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One family branching out together

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Newsletter 5

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's nearly time to dust off your old Christmas trees, although a lot of families have done so already this year, to let a bit of cheer into their lives during our current imposed circumstances. We are busy again in the few weeks ahead in the run up to Christmas and we hope that you will enjoy reading about our recent and upcoming events and add any important dates into your own diaries, as we would be disappointed for you to miss anything.



In good old Dickensian spirit here are a few tales of Christmas past from our school log book.

16th December 1929 – From 9.15am – 9.40am the children (32 of them) were assembled in the playground and had a perfect view of an R100 Airship as it passed over Barlow. This was a commercial airship, built in Howden and had its maiden voyage on this day, so the children were lucky to witness this.

11th December 1929 – We held a Christmas party in the schoolroom from 4.00pm until 8.00pm.

20th December 1929 – Closed school this afternoon for the Christmas Vacation.

Diary Date Change – Important News



A decision has been made by the Federation SLT to cancel the training day on Monday 4th January 2021 and move it to Monday 7th June 2021. **This means that Monday 4th January will be the first day back to school after the Christmas holidays for the children and not Tuesday 5th January, as previously advertised.** If, as a family, you have already made holiday arrangements for that day, please contact Mrs Briggs to discuss this.

Christmas Dinner



On Wednesday, 9th December our Cook, Miss Godfrey-Davies will be cooking a fabulous Christmas dinner with turkey and all the usual trimmings of roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and stuffing. The pudding will be a Christmas-themed choc-ice. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner instead on this date, please let Mrs Briggs know by Friday, 4th December. Thank you.





Online Learning Resources

We have a range of online resources listed below that we subscribe to in school which you can access at home for your children, to enhance their learning experience. Individual login details have been sent home with your child(ren), so please contact Mrs Briggs if you are unable to login, or access your account. Thank you.

Tapestry - Reception

<https://tapestryjournal.com/>

TTRock Stars - Year 2 - 6

<https://trockstars.com/>

Purple Mash - All year groups

<https://www.purplemash.com/>

Seesaw - Year 3 - 6

<https://web.seesaw.me/>

MarvellousMe - All year groups

MarvellousMe is a communication tool which enables your child's class teacher to send you messages to celebrate your children's learning and successes in school.

<https://marvellousme.com/>

Christmas Card Delivery

As we try to keep contamination to a minimum in school, our children will be able to send Christmas cards to their friends this year but we will have a quarantine window between the cards being posted into our school post box and them being delivered out to the children.

Therefore, Christmas cards will be given out to the children by our class monitors on the following dates: -



30th November

7th December

14th December



Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday, 11th December we will be supporting Save the Children by inviting our children and staff to wear a Christmas jumper, for a contribution of £1 per child which is available on ParentPay. There is no need to purchase a special jumper, why not be creative and bring up an old jumper with festive cheer? We look forward to seeing the children in their jumpers, adding sparkle to our day whilst contributing to a worthy cause. <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

Parents'/Carers' Evenings

This year due to social distancing and to keep us all as safe as possible, we conducted our Parents'/Carers' Evenings by telephone appointments. Thank you for being available at the allocated dates and times which was a great help to our teaching staff. Our teachers felt that the consultations went very well and they were able to convey the necessary information to you regarding your child's progress and offer valuable advice regarding how to continue to support their learning at home. We welcome your feedback regarding your telephone consultation(s) which can be sent to Mrs Briggs.



Open Week

Last week from the 9th to the 13th November, we held a socially distanced Open Week for parents, carers and children of our prospective Nursery, Reception and older year groups. We had a healthy number of attendees and our Early Years children did a fantastic job of welcoming our visitors, so a big thank you to them and to our Class 1 staff for making everyone feel at home at our lovely school. Thank you also to our Year 6 girls for showing a prospective pupil around our school and for making her feel welcome.



Healthy School

As we are awarded the Healthy School status, we are careful to adhere to our Food Policy and ask parents and carers to support us in this. Bearing this in mind and also for limiting exposure to Covid-19, please could parents send in stickers as Birthday treats instead of sweets or cake.

Please read our Food Policy which can be found on our school website under the following link <https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/key-info/school-policies>

Please let me bring your attention to the part of our Food Policy concerning drinks in school, as follows: -

Water

Fresh, chilled drinking water is available for all pupils throughout the day and pupils will be encouraged to drink water at frequent intervals. All packed lunch pupils have access to water at lunch time meaning there is no need for an additional drink to be brought as part of a packed lunch. Pupils are encouraged to bring a water bottle every day that they can refill as necessary. Bottles go home at the end of every day to be washed and returned.

Covid restrictions – pupils should bring in their own named water bottle from home and this will be sent home every night.

No drinks other than water will be brought into school by pupils unless recommended by a doctor for medical needs. If this is the case, please contact school to advise.



Thank you for your co-operation in following all of our school Policies.

Let's Celebrate

The following children deserve a pat on the back: -



Class 1

Flo for being welcoming and kind to our new Nursery children that came along to visit us last week, before they join us in January.

Luke for his super investigating skills while exploring 2D and 3D shapes this week.

Class 2

Annelise for excellent effort with her writing.

Sam for always trying to be a kind friend.

Class 3

Tristan for his awesome Maths work on fractions.

Georgina for always being positive and giving 100% effort.

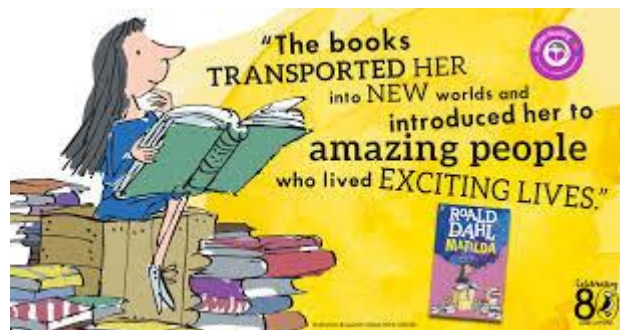
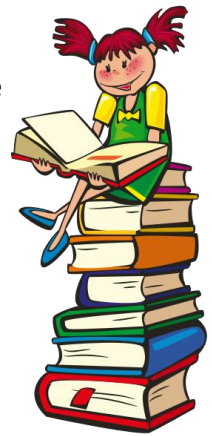


The Importance of Reading

Children need to develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, and increased vocabulary and an improved level of understanding. They will do this by listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction books with your help. Our Home-School Agreement stipulates that families should 'read with my child every night' and the importance of reading as a necessary life skill, cannot be stressed and reiterated enough.

Tips for Helping Your Child Read

- Discuss what is happening in the story.
- Discuss alternative words. 'Which word could the author have used that's a bit more exciting than **big**?' Use a thesaurus together to find alternative words.
- Make predictions. What do you think will happen next? What makes you think that? If their prediction is off the mark, model your own and give your reasons.
- Discuss the setting of the story. Have you read another book with a similar setting?
- Discuss the meaning of words. Use a dictionary together to get your child used to exploring words for themselves.
- Discuss if your child has learned anything new whilst reading the book that they didn't know before. Pretend that you have learned a new fact and explain it to them.



10 Benefits of Reading

- Children who read often and in a wide range of subjects get better at it. *Practice makes perfect in all parts of life and reading is no exception.*
- Reading exercises our brain. *Reading is a more complex task for the brain than just watching television. Reading strengthens and builds new brain connections.*
- Reading improves concentration. *Children learn to sit quietly and still whilst reading thus developing their overall concentration levels over time.*
- Reading teaches children about the world around them. *Through reading a variety of texts children learn about people, places, other cultures and events outside of their own experience.*
- Reading improves vocabulary and language skills. *Children learn new words and vocabulary as they read, subconsciously absorbing information on how to structure sentences, use words and other features of language effectively, thus enhancing their writing and speaking.*
- Reading develops a child's imagination. *Reading translates the text into pictures and fires the imagination into imagining the scene of the story, how the characters are feeling and leads to further discussion and exploration.*
- Reading helps children to develop empathy. *As children develop, they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.*
- Reading is a fun activity that can be done alone or together. *A book, or e-reader device can be taken and read anywhere. You can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.*
- Reading is a great way to spend quality time together. *Together on the sofa, at bedtime, or a visit to the library (virtually at the moment) are just some ideas for spending time together.*
- Children who read achieve better in school. *Reading promotes achievement in ALL subjects, not just English and children who are spend a lot of time reading tend to achieve better across the curriculum.*

Year 1 and 2 Reading Books

Unfortunately, a high number of Year 1 and 2 reading books are **not** being returned every week. Please can you remember to return your child's reading folder to school on a Thursday to enable our staff to change their reading books for them.

Remember!!!

Scholastic Book Club



Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running!

Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/barlow-ce-vc/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by November 30th, 2020**. If you are unable to order and pay online, please contact Mrs Briggs if you would like to place an order.

Pastoral Support – Fortnightly Focus

If your child would like to take part in the Fortnightly Focus, please email this to Mrs Briggs for Mrs Thornton to judge.



What are 5 things you can see?



Can you name 4 things you hear?



What 3 things can you smell?



Can you taste 2 things?



What 1 thing can you feel in your body right now?

Take notice

Taking notice of the present moment can improve your mental wellbeing. This includes your thoughts and feelings, your body and the world around you.

Some people call this awareness 'mindfulness'. Mindfulness can help you enjoy life more and understand yourself better.

Why not try this grounding technique?



If you or your family need support please contact your class teacher or Mrs Briggs and they will put you in contact with Mrs Thornton, our Pastoral Officer.

JRSO Competition

This term we have been working on a competition for all of our children to enter. All they need to do is draw a picture of what you think Santa should look like in his road safety gear, e.g hi-viz jacket, maybe some flashing lights too! Please submit your entries on an A4 piece of paper to us by **Monday, 7th December**. Prizes will be awarded in each class for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

**COMPETITION
-TIME-**

Eva and Jesse look forward to receiving and judging your entries.



Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal

We supported this annual appeal, along with holding a two-minute's silence and ceremony in every class with our children exploring the meaning of remembrance. Please see the photos below showing the colourful Remembrance display in Class 1 and close up shots of their individual poppy designs, using different materials. Zach and Poppy are both shown concentrating and working very hard on their poppy designs.



We sold a record number of items for the Royal British Legion this year with a grand total of £85.50 being donated on ParentPay and an estimate of £15 in cash being donated to the collection box. Thank you for remembering to support this worthwhile cause.



Children In Need

The children and staff did get spotty and stripy for Children in Need on Friday, 13th November and raised a total of £56 in contributions. Thank you for your donations.



Here are some quotes from some of our children in Class 3, describing how they spent their day.

Erin " We designed posters about Children in Need and also talked about Acts of Kindness."

Mia Sp "We drew pictures of Pudsey Bear and also designed our own bears. For example, a beach Pudsey, a businessman Pudsey and so on!"

Jack " We made a quiz all about Children in Need for the others in the class to answer"

Tyler " We learnt about how Pudsey got his name from Joanne Bell, who was the designer of Pudsey and lived in Pudsey, Leeds".

Class 2 discussed how to be a kind person at home, in school and in the community. The children made posters using their ideas and pictures. They also decided to do 100 random acts of kindness and they are awarded a heart to stick up on the wall every time they do a random act of kindness - when they reach 100 hearts there will be a special celebration.



News from Rev Pete

Gifts for Children and Young People in Need this Christmas

Very sadly, because of the current Covid restrictions, we are unable to host our annual Christingle/Gift Service at St Wilf's on the first Sunday in December as we normally do. Please read the information below about a Christingle Service we are organising by Zoom in December, which I'm very excited about!



Although we can't meet physically to receive your gifts for children and young people in need in the Selby area, their need has, of course, not disappeared. As you can imagine, given the increasingly difficult economic circumstances at present, the need to ensure that children and young people from homes really struggling at this time do receive a gift on Christmas day is greater than ever. So, here at St Wilfrid's and with Captain Richard Cooke of the Church Army in Selby, we'd be hugely grateful if you would feel able to donate a gift/gifts this year.

This is what we'd love you to do **by Sunday 6th December**: -

- Wrap a gift, marking clearly on it whether it is suitable for a boy/girl/both, and what age group it would be most appropriate for eg 0-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-15, 16+ etc.
- Bring your wrapped and marked gift to Rev Pete's house, St Wilfrid's Rectory, leaving the gift/s in a plastic bag on the front veranda.

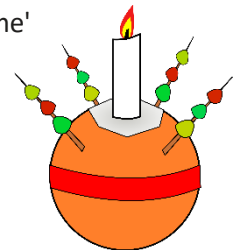


Directions to the Rectory:

- Come down the lane to the left of the St Wilfrid's churchyard.
- You can park in the car park at the bottom on the left.
- There is a green garden gate over the lane from the carpark, which will take you to the front of the house.
- It's the door facing the garden and churchyard and under a veranda.

Christingle at Home @St Wilfrid's

St Wilf's Church are really excited to say that they will be hosting a 'Christingle at Home' service this year on Sunday 13th December at 5pm by Zoom. The service will last no longer than an hour, and will include games, prayer, songs, and lots of fun. We will be making Christingles together and supporting the work of the Children's Society.



If you would like to join us, please sign up by emailing families@stwilfridsparish.com by Sunday 6th December.

With every blessing, Rev Rob and The Alive@5 Team

Yours sincerely

Mrs F Lofthouse
Head of School

Diary Dates

Monday, 30 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic Book Club – last day for parents to order books online
Sunday, 6 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Wilf's – Gifts for Christmas – deadline to drop gifts off at the Rectory
Monday, 7 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JRSO Design Competition – Last day for entries to be submitted
Wednesday, 9 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Dinner
Friday, 11 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday, 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Wilf's Christingle via Zoom - 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Friday, 18 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School ends for Christmas
Monday, 4 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back to school - Training Day moved to 7th June 2021
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"> Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday, 8 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