

## One family branching out together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all of our families at the start of the new term and we hope that you all had a restful Easter and the children are prepared and looking forward to the busy and exciting term of learning and exploration ahead. This newsletter will focus on some reminders and upcoming events to help you prepare for the coming weeks. It is fantastic to see and hear our full complement of children playing outdoors together again and to see their parents and carers at the end of the day on the playground once again.



April derives from Latin *Aprilis* and *aperiere* meaning 'to open', in reference to the opening or blossoming of flowers and trees in this month; what an apt analogy to transfer to the wider opening of school where our children can once again blossom and bloom, as we transition out of the pandemic!

### Earth Day

On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April next week the whole school shall be celebrating Earth Day to inspire us to act towards the protection of the environment and focus on the need for conservation. Each class will be taking part in various activities which will be reported in the next newsletter. Children will be able to wear blue (to represent the sky) or green (to represent the land), or a combination of both colours on this day. We will not collect any monetary donations for this event.



### School Photographs

In case any haircuts are pending, just to advise you that our school photographers, Phototronics will be calling on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May to take individual, family group photographs, along with Reception and Year 6 class photographs.



### Parent/Staff Contacts

Please email Mrs Briggs on [admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk](mailto:admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk) if you need to relay any information to your child's class teacher, or would like to arrange for a telephone call or socially distanced meeting with them to discuss your child. Our staff are always pleased to make time to discuss your children and any individual needs that they may have.



### Outdoor Development

As you will see the outdoor development is picking up momentum and we are just applying the finishing touches to the willow arch and surrounding grassy area, so that our children can enjoy playing in this area very soon. The fence has also been replaced in the Class 1 outdoor area and we will keep you informed of the next stage of our exciting new developments as they emerge.

### Medical Appointments

If your child needs to be collected early at any time for a medical appointment then you must inform school by emailing Mrs Briggs with the details of the appointment and provide a copy of the appointment letter or card to be entered on your child's school record. It is a legal obligation to provide evidence of all absences from school wherever possible and failure to do so will result in the attendance being unauthorised.



Only scheduled medical appointments should warrant release from the school day and routine GP and dental appointments should be made outside school hours wherever possible and school has to right to unauthorise attendance if the reason for absence is not deemed to be valid.

### Threadworms

In busy environments such as classrooms where close contact is sometimes impossible to avoid, threadworms can occur. Threadworms are an irritating nuisance but nothing more and can easily be treated and eradicated quickly. Please notify Mrs Briggs confidentially, if you have an outbreak at home, whilst referring to the NHS advice link below regarding how to identify and treat them: -

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

### Emergency Contacts

Please contact Mrs Briggs if you have changed any contact details, such as your address or telephone number, so that this can be updated on our system. It is VERY important that we are able to contact a parent, carer or the next allocated contact on your child's record in the case of emergency. Thank you for your support.



### Breakfast Club

We have spaces available for Breakfast Club which can be booked on a regular or ad-hoc basis by emailing Mrs Briggs. Please may we strongly request that if you have a booking that needs amending or cancelling that you let Mrs Briggs know, as soon as possible, so that we can adjust the staff ratios as needed to accommodate your children. If, however, you find that you need to send your child to Breakfast Club in the case of an emergency, no booking is necessary.



Breakfast Club is open from 8.00am until the start of school daily at a cost of £3.50 per child, per session with a reduction of £2.00 per child, per session for siblings. Mrs Dobinson looks forward to welcoming your children to Breakfast Club daily with a breakfast of cereal and toast being served until 8.20am.



### Labels

Please can all parents and carers ensure that ALL uniform, PE kits and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name and that you check that this has not worn out over time, as items have been washed.



We encourage all children from the time that they enter school with us to be independent and to look after their own possessions, so that they are able to locate their own items of uniform and water bottles at all times when necessary. By ensuring that items are labelled you will be helping our staff minimise the time spent on matching items with children which could instead be focused on importantly on learning.

### MarvellousMe

MarvellousMe is an app that tells you about the wonderful things that your child is learning, and pings you when they've been praised for good work or a great character skill. It makes you smile, feel proud, and inspires better home learning support and encouragement.



Just before the Easter holidays, letters were sent home to enable parents and carers to sign up to the MarvellousMe app. Don't worry if your letter didn't arrive, as reminders will be sent out next week for you to add the app to your phones, so please look out for the letter and return the slip to school. Please click on the link below for further information: -

<https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/news/2020/april/marvellousme>

### Class Information

At the beginning of next week, each class will be sending out their individual newsletters for the term, providing parents and carers with vital information about the curriculum, timetable, plus any miscellaneous news and information to enable you to join your child's learning journey.

### Pastoral Support

Please take time to look at the link below on our school website which details the Pastoral Support that we offer for parents, along with a section regarding 'Supporting Your Child Back to School After Lockdown'.



<https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/parents/pastoral-support>

Mrs Thornton is our Pastoral Support Officer and she can be contacted by emailing [s.thornton@wrfed.co.uk](mailto:s.thornton@wrfed.co.uk) or via Mrs Briggs, if you need her advice or support.

### Sunny Days (Are Nearly Here Again)

It has been bitterly cold and frosty still on a morning recently but we are enjoying the sun creeping through during the afternoon, so it won't be long before we need to think about protecting our children from the sun. A sun cream permission letter will be sent home to parents and carers very soon, so please look out for these letters arriving home. As this letter supports your child's health in school, Mrs Briggs would be really grateful if you could complete and return the reply slips as soon as possible, once the letters are received. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Class 2 Ukulele Lessons

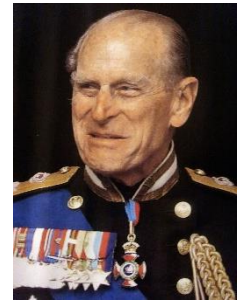
Today the children in Class 2 were joined by Mrs Moulds from NYCC Music Service who will be teaching the children to play the ukulele, showing that we are gradually moving towards being able to accept visitors into school. The ukuleles are loaned to the school by the NYCC Music service and the lessons are free to our children, paid from our school budget.



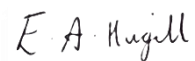
Learning an instrument teaches the children to read and appreciate music, along with helping with their hand to eye coordination.

### HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

We were all sad to hear of the passing of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh last week and the children have been paying their respects to him, along with commemorating his long and eventful life, as consort to Queen Elizabeth.



Yours sincerely



Mrs L Hugill  
Head of School



## Diary Dates

Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Earth Day – non-uniform, wear Green or Blue</li></ul>
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May Bank Holiday (School Closed)</li></ul>
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Back to school</li></ul>
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phototronics – individual, family groups, Reception, Year 6 Photographs</li></ul>
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School ends for Half-Term</li></ul>
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Training Day (school closed)</li></ul>
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Back to school</li></ul>
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School ends for Summer</li></ul>

## New Dates Added

