

One family branching out together

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Only two weeks until we close our doors for a well-deserved Christmas break for our children, staff and families alike. Our children and staff have been working so hard to catch-up with the curriculum that was disrupted by the original Covid lockdown, whilst still continuing with the current curriculum. Well done and thank you all. This is a shorter newsletter this week with a few reminders of the coming events taking us up to the end of term.

Goodbyes and Welcomes – a note from Mrs MacDonald

We are excited to welcome back Mrs Hugill to Barlow next week, following her maternity leave. In October, we shared that upon her return to Year 5/6, Mrs Hugill will work a 4-day week, (Tuesday – Friday) with Mrs Smith continuing to teach Year 5/6 on a Tuesday, (Mrs Hugill's leadership day) and on Monday (Mrs Hugill's non-working day). Mrs Hugill popped into school earlier this week and the children were excited to see her and eager to have her back at Barlow.



However, as one staff member returns, another moves on and we are going to miss seeing Mrs Lofthouse at our school each day. Mrs Lofthouse was appointed to cover Mrs Hugill's maternity leave and she has held down the fort well during such an unusual year. We would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work since joining our team. She has built a strong bond with the children across the school and she will be very much missed. We wish her all the very best for her future and hope that our paths cross again.

A big Barlow welcome to Ellisia in Year 6 and Scarlett in Year 2 who joined us this week from our federation partner school, Burton Salmon. We know that the girls and their family will be welcomed into the Barlow community.

Christmas Parties

All classes will have their individual Christmas parties on the afternoon of **Friday, 18th December**. The children will spend the afternoon dancing and taking part in party games which will prove to be a fun but exhausting end to the term. All children should come to school in the morning wearing their party clothes. Party food and prizes will be provided by the school but we request a £3.00 voluntary donation per child which is available for you to pay on ParentPay. Thank you for your contributions in advance.

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Uniform

We have collected a large amount of pre-used uniform items which we would like to offer to all parents and carers for a small donation. Over the next 2 weeks and providing that the weather is kind to us, we will display the uniform items in the playground at the end of the school day. Parents and carers will be able to purchase any item for a donation which will be added to your ParentPay accounts. Prices as follows: -

Sweatshirts, jumpers and cardigans - £5.00
Polo shirts - £2.00

Skirts and trousers - £2.50
Miscellaneous items - £2.00

'A Bundle of Joy'

Class 1 performed their delightful nativity musical on Monday entitled 'A Bundle of Joy'. You will be able to discover a special bundle of joy this Christmas in a little stable in Bethlehem amid shepherdesses, kings, angels and a very grumpy donkey called Grumble! The children worked so hard to learn their lines and the acting performances were wonderful, along with the lovely songs, sung so beautifully. We can't wait to share our performance next Friday to all KS1 parents via a link to a pre-recorded video and hope that you enjoy watching it just as much as the children had performing it. Well done Class 1, we are extremely proud of you all! Look out for the photographs to follow in the next newsletter.

Last Post

The post box has been bulging so far, so here's a reminder of the dates that our class monitors will be delivering Christmas cards.

7th December

14th December



Save the Children

Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day

Don't forget to bling up your jumpers for **Friday, 11th December**. Voluntary contributions of £1 per child can be made on ParentPay. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Spring Term Formalities

Please look out for dinner menus and Breakfast Club and Kids Korner booking forms coming home with your child(ren) next week. Please advise Mrs Briggs if your child(ren) will be having packed lunches only. The forms will also be emailed to all parents and carers and will be available on our website.



- If you have a regular booking for Breakfast Club or Kids Korner that will continue to be the same next term then please email Mrs Briggs and let her know instead of completing the forms.
- If you have a new booking or a regular booking that will change from last term then please **DO** complete and return the forms to Mrs Briggs.

Please can all the necessary forms be returned or emailed by no later than **Friday, 11th December** so that the dinner registers can be compiled and given to Miss Godfrey-Davies promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.





Severe Weather and Emergency Contact

In the case of the school having to close due to severe weather or an emergency, please be assured that you will be notified by a text message. Thank you.

Let's Celebrate

The following children deserve a pat on the back: -



Class 1

Sophie for such beautiful singing while practising and during our nativity performance.

Heidi for working so hard at home and learning your tricky words.

Class 2

Regan for the super effort that you apply to your maths and writing.

Amelia also for the super effort that you apply to your maths and writing.

Class 3

Jack for really trying hard in all subjects and in particular with your reading paper.

Ellisia for having a really good first week and for fitting in well with your new classmates.

JRSO Competition

Eva and Jesse are eagerly awaiting entries to their competition, so have extended the entry date. Here's a reminder!



Please 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 **Friday, 11th December**. Prizes will be awarded in each class for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

Pastoral Support – Fortnightly Focus

This fortnightly focus - Give



Do something nice for a friend, or a stranger.

Thank someone.

Smile.

Volunteer your time.

Join a community group.

Look outwards as well as inwards.

Seeing yourself, and your happiness,

linked to the wider community can be incredibly rewarding and creates connections with the people around you.



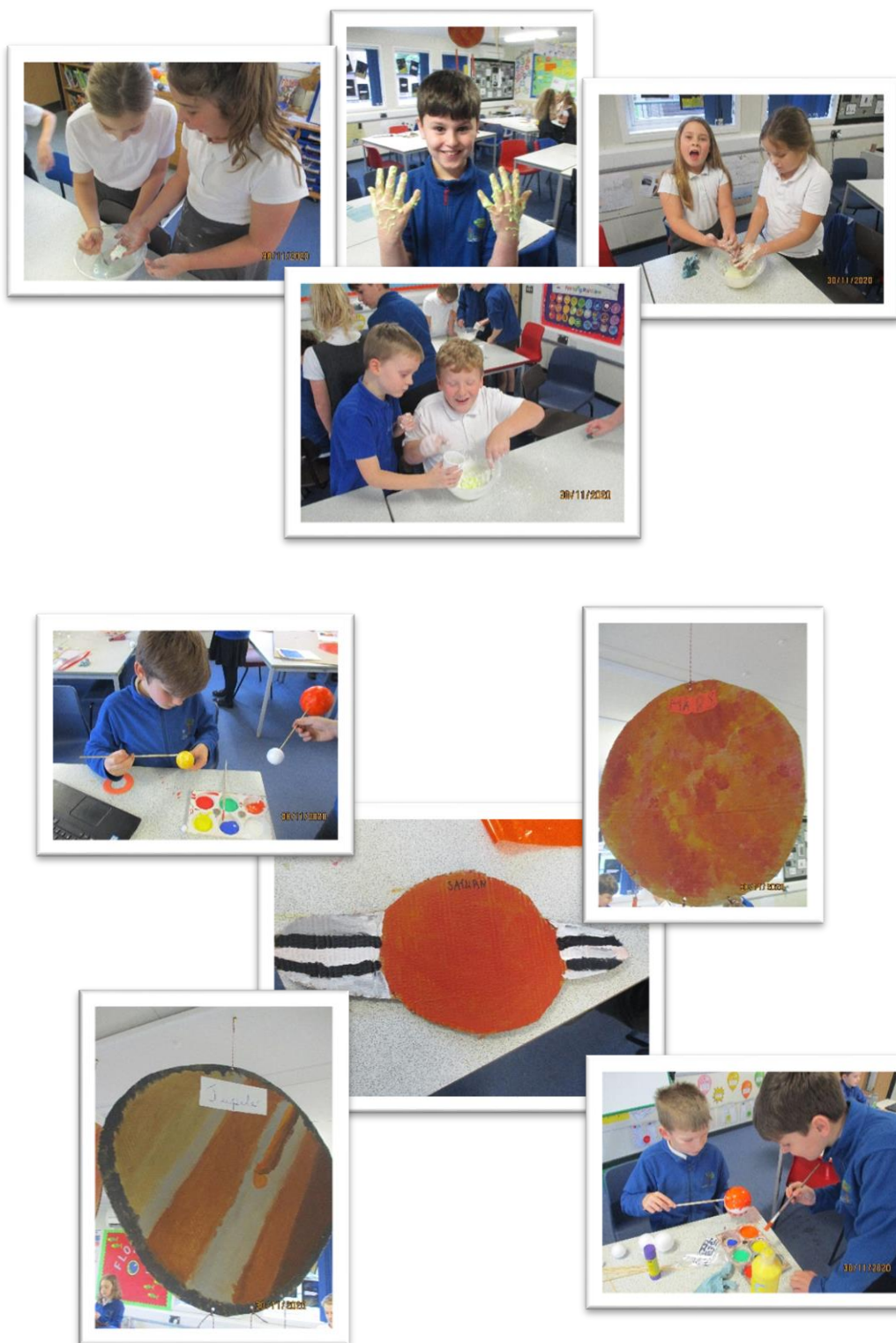
Here we have one of our foundation pupils Aria, who helped prepare 3 food hampers for local charities. Super work Aria!

If you feel your child or family would benefit from some support please contact your child's teacher who will pass your details onto me.

For all the children in the federation who would like to take part in the fortnightly focus, please email the evidence directly to Mrs Thornton at s.thornton@wrfed.co.uk and one will be selected printed in the next newsletter.

Class 3 Scientific News

On Monday, Class 3 and Class 2 enjoyed an eventful day, full of Science. In the morning they learnt about the solar system, made planets, researched facts such as: how far away the different planets are from the sun? In the afternoon they learnt about non-Newtonian fluids such as Oobleck. They enjoyed putting their hands into this gooey substance and you can see from the photos below how they enjoyed the experience and the surprising properties of Oobleck. Evie was speechless and she won't mind us saying that this doesn't happen often! Oobleck is an incredible substance, having liquid AND solid properties. AMAZING!



News from Revd Pete and Revd Rob

An email has been sent out to all parents and carers today with a flyer containing the full details of the Christmas services which are available in the Brayton Parish this year.

A reminder about donation of gifts for children and young people in need this Christmas

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.



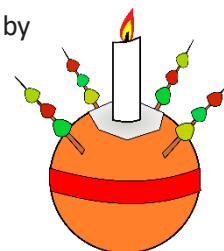
Directions to the Rectory:

- 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.

Reminder - Christingle at Home @St Wilfrid's

St Wilf's Church 'Christingle at Home' service this year on Sunday 13th December at 5pm by Zoom.

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

North Yorkshire Police Community Message

Please be aware of scam telephone callers stating "you have been near a Covid positive case" and asking you to purchase a Covid test over the telephone. **DO NOT** pass them any banking details over the phone, **DO NOT** purchase a test. Please contact NHS 111 for trustworthy Covid advice and information.

Yours sincerely

Mrs F Lofthouse
Head of School

Diary Dates

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

