

One family branching out together

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Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn is definitely upon us with a change to damp weather and the dark nights drawing in. In Greek **mythology**, **autumn** began when Persephone was abducted by Hades to be the Queen of the Underworld. In distress Persephone's mother, Demeter (the goddess of the harvest), caused all the crops on Earth to die until her daughter was allowed to return, marking spring. Please see further down in the newsletter the lovely autumn collages that the children in Class 1 have been making.

Let's Celebrate

The following children deserve a pat on the back:-

Class 1

Harvey made some thoughtful, cosy, warm homes for our hibernating animals in the story-telling corner.

Rhys for being a fantastic role model in Class 1 by encouraging the younger children to give something a go and offering to demonstrate first.



Class 2

Sophia R for her fantastic character description.

Henry for always being a helpful and kind friend to his classmates.

Class 3

Annalise for being so kind and considerate. She has been particularly helpful with tidying the cloakroom on an afternoon.

George for having an excellent attitude towards his learning. He is motivated and trying his best in all that he is doing.

Parking Update

After serious concerns about the safety of parking at the beginning of term and a complaint from a resident, we were paid a visit by our local PCSOs at the end of the school day on Monday. Fortunately, due to the additional strategically placed parking cones and the kind cooperation of our parents and carers they were very pleased to witness good parking practice. Thank you so much for continuing to park more considerately for the safety of all of our families.



There is only one parking issue still to be addressed and that is to request again that parents please refrain from using the entrance to the car park to reverse, or to turn their cars around. Two of the parking bollards have clearly been run over by vehicles this week. **At least it was the bollards and not a pedestrian!**

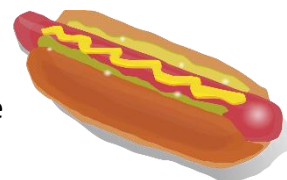
Welcome

Let's give a big Barlow welcome to Mrs Dobinson, Riley and Aaliyah's Mum, who will be taking over the role of Breakfast Club Supervisor from Ms Hargreaves. Thanks to Ms Hargreaves, our Breakfast Club has gone from strength to strength, as prior to lockdown she developed an extensive menu, so we thank her for her hard work as she hands over to Mrs Dobinson. We will let you all know when our varied menu starts again.

We can take children at Breakfast Club in the case of an emergency without prior booking. However, please make or cancel any scheduled bookings by telephoning or emailing Mrs Briggs. Please be advised that we are registered to accept Kiddivouchers and Edenred vouchers in payment of Breakfast Club fees. Please contact Mrs Briggs if you need any further information about childcare vouchers.

Bonfire Lunch

On Thursday 4th November, Miss Godfrey-Davies will be cooking a Bonfire Lunch which will be a hotdog, potato wedges and beans, followed by chocolate crunch. If your child(ren) normally have a packed lunch but would like a Bonfire Lunch on this day instead, please contact Mrs Briggs.



Open Week – 9th to 13th November

We welcome prospective parents and carers of children from Nursery age upwards to make an appointment to come and visit our school and see the classes in progress during this week. We have socially distanced appointments available of 30-minute slots each day from 9.30am until 4.30pm for parents and carers to pre-book.

Please book a slot via the 'Get In Touch button' on our home page <https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/contact>. If you know of any prospective parents who would like their children to join our school community and would like to know more about us, please share this with them on Facebook.



My Art Project

The children have been busy designing some beautiful Christmas pictures for you to have made into the product or products of your choice. Proofs will be sent home to you on Monday, 19th October for you to complete your order details. Please return them to school by no later than **Thursday, 22nd October**.



If you would like to pay via ParentPay, please mark this clearly in the 'TOTAL' box on the product guide page.



School Photographs

We hope that you were pleased with the individual school photograph proofs that were sent home to you recently which were taken by our school photographers, Phototronics.



Please note the following instructions for payments and processing of your child's photographs:-

- On the photograph preview, please mark the package that you require and any bolt-ons, add your child's name and class in the bottom right-hand corner and the total amount of cash or cheque or card due.
- Complete the white payment slip fully. Enclose the full amount in cash (exact amount must be included), or cheque.
- **Please ensure that the cash or cheque, white payment slip and the photograph preview is enclosed and sealed in the clear plastic envelope.**
- **Return the sealed plastic envelope and contents to school with your child by no later than Monday, 19th October.**

The completed orders are normally returned to school around 2 weeks from the collection date and a text will be sent to advise you that they are on their way home to you.

School photographs are an extra service that school provides for parents and carers with no obligation to purchase. However, we do like to hear direct feedback whether positive or negative so that we can relay this back to Phototronics thus improving the service level that they provide for you. Please do not be afraid to email Mrs Briggs with your feedback, as your honest opinions are really important to us.

Admissions to Primary School in September 2021

Parents can apply for a Reception place from 12th October and the deadline to apply is 15th January 2021. All the information that you need to be able to apply electronically is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions. If you are unable to apply online, please contact Mrs Briggs for further assistance.

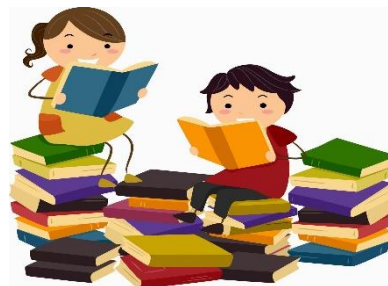
Admissions to Secondary School in September 2021

Just a reminder that online applications for a secondary school place need to be submitted by 31 October 2020. Please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions. If you are unable to apply online, please contact Mrs Briggs for further assistance.

Year 1 and 2 Reading Books

On Wednesday next week we will be sending home a mini reading folder which will include 2 reading books and a reading record. This will remain at home for a week until the following Wednesday when the reading folder should be returned to school to be exchanged for 2 new books.

Please encourage your child to read for 10 minutes every day. We will also be sending home the next phase of Tricky Words for the Year 1 children to learn at home. Thank you for your continued support from the Class 1 Team.



Harvest Festival

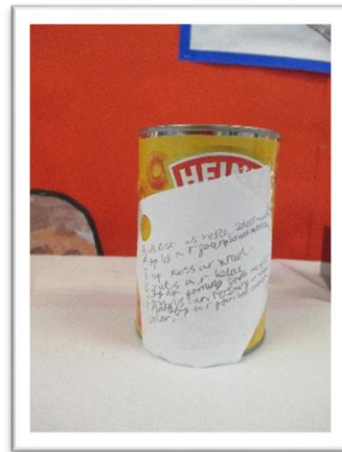
We are sorry that we were unable to invite parents and carers to celebrate Harvest Festival this year but we are trying to keep our community as safe as possible, under the current circumstances. So that you are able to get a feel for the Harvest Festival that we celebrated in school, Mrs Lofthouse has produced some slides and a video with our children and staff for your enjoyment. This will be available on our website shortly and a link will be sent to you when it is ready for you to view.

As you can see below, Jesse, James and Eva are posing with the pyramid of donated food. We thank all parents and carers for your generous donations which were gratefully received earlier this week by Selby Foodbank.

Our children never cease to amaze us with their inventiveness, as you can see below with Tristan's very thoughtful, 'HARVEST' acrostic poem which was spotted amongst the donations carefully attached to a tin of spaghetti.



Jesse, Tristan and Eva



Tristan's Poem

Autumn in Class 1

The children in Class 1 have been discussing the signs of autumn and looking out and about in the school grounds for autumnal treasure to make some colourful autumn collages (please see below). Whilst they were out exploring they found some apples which led to a discussion and a survey to see which children do and which don't like eating apples.



Young Minds Hello Yellow, Mental Health Awareness Day

On Friday, 9th October our children and staff wore yellow to support Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' fundraising event. Thank you for your donations which raised £57 towards this worthwhile cause.

Young Minds is the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. Their website has a section for parents which can be accessed via the following link:-

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>



Does this child belong to you?



Hello Yellow Getalong Gang



Wellbeing Tree

During Hello Yellow Day Ms Hargreaves created a wellness tree for the children to add their affirmation 'leaves' to. Ms Hargreaves is our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and thought that this day would be a fantastic opportunity for the children to discuss mental health awareness and positivity, especially in these unprecedented times.

The Wellness Tree 'leaves' were constructed of positive affirmations that the children have thought about themselves to create a display of their positive thoughts and feelings, thus enhancing their resilience and confidence whilst encouraging the children to feel good about themselves and others.



News from Rev Pete

Dear Friends

The beginning of November is traditionally a time when the Church across the world gives thanks for the Christian Saints and all who have died.

Under normal circumstances we would be organising a **Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for All Saints Day** this year, **Sunday 1st November at 3pm**. At this service we would normally remember by name all those whose funerals have been held at St. Wilfrid's, Brayton or at St. Francis, Thorpe Willoughby from September 2019 until August this year, as well as those whose funeral services have been conducted at a crematorium or cemetery during this period.

It is also an opportunity to remember any loved ones who have died, whether connected to the parish or not.

Sadly, the current Covid related restrictions in place mean the service this year is not possible. However, **St Wilfrid's Church will be open from 2-4pm on 1st November**, and you would be most welcome to come and use the space for a time of quiet reflection and prayer, if you want to. There will also be the opportunity to light a candle in loving memory of any loved ones who have died.

Our prayer would be that you would find comfort and strength in this commemoration.

May you know God's blessing and peace.

Note: Movement around, and seating in, the church building will be subject to the usual social distancing measures, though individual households and support bubbles will be permitted to sit together.



After School Clubs

We are pleased to be able to start some of our after school clubs in the coming half- term starting from **w/c 2nd November 2020**. **Please note that your child cannot attend the club unless an email has been sent to school requesting a place.** Where payment is required, your child will only be allocated a place on the club once payment has been made on ParentPay. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

		Finish time	Year group	Cost	Additional info
Monday	Healthy School Club	4.30pm	Years 3 & 4	£3.00 per week	Mrs J Smith/Mrs Edenbrow - £18.00 for 6 weeks on ParentPay. Maximum 12 places.
Tuesday	Film Club	4.30pm	Years 5 & 6	£2.50 per week	Mrs S Smith - £15 for 6 weeks on ParentPay.
Tuesday	Seasonal Crafts	4.30pm	Year 1 & 2	£2.50 per week	Mrs Alnajjar - £15 for 6 weeks on ParentPay. Maximum 8 places.
Thursday	Revision Club	4.30pm	Year 6	Free	Mrs Lofthouse/Mrs Hugill – Free of charge for 6 weeks.

Please email the name of your child and the club that they would like to attend to Mrs Briggs by Wednesday 21st October 2020.

Yours sincerely



Mrs F Lofthouse
Head of School

Diary Dates

Monday, 12 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online applications for Reception September 2021 new starters open
Monday, 19 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents to return school photograph proofs with payment slip for processing
Thursday, 22 nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents to return My Art Project proofs back to school
Friday, 23 rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School ends for Half-Term
Sunday, 25 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline to apply online for flu immunisation
Saturday, 31 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for online high school admission applications for September 2021
Monday, 2 nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school
Wednesday, 4 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonfire School Dinner
wc 9 th - 13 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Week for new families interested in our school
Friday, 18 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School ends for Christmas
Monday, 4 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday, 5 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school
Friday, 15 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for online applications for Reception 2021 new starters
Friday, 12 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School ends for Half-Term
Monday, 22 nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school
Friday, 26 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School ends for Easter
Monday, 12 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday, 13 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school
Monday, 3 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday, 28 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School ends for Spring Bank
Monday, 7 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school
Friday, 23 rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School ends for Summer

New Dates Added

