



Proud to be part of The White Rose Federation

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One family branching out together

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Newsletter 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of our first half-term, we would like to thank all of our parents, carers, staff and visitors for your patience and understanding, as you have adjusted to the wider opening up of school. We also thank our parents, staff and visitors alike for your patience and understanding whilst the car park has been out of use to make way for our new building. As you can enjoy reading below, we have had an exceptionally busy half-term in school, so please take some time out of your busy days to relax and share our fantastic news.



Calendar Dates

Below is the link to our website where you can find our NYCC term dates which you should refer to before booking any family holidays please: -

<https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/calendar/term-dates>

Applications for Reception 2022

If you have a child or know of a family who has a child who is due to start school in September 2022 in their Reception year then please be advised that the information needed to apply for a primary school place is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions

If you need any further information regarding applying for a primary school place, please contact Mrs Briggs.



The deadline for primary school Reception Year applications is Saturday, 15th January 2022,





Let's Celebrate

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

Class 1

Harry – For some wonderful maths work and being able to add the right number peg spikes on the hedgehog.

Blake – You have worked so well in phonics this week and have tried to write the sounds carefully.

Class 2

Eva W - Eva for constantly being ready to learn, always listening and encouraging everyone to be the best they can be.

Olivia F - for her attention to detail, she has been working so hard on her presentation and it really shows.

Class 3

Evie - for her enthusiasm this week and her positive attitude to learning. She has been so invested in researching what happened to children in WW2 and has written a fantastic letter from the view point of an evacuee writing home. Well done, Evie!

Eva G - For her constant maturity and responsible attitude towards her learning. She is developing her own style of handwriting and the presentation of her work is consistently good. This week she has helped others when writing letters from the viewpoint of an evacuee and the children have mentioned her for a shout out. Well done, Eva!

Covid Notification Guidance

The Department for Education updated its guidance in September, removing the responsibility for schools to inform parents about a Covid outbreak in class, passing this responsibility on to NHS Test and Trace. Once a positive PCR is confirmed, Test and Trace contact the affected family to ascertain close contacts and they are then contacted directly.

Once contacted by Test and Trace, the individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid, or are a close contact of someone with Covid, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved Covid vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Our advice to families is to vigilantly watch for signs of covid and take a PCR test should they identify signs and symptoms in themselves and their family.

Public health guidance states that if there have been 5 cases of Covid across a class within 10 days, (or 10% of the school roll), it could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children. If this does happen, we will update parents to share that we intend to implement our covid contingency plan. This includes:

- o Encouraging the use of face masks in corridors and communal areas
- o Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances
- o Reverting to year group / class assemblies
- o Reducing the number of classes staff work across
- o Resuming twice-weekly staff lateral flow testing (if staff have stopped).

We haven't reached this threshold yet but we will notify you if we do. Thank you for continuing to help keep our schools open and safe by responding quickly to any symptoms that you observe at home.



Nut-free School

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Please note that we are now a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. This means that to protect the health of our students we do not allow any type of nut or nut-based products into school. This applies to ALL food prepared and cooked on our premises and to food brought into our premises in the way of packed lunches, snacks and treats. Please help to keep our school nut free by adhering to the points below which apply to pupils, staff and visitors alike: -

- **Please refrain from sending ALL nuts and items containing nuts in packed lunches and snacks**

Thank you.

Harvest Festival

This year we will again be supporting Selby & District Foodbank, who are a local charity. Selby & District Foodbank believe nobody in our community should have to face going hungry and that's why they provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Please follow the link below for further details of how to support or be supported by them.



<https://selbydistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

Rev Pete will be leading Collective Worship on Thursday next week, so we will be collecting the following foods all next week, ending the collection on the morning of Thursday, 21st October when the children will make a pyramid of donations, ready for the Collective Worship. Although all donations will be gratefully received, please include if you can the foods listed below which are short on supply, as requested by the Foodbank.

Tinned meat and fish
Tinned fruit

Tea Bags (packs of 80),
Coffee

Jam
UHT Milk (1 litre size)

We thank you in advance for your much-needed donations.

St Leonard's Hospice
Caring for Local People



Non-Uniform Day

On Friday, 22nd October which is our last day of the half-term, our children and staff will be wearing non-uniform of their choice for donations of £1 towards St Leonard's Hospice in York. This charity has been



chosen by the children in our School Council for the work they do to supporting people and families with terminal and life-limiting illnesses. <https://stleonardshospice.org.uk/>

My Art Project

Ho, Ho, Ho, once again, due to the popularity of this fantastic scheme, My Art Project returns this year. For parents and carers that are new to our school the project offers you a chance to purchase Christmas gifts which are produced using artwork that your child lovingly produces in school.

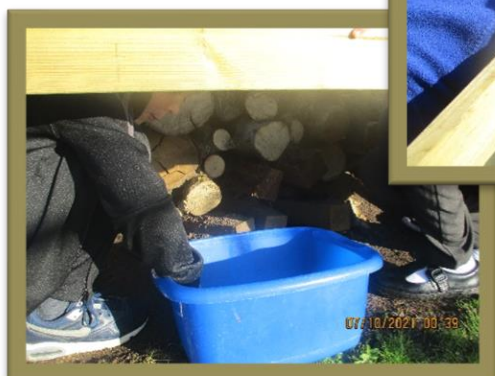


The completed Christmas artwork has been winging its way home with your children. Parents and carers can choose if you would like to send it back to school to be made into Christmas cards, thank you cards, wrapping paper, gift tags, mugs, gift stickers, sketch pads or notebooks. A proportion of the cost of every item that you purchase goes towards our School Fund which we use to purchase extra resources for our children in school.

Please look out for your child's completed artwork card coming home to you - please complete your details on the back of the card and return it to school. Payment for your completed gifts will be uploaded onto ParentPay as soon as they are returned to school. The final deadline for sending your completed cards back to school is **Friday, 12th November 2021**

Building New(t)s Update

As our old Portakabin was removed and the concrete foundations were lifted, a total of around 50 newts were rescued and rehomed in the purpose-built hibernaculum by George, Mary, Oscar and Sophie. All of our children were shown the newts before they were moved to their new home and so are able to spot them and rehome them if they see them loose in school.



Rugby Club



Adam Prentis, Rugby Coach with York City Knights Foundation has been delighted to return to our school and have the opportunity to run a Rugby Club with Mrs Hall.

Adam advised "Our Primary Rugby League programme consists of offering staff an up-to-date range of methods to engage children in PE. We hope all children enjoyed the sessions and we're pleased to see the progress made each week. It is vital that children are given the opportunity to practise fundamental movements and have a positive experience of PE in their early years."

Mrs Hall said "The staff and children were pleased to welcome Adam into our school to coach the pupils and engage them in the basics of rugby. It was fantastic to observe the children from Class 2 and Class 3 developing their skills and 'tackling' the knowledge surrounding this popular sport. It was also very encouraging that 15 children ranging from Reception to Year 6 took the opportunity to extend their sporting abilities by joining Adam and I at our afterschool Rugby Club. Feedback from the pupils, staff and Adam couldn't have been more positive." See this week's Selby Times for an article about this.

Capturing Cooking Club and Class 1 Cooking Lessons

Cooking Club has taken off this half-term with Mrs Janet Smith sharing her healthy recipes with the children who eagerly attend.

They have learnt how to prepare all of their own raw ingredients whilst following a recipe with perfect timing, finishing with culinary delights such as mushroom risotto, berry crumble and sweet pepper and tomato pasta. As you can see in the photos below the children are very capable of using different utensils to prepare their raw ingredients and with Mrs Smith's expert tuition are able to do so safely. In the photo below, Evie is having a 'grate' time!



The children in Class 1 are having cookery lessons also every Friday with Mrs Smith which is diversified to cater for the ages of the children. Pictured below are Henry, Poppy, Jacob and Georgia with their interpretation of a colourful Paul Klee painting using alternative edible ingredients to make bread art. In the last couple of weeks, the children in Class 1 held a Bake off!

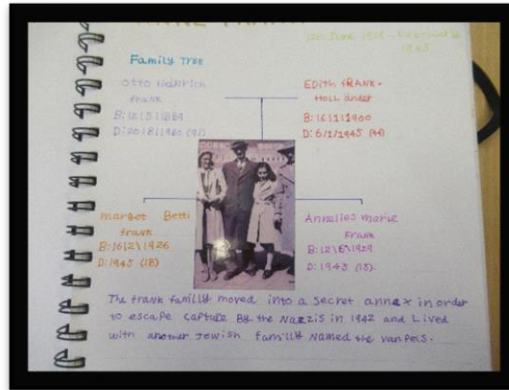


Class 2 and Class 3 WW2 Progress

As you will be aware, the children in Class 2 and Class 3 are studying WW2 and delving deeper with some research, including some articles from home and creating their own air raid shelters in class.

Along with their fellow classmates, two of the girls in Class 2 have been keen to do their own research at home. Georgia (pictured) has been researching Anne Frank and has produced a beautifully written account of Anne's life. Lacey has been delving into her own family history, discovering that her Great, Great Uncle George (pictured) was conscripted for National Service at the age of 21 and her Great Grandad watched his big brother depart for France with the Durham Light Infantry during the war.





The children have been reading *Code Name Bananas* by popular children's author David Walliams which is about a boy called Eric who tries to save his friend Gertrude the gorilla from the zoo, as bombs rain down on the city. The children have also been reading *The Lion and the Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes, a tale of an evacuee who is sent from London to the country and the book contains stories from real-life evacuees, taken from the Imperial War Museum.

Class 3 are pictured below with a mystery to solve! They were invited by their teacher Mrs Hugill to list what evacuees would need to take with them when leaving home and to see what items were revealed when the box was opened. **Erin said "It was amazing how many things could fit into such a small box."** **Mary was surprised and said "It was crazy how few things the children took with them compared to what children would take now."** **Eva said "I was surprised that the children had a magazine and a Kit-Kat chocolate bar to take with them."**



The Children of Class 3 are also reading *When the Sky Falls* by Phil Earle which is based on the true story of an evacuee who lives with a woman with no fondness for children but a love of the rundown zoo she owns and its silverback gorilla, Adonis.

Federation Cross Country

A huge thank you from Mrs Hall to everyone who attended the first Federation sporting event on Monday, 11th October. The weather was good, the course was dry and the pupils were a little nervous but raring to go and so were the staff. The event was the 1500m x-country challenge.



It was open to year 5 and 6 pupils who competed in their respective year groups. We held four races - Y5 boys, Y5 girls, Y6 girls and Y6 boys. Every child took part and ran to the best of their ability with some nice surprises along the way! Everyone completed the distance, some with smiles, some out of breath but all enjoying the occasion. The atmosphere towards the end was electric with everyone cheering each other on. It was a real successful afternoon!



Federation school position

1st Haddlesey

2nd Burton Salmon & Barlow

(the top 3 scores from each group added together. Please remember some year groups from certain schools didn't have runners. Also, it has been calculated as current teaching group Class 3).

Year Groups (top 3 positions)

Y5 girls	1 st Barlow	2 nd Burton Salmon	3 rd Haddlesey
Y5 boys	1 st Haddlesey	2 nd Burton Salmon	3 rd Barlow
Y6 girls	1 st Haddlesey	2 nd Burton Salmon	3 rd Barlow
Y6 boys	1 st Barlow	2 nd Haddlesey	

House winners

All participants received a point and then 1st received 3 extra points, 2nd 2 extra points and 3rd 1 extra point.

Barlow	Haddlesey	Burton Salmon
1 st Green 20 pts	1 st Blue 6 pts	1 st Red del 6pts
2 nd Blue 8pts	2 nd Red + Yellow 5pts	2 nd Golden + Honey 4 pts
3 rd Yellow + Red 5 pts	3 rd Green 4pts	

After-School Clubs

Please find below our programme for the second half of the autumn term, starting the first week back from Tuesday, 2nd November and running until Thursday, 9th December. **There will be no clubs on w/c 13th December due to Christmas events. To confirm a place, payment must be made on ParentPay before Friday, 22nd October.**

		Finish time	Year group	Cost	Additional info
Monday (from 8 th November)	Seasonal Crafts	4.30pm	Years 1 to 3	£3 per week	Mrs Alnajjar - £15 for the half-term on ParentPay, maximum 12 places. Starts second Monday back.
Wednesday	Film Club	4.30pm	R to Year 6	£2 per week	Mrs Parris - £12 for the half-term on ParentPay, maximum of 20 places.
Thursday	Healthy Lifestyle (Cooking/Sport)	4.30pm	Years 2 to 6	£4 per week	Mrs J Smith & Mrs Hall - £24 for the half-term on ParentPay, maximum of 16 places.

Please note that your child **cannot** attend the club unless payment has been made on ParentPay. All places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If your child is ill or if school has to cancel a club session, a refund for the session will be credited to your ParentPay account at the end of the half-term.



World Mental Health Day

On Friday, 8th October, the School Council voted to support the charity Mind and for our staff and pupils wore green for the day to raise awareness. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause and for raising £54 for charity.

Mrs Thornton our federation Pastoral Support Officer said "We're really pleased to be supporting the World Mental Health Day at Barlow Primary School. Pupil and staff pastoral care is high on the agenda in the White Rose Federation (Barlow, Burton Salmon & Chapel Haddlesey Primary Schools) and my role as Pastoral Support Officer involves a range of responsibilities. I provide holistic



support to pupils and families within our three schools, helping with well-being and promoting mental health. We offer a range of resources to help our pupils access their learning to their potential and seek professional external advice and support when needed.

Please see the photograph below showing Mrs Thornton, Ms Edenbrow, Regan, Heidi, Harvey, Jesse and Scarlett with the ELSA Worry Monsters. See this week's Selby Times for this article too.



News from St Wilfrid's

Alive@5 returns on **Sunday 31st October at 5pm** in St Wilfrid's Parish Hall. This month we shall be having a Light Party, thinking about Jesus as the light of the world. There will be hot chocolates, snacks, games, songs, family craft, a brief reflection, prayers and the return of our light party disco. Our main aim, of course, is to have lots of fun!

We'll hopefully see you there families@stwilfridsparish.com for further information.

With all blessings,

Rev Rob and the Alive@5 Team

Revd Robert Suekarran



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: **97.42%**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	97.22	3rd
Kahlo	98.05	2nd
Moore	96.24	4th
Rashford	98.50	1st

56 children in the 100% Club!



Yours sincerely

E. A. Hugill

Mrs L. Hugill
Head of School





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 – St Leonard’s Hospice in York
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
Saturday, 15 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for NYCC Applications for starting school in Reception 2022
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

