out to confirm that they have been distributed.

### Class Christmas Parties

Class 1 and 2 Christmas parties are booked for Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. We will be sending out further information in due course, regarding the full details of the afternoon.

### Christmas Dinner



On Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December our Cook, Miss Godfrey-Davies will be cooking up a traditional Christmas dinner, a great feat of endurance on her part, so this will be the school menu on this day. Please let Mrs Briggs know if your child normally has a packed lunch or a jacket potato on this day but would like a Christmas dinner instead.

### Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December we will be supporting Save the Children by asking the children and staff to come to school in a Christmas Jumper for a donation of £1. We invite you to spend as little as possible on a Christmas jumper and to encourage you and your children to be as thrifty and creative as possible by jazzing up an old jumper with tinsel, baubles, sequins, etc. Prizes will be given for the most inventive 'home made' Christmas jumper in Class 1 and Class 2.



<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

### Open Day

On Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December from 9.15am until 11.30am, Class 1 will be hosting an open day for prospective new parents and their children. We will also be joined by the pre-school children from Barlow and Camblesforth Kids Korner who will be accompanied by their playworkers. If you know anybody who has children and who would like to know more about our school, please invite them to attend or ask them to telephone Mrs Briggs in the school office for further details.

### Breakfast Club

Ms Hargreaves and Mrs Wilson have been working hard to increase the numbers of children who come to Breakfast Club recently and their hard work has paid off with record numbers of children attending. Therefore please could parents ensure the following:-

- Children are booked in at least the day before attending (unless this is unavoidable due to an emergency). Bookings can be emailed or phoned through to Mrs Briggs, or made in person.
- Breakfast will be served until 8.20am, so children who will need to eat breakfast should arrive before this time please.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with these points which ensure that Breakfast Club runs as smooth as a smoothie.

### Federation Name Competition

Thank you to all of the families and staff who have shared federation name suggestions. The governing body are due to meet in December to consider all of the suggestions and the winning name will be announced at the end of December. If you have any last minute name suggestions, please send them in to the school via email for consideration.



### PTA – (Parent Teacher Association)

Research has shown that parental involvement has a very significant impact on a child's achievement and attainment at school. A successful PTA provides parents and teachers with the opportunity to exchange views, work together and to develop mutual trust and confidence and new friendships.

If you would be interested in being involved in setting up or joining a PTA at our school, or would like to know more about how a PTA works and what it can do to enhance your child's school, please contact Mrs Briggs, so that a meeting can be scheduled for January to get our PTA off the ground.

### JRSO News

Elizabeth and Leighton are pleased to announce that they were inundated with entries of a very high standard for their recent poetry competition, entitled Road Safety. Brothers Jack and Jesse fought gently for the KS2 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. The winners, as follows, were presented with goody bags during an assembly:-

#### KS1

1st Prize - Henry M, 2nd Prize - Ryan V, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Phoebe C

#### KS2

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Olivia B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Jesse H, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Jack H

#### **Crossing the Road by Olivia B, Year 6**

If you need to go somewhere  
Look left, look right before you go elsewhere  
Think with your brain, move with your feet  
The next time you cross the end of the street  
Wanting to go somewhere? Pay attention  
Whenever you see a car pulling out of a station  
Watch out for pedestrians, they are very important  
Even if they seem like they are very distant

#### **I Love to Scoot to School Safely by Henry M, Class 1**

I really love to scoot to school, come rain, wind, shine or snow  
It's really great and fun to do and isn't far to go  
I look and listen for the cars, make sure it's safe to cross  
My brother Charles shouts 'wait right there', he thinks that he's the boss  
Please, please drive and park cars safe, so I can keep on scooting  
Because driving with my mummy's really boring!

### Class 1 Repair Shop

Class 1 would like to have a Repair Shop area, so welcome any donations of old electrical appliances that can be used to dismantle and 'repair' and any small hand tools that they will be able to use. Of course the children will be supervised and until fully trained, will not be able to offer a full repair service to parents.

### Forest Schools

Mrs Hall would like to appeal to parents and carers to donate any unused binoculars that you may have gathering dust at home. Our Portakabin building is a multi-use building and it is being transformed into a bird hide for the children to spot birds and wildlife from the comfort of warm surroundings. Please send in any binoculars to the office for Mrs Hall, who, along with the children, will be very pleased to receive them.



### Islam Day

In November 2019, Yazi, a practising Muslim, visited each of our schools within the federation and spent a full day sharing with our pupils how she practises her own beliefs.

First of all, Yazi opened the day by leading worship with the whole school, introducing herself in Punjabi and sharing with the children more information about herself and her family. Children learnt how Muslims practise their beliefs and how they celebrate their holy festivals with family and friends. Yazi then shared how she practises her own beliefs and how she would dress.

After worship, the children returned to their classes and started a carousel of activities for the day. These included:

- The children had the opportunity to dress up in traditional clothes worn for celebrations, including bride and groom costume
- They had a go at Arabic writing understanding the process of writing from right to left rather than left to right
- They created their own prints using tradition Indian stamps that Yazi had brought with her
- The children had the opportunity to have a 'mendi' on their hand, an intricate pattern using natural henna, which is used traditionally for celebrations. The children were really interested to hear that a bride might sit for four hours while being painted.

To end the day, Yazi demonstrated some key features of Indian-style dancing and the children had great fun trying out the moves themselves to Indian music.

Our children thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, learning about the different aspects of the Muslim faith.



### Class 1 Christmas Card List

A list of Christian names has been sent home to Class 1 parents and carers via book bags, so that the children can write Christmas cards to each other, as in previous years, this has been requested. Any parents and carers of children in Class 2 can contact Mrs Briggs if they need a list of names for Class 2.

### Village News

Barlow Christmas lights are switched on at Barlow Village Hall on 6 December from 6.00pm. There will be carol singing, mince pies, Christmas cake, mulled wine, a brass band and a visit from Santa and his sleigh - completely free!

On Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm, (doors open at 6.00pm) there will be a Christmas Family Night with Dicky Bow Disco/Entertainer at Barlow Village Club.



## MarvellousMe

MarvellousMe has upgraded their Parent app this week. This new version delivers a 30-day News Centre (the number one feature parents have been asking for!), fixes notification bugs and includes other improvements.

An email from MarvellousMe has been sent out earlier this week with instructions to follow to upgrade your app and there are posters displayed in the office and Class 1 windows also with instructions.

However, if you haven't already done so, it is **essential** that you follow the instructions below:

1. Check your device is running the latest operating software.
2. Update the MarvellousMe app via the App Store or Google Play.
  1. To do this, type 'MarvellousMe' into the search bar, click on the 'MarvellousMe for Parents' icon and select 'update'.
  2. Your phone may have already updated MarvellousMe automatically in which case it will just have an 'open' button.
3. Open the MarvellousMe Parent app then
  - Tap 'Settings'
  - Toggle the 'Get device notifications' switch off and back on again. Even if it shows as 'On', **you must switch it 'Off' and 'On' once. This step is particularly important** to ensure you receive MarvellousMe notifications going forward and benefit from the upgrade.

Please refer to the guide attached or contact MarvellousMe directly through the 'User Guide & Help' section in the app if you need any support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Hugill  
Head of School



## Diary Dates

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHAPS Selby Hands of Hope – Charity Clothes Swap – Chapel Haddlesey Community Hall – 7.00pm until 9.00pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 SATs Information Evening – 5.30pm until 6.30pm</li> </ul>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHAPS Christmas Fayre at Chapel Haddlesey</li> </ul>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Crafts Open Day for Prospective Families and pre-schoolers from Kids Korner – 9.15am until 11.30am</li> </ul>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Dinner</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Production – Barlow Village Club - 2.30pm and 6.00pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Production – Barlow Village Club - 6.00pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Collective Worship – Parent/Carers welcome</li> </ul>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party Afternoon – Details to be confirmed</li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Uniform Day – Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day</li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for Christmas</li> </ul>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to school</li> </ul>
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Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for half term</li> </ul>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Uniform Day – Melanoma UK</li> </ul>
Monday 24 <sup>rd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to school</li> </ul>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5/6 Federation residential trip to Chateau du Tertre, Normandy</li> </ul>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for Easter</li> </ul>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to school</li> </ul>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May Day holiday – revised date</li> </ul>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for half term</li> </ul>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to school</li> </ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for Summer</li> </ul>

