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One family branching out together

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Newsletter 8

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was hoped that the first newsletter of the year would be a welcome back to school! However, as we face another necessary but somewhat untimely second lockdown, we welcome you all back in a virtual way, as we look forward to our move towards 'live' learning back in school. Coronavirus can stop our social freedom but it can't stop our children from learning and we will do whatever we can to support our children, whether they are currently attending school, or working from home.



Bookings

Please contact Mrs Briggs by email, or phone if you are a critical worker or you or your child(ren) are vulnerable and you would like to book a place in Breakfast Club or school for your child(ren) over the coming weeks. Before you make a decision whether or not to send your child(ren) to school, please follow the local information regarding Covid levels near the school, inputting the school postcode YO8 8ES on the following link:

https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/

Please note that places are allocated according to individual circumstances, eligibility and/or vulnerability of parents and/or children and they are offered at the discretion of Mrs MacDonald and Mrs Hugill.

Presenting Barlow School Past

We are not the only generations to face the unknown trials and tribulations of serious illness. In our school logbook dated January 1904, the Headteacher reported that several children were absent due to colds and similar numbers due to influenza. January's attendance was recorded as the worst attendance since the "Measles Epidemic" which occurred in February 1903! Since then we are lucky that the measles vaccine and antibiotics has evolved, so there is hope for us now that the new Coronavirus vaccines has started the rollout so that this year can be posted



into our history as the "Coronavirus Pandemic". Let's hope that we will remember it soon, as a difficult time when we all pulled together as a community to support each other.







Welcomes and Goodbyes

are the first cohort of children to start their school journey in our new Nursery, with Eli joining us soon. The children have had a fabulous start to school life here at Barlow and have come in each morning with smiles on their faces. Thank you to Mrs Alnajjar, Ms Hargreaves and Mrs Hall for helping them to find their feet.

As you already know from previous correspondence, we wave a fond farewell to Ms Hargreaves, after four years at Barlow C of E School. We are incredibly grateful for all the work that she has done with our children, especially in ELSA which



has led her to her new post, working with young people in mental health services.



Online Learning Resources

Please see the range of online resources listed below that we subscribe to in school which you can access for home learning at any time for your children, to enhance their learning experience. Individual login details have been sent home with your child(ren) recently but please contact Mrs Briggs if you are unable to login, or access any of your accounts. Thank you.

Tapestry - Nursery and Reception https://tapestryjournal.com/

Purple Mash - All year groups https://www.purplemash.com/

TTRock Stars - Year 2 - 6 https://ttrockstars.com/ Numbots - Reception and Year 1

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Seesaw - Year 1 - 6 https://web.seesaw.me/

Microsoft TEAMS 365

Further to Mrs MacDonald's letter dated 8th January, we are pleased to be able to let you know that Mrs Hugill has been trialling Microsoft TEAMS with the children in her class this week. As teachers, we are lifelong learners, therefore we welcome your feedback whatever it is, as it helps us to improve and model your children's future learning experiences for the better.

My Art Project

A big thank you for supporting the My Art Project scheme to purchase Christmas gift items, raising a fantastic £77.25 in commission. The school will benefit from your donation which will be used to purchase extra equipment to enhance our children's learning.









Let's Celebrate

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



Class 1

Brooke for a beautifully labelled 'My Body' poster. Cora for such beautifully detailed storytelling.

Class 2

Sophie H for her fantastic attitude towards her learning this week. She has really pushed herself to work hard.

Mary for being motivated every day and making a real effort with her learning.

Class 3

Georgina for her excellent posts and work on Seesaw and being a fabulous 'test pilot' on Microsoft TEAMS. Eva for submitting a consistently high standard of work on Seesaw.

Fortnightly Focus

This fortnightly focus from Mrs Thornton, our Pastoral Support Worker is – **Be Active**

Being active is great, not only for your physical health and fitness but for your mental wellbeing too.

Keeping fit raises your self-esteem, helps set goals and challenges and causes chemical changes in your brain which can help to positively change your mood.



- Go for a jog
- Take a walk
- Try a Joe Wicks workout https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ

For all the children in the federation who would like to take part, please send evidence of you participating in the fortnightly focus and email them directly to Mrs Thornton at s.thornton@wrfec.co.uk One will be randomly selected and printed on the next newsletter.

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. Any referral will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Reading in unusual places - One-Minute Challenge



Since we launched this challenge the latest lockdown occurred! However, this can't put us off reading, so we would still 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 (whilst adhering to Covid guidelines). 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**, **29**th **January**. Thank you.









Playdough Recipe

Children enjoy making things and they can gain confidence in their abilities by doing so. Playdough provides tactile learning experiences which can stimulate a child's imagination. Playdough is also easier for young children to handle than such as Plasticine or clay.

Ingredients

- 1 cup of plain flour
- 1 cup of water
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- half a cup of salt
- food colouring or glitter (optional)



Method 1 - Saucepan

Place all the ingredients in a saucepan at a low heat. Stir continuously until the mixture thickens to a firm dough texture.

Method 2 – Microwave

Place all the ingredients in a plastic container, with lid, and cook for one and a half minutes in a microwave. Stir the mixture and microwave again for one minute.

Store the dough in an airtight container such as a plastic bag or box and keep it in the fridge which should keep the dough for up to 2 weeks.

News from St Wilfrid's

Touch on YouTube.

I'm very aware that many of you will have the kids at home again, so just a reminder that I am continuing to record a weekly *Pete in Touch Reboot* with my buddy Angus McShoogle. I normally record on a Monday morning, so it is usually available from about lunchtime on our parish YouTube channel: **braytonparishselby**, or just search *Pete in*

Also, a reminder that I record two versions each week, one aimed at EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2 age kids. The video title makes it clear which one is which.

Angus and I do hope *Pete in Touch* is something that helps you all get through this ongoing challenging time! We'd love to hear from you. Blessings, Rev Pete.

Rev Rob is excited to say that Alive@5 returns in 2021 on the last Sunday of each month. The next Alive@5(@Home) will be on Sunday 31st January at 5pm by Zoom. The theme of the service will be 'Finding God where we are'. The service will last no longer than an hour and will include the usual fun, games, craft, songs, prayer and thinking time. The flyer for the service is attached below.

If you would like to join us, please sign up by emailing families@stwilfridsparish.com by Wednesday 27th January. We will then send you more details about the service, including what you will need to have with you. We will also send out the Zoom invitation for the service to you a couple of days before we meet.

We'll hopefully see you then!

With all blessings, Rev Rob and the Alive@5 Team







Yours sincerely

Mrs L Hugill Head of School

Diary Dates

Friday, 15 th January	 Deadline for online applications for Reception 2021 new starters
Friday, 12 th February	School ends for Half-Term
Monday, 22 nd February	Back to school
Friday, 26 th March	School ends for Easter
Monday, 12 th April	Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday, 13 th April	Back to school
Monday, 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday, 28 th May	School ends for Spring Bank
Monday, 7 th June	Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday, 8 th June	Back to school
Friday, 23 rd July	School ends for Summer

New Dates Added





