

One family branching out together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At last, we've made it to the end of term and the end of a very testing year is nigh! Please may I wish all of our governors, staff, parents and carers a very merry Christmas and thank you for all supporting each other and our fantastic school. Also, may I offer the same sentiments to our lovely children who are so fantastically resilient. A big thank you also to Rev Pete for supporting our school community virtually, with his endearing and motivating YouTube videos. I hope you all have a good rest and I look forward to welcoming all of our families back to school on **Monday, 4th January 2021!**



Christmas Parties

By the time you read this newsletter, the children will be well and truly partied out, as they attend their class Christmas parties this afternoon! We are sorry that you were not able to send in the usual treats from home but we have improvised and provided the party food, funded by your ParentPay contributions. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have contributed so far. We are still able to receive further contributions on ParentPay until the New Year.



Uniform

After school on Thursday, we had a sale of the large amount of pre-used uniform items which we would like to offer to all parents and carers for a small donation. We will continue to display and sell the uniform items in the playground at the end of the school day when we return to school in January and will send a text to inform you when sales will take place. 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'

We hope the parents and carers of the children in Class 1 enjoyed watching the performance video link which was emailed to them earlier in the week. Please download the video if you would like to keep it for future as the link will be taken down on **Friday, 8th January 2021.**



Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day

The children had a fantastic day and raised £49 for this valuable cause on Friday, 11th December, so thank you for supporting this annual event.

Mrs Alnajar said that the Save the children jumper day was lots of fun in Class 1. Their jumpers were adorned with reindeers, penguins, snowflakes and fair isle patterns galore. They also had a go at designing their own Christmas jumpers. With all the tinsel and glitter that they used I am sure the international space station saw Barlow Primary twinkling from space!



Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday, 9th December the children and staff enjoyed a 'roastastic' Christmas dinner, cooked by Miss Godfrey-Davies our Cook in Residence, followed by a Christmas choc-ice. As you can see from some of the photos, the tables were beautifully decorated and the children made their own placemats. The crackers were very popular, especially the moustache toys.



Let's Celebrate

The following children deserve a well-deserved mention for their outstanding achievements this term: -



Class 1

Rhys for reading every day and progressing quickly through the reading levels. It's lovely to see that someone at such a young age has an interest in such a wide range of books!

Charlie for being kind and caring towards everyone, each and every day!

Class 2

Olivia F and **Sophie H** for gaining confidence during the term, since they returned to school.

Class 3

Georgina for gaining resilience and making such progress since returning to school in September.

Tyler for settling into school with us well since he joined us and for being such a helpful member of the class team and having a great sense of humour.

JRSO Competition

Eva and Jesse would like to thank all the children who entered their Christmas Road Safety Competition. The entries were all 'fantabulous' (Eva's descriptive word)! They hope that you all had fun making your festive pictures for the competition.



Look out for more exciting competitions in the New Year.

Thank you, Jesse and Eva

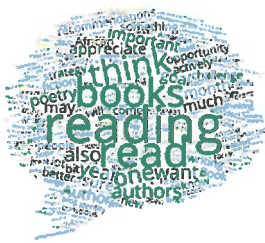
The winners are: -

Class 2

1st prize - Phoebe, 2nd prize Henry and Annabel (joint),
3rd prize - Sophia R

Class 3

1st prize (joint) - James and George, 2nd prize -
Elizabeth, 3rd prize - Tristan



Reading in unusual places – One-Minute Challenge

We do like a challenge, so we would love your child(ren) to create a 1-minute video of themselves talking about their favourite book. Or alternatively, a photograph of them reading a favourite book – in an unusual place/setting. This could be in an empty bath, at the park, under a bed, on a trampoline, up a tree, inside a tractor tyre – anywhere that you wouldn't normally settle down to read; but please BE SAFE! Staff can take part too.

Once collected, we are going to use the photos to make a display in school. Please start sending in your videos, or photos from now on until **Friday, 15th January**. Thank you.

Pastoral Support – Fortnightly Focus – BE ACTIVE

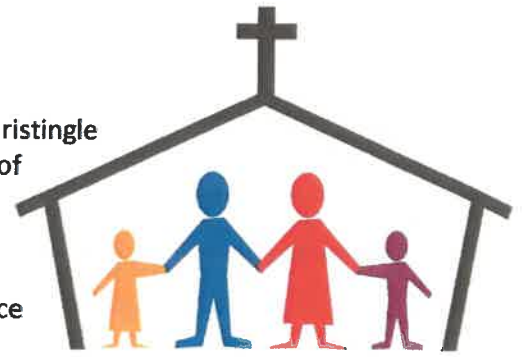
For all the children in the federation who would like to take part in the fortnightly focus, please email the evidence directly to Mrs Thornton at s.thornton@wrfed.co.uk and one will be selected printed in the next newsletter.

Be Active - Go for a walk or run, cycle, play a game, garden or dance. Exercising makes you feel good. Most importantly, discover a physical activity that you enjoy; one that suits your level of mobility and fitness.

Thank you, Mrs Thornton



I hope this finds you well. We had a great time at our Zoom Christingle Service on Sunday, and now we're looking forward to our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at Home which is happening on Zoom at 6pm this coming Sunday 20th December.



If you would like to join us for this service the details (order or service which includes the Carol words) have been emailed to you by school via Scholar Pack. Please note that you **do NOT need** to print this if you don't want to, as all of the carol words will be displayed on the screen, but if you would like to have an order of service in your hand then it's here. I have also attached a document with all the readings in it for those who would like to follow along with them, as they will not be displayed on the screen.

For security reasons we won't send the Zoom information out until the day before the service, so please do look out for that in your inboxes on Saturday. I will include instructions for how to get onto Zoom for those who are not familiar with it.

I look forward to seeing some of you on Sunday!

Every blessing from Revd Hannah Suekarran

Zoom Christmas Eve Crib Service

Please see the information below regarding the **Zoom Christmas Eve Crib Service!**

If you are **not** already on our parish email contact list (or are not sure), and would like to join us for the Crib Service, please email me **asap** at this address to let me know ☺. Those already on our email list will get a zoom invitation automatically.

As with the 9 Lessons and Carols, for security reasons we won't send the Zoom information out until the day before the service, so please do look out for that in your inboxes on **Wednesday 23rd**.

In the meantime, you might like to think about the following!

- Create a special Christmas Prayer Space next to your screen: maybe with a nativity set if you have one; candles/s; anything else to make it feel Christmassy!
- At the service, if you've a Christmas outfit or jumper, wear it!

Really looking forward to what will definitely be a unique Crib Service! ☺ I, for one, can't wait!

Blessings, Rev Pete

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. A. Hugill".

Mrs L Hugill
Head of School

Diary Dates

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

