

One family branching out together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

May is nearly upon us and the house martins (not the pop band) have returned to Barlow from their winter migration in Africa and have been seen flying around the skies near school, looking for suitable nest sites. It's hard to believe that we are approaching the fourth week of our Summer term in school already! Now that the children are back in our setting full time, we have taken the opportunity later on in the newsletter to remind our families about attendance and leave of absences.



Let's Celebrate

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



Class 1

Charlie - for having such a caring nature, a true eco-warrior with lots of ideas about how we can protect our planet.

Heidi – for always smiling and being kind and helpful every day.

Class 2

Henry & Oscar – for their lively contributions to class discussions.

Olivia F – for her 'have a go' attitude.

Class 3

George - for his perseverance and growing enthusiasm in class. Since returning to school, George has tried his best in every lesson and his confidence is growing and growing as each week passes. Keep up the positive attitude George!

Eva - for being a credit to our class this week. She constantly tries her best and when asked to extend her writing, she has gone above and beyond. Her writing is really showing her style. In RE, she shared her opinions and beliefs in a respectful manner which encouraged her classmates to share theirs in the same way. Thank you, Eva!



Attendance

- The pedestrian gate is opened at 8.45am and closed at 9.00am daily. Please ensure that your children arrive promptly. **Children arriving late, after the gate closes, will need to be ring the bell on the gate and be signed as Late by parents in the school office.**
- The pedestrian gate opens at 3.20pm daily and closes at 3.35pm daily. Please ensure that your children are collected from school promptly. **Children who are collected late will need to be signed out as a late collection in the school office.**
- Children arriving late or leaving early for pre-booked appointments (where school have been notified and proof of the appointment has been confirmed) **will need to be signed in or out at the school office please.**

Application for Leave of Absence (Holiday)

Unlike the house martins, as we return to our normal lives, holidays which have previously been cancelled or postponed will start to be booked once again. To request leave to go on holiday as a family, please complete the Application for Leave of Absence which can be downloaded from the school website via the link below: -

<https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/parents/school-office/consent-forms>

All requests for Leave can only be granted in exceptional circumstances and on an individual basis with full evidence being provided by the parent or carer. No parent or carer can demand leave of absence as a right. A decision is made based on DfE and NYCC guidance and parents will be notified of the decision by letter. A decision on whether a family receives a fine is out of control and is taken by the LA.

Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Before completing any application, parents and carers are asked to consider the effect of taking leave on their child's continuity of education.

Sun Cream

Typically, now that the Sun Cream letter has been sent out the weather has changed for the worse! However, a big thank you from Mrs Briggs as all of the permissions were returned at the speed of light, making it easier for our staff to manage the important daily sun cream applications more efficiently.

Please note that the sun cream applied in school is only a top-up during the school day to the sun cream already applied to our children by parents and carers before they arrive at school daily.



Scholastic Book Club

Please look out for the Book Club magazines coming home with your children today from our **Scholastic Book Club!** 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 **orders online by May 14th, 2021.**



Nursery

Please contact Mrs Briggs if you have a child of any age who you would like to join our Nursery at either age 3 or 4, so that you can be added to our waiting list.

Welcome



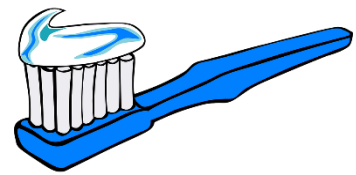
Earth Day

On Thursday, 22nd April last week the whole school celebrated Earth Day to inspire us to act towards the protection of the environment and focus on the need for conservation. Our children all looked fantastic on this day, wearing blue (to represent the sky) or green (to represent the land), or a combination of both colours.



Class 1

We had an exciting day in Class 1 celebrating 'Earth Day'. We began our day by reading the story 'The Tale of a Toothbrush' by M.G.Leonard. We followed Sammy the toothbrush on his epic journey and discovered the problem with plastic and what we can do to help. We decided that it would be a good idea to upcycle some of the plastic we throw away so we used toothbrushes to paint some magnificent pictures. We also saw some pictures of turtles that had unfortunately eaten plastic bags because they thought they were jellyfish, how sad! In the words of Charlie "When we go to the beach for a picnic we need to throw our rubbish away so this doesn't happen" great words Charlie, thank you. We also sorted through a range of different types of rubbish (visually) into things we can compost, such as egg shells, grass cuttings and items that can't be composted, such as tins and glass bottles which can go into our recycling bin. Everyone enjoyed wearing green and blue representing the land and sea.





Jesse and Eva's North Korea Presentation

Jesse and Eva gave a confident PowerPoint presentation to their class, focusing on facts about North Korea, culminating in a quiz at the end for their classmates to participate in. Mrs Hugill and Mrs MacDonald were extremely proud of the research that Jesse and Eva did and how they worked together in collaboration. Here are some of the facts from their presentation: -

- The North Korean city of Pyongyang has the world's largest stadium, boasting a seating capacity of 150,000. This stadium is used for football, athletics and mass games.
- On January 23, 1968, North Korea captured "USS Pueblo (AGER-2)," a Banner-class environmental research ship commissioned by the U.S. Navy. It is the world's only nation to capture and retain a U.S. Navy ship to date.



Global Neighbours

Our school has adopted the Global Neighbours framework which drives our curriculum planning to develop pupil thinking for global citizenship education in schools.

It supports us to expand our ideas for curriculum and collective worship activities, weaving a global perspective into our current curriculum provision and encouraging our children to become active global citizens.

The framework aims to increase pupils' understanding of the root causes of poverty and injustice, as well as engage and empower pupils as agents of change in the transformation of our world. Participation in the framework has helped to build upon the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development of pupils, strengthen the 'promotion of fundamental British values', promote critical thinking across the curriculum, and strengthen links with the local community. Global Neighbours can also enhance Religious Education provision in schools by increasing pupils' knowledge and understanding about why and how Christians, along with people of other faiths and those of no faith, want to change the world to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

If you would like to find out more information about the scheme, please click on the link below.



<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/schools/global-neighbours/about-accreditation-scheme>

Air Pollution Survey

In fitting with our Earth Day and Global Neighbours, we have been contacted by Louis Brown of the Air Quality Management Resource Centre (AQMRC) to kindly request your participation in an important national survey (in conjunction with the University of the West of England, Bristol) to address air pollution at schools. The data collected from this survey will inform the development of strategies to reduce child exposure to harmful air pollution.



The questionnaire is entirely anonymous, and no personal or identifiable information will be requested or recorded at any point. The link below will take you to the questionnaire, which should take no more than a few minutes to complete.

https://uwe.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ZD2i6fXjKPNCFD



Drinks in school

Please can you ensure that your children bring in a water bottle (with their name on) daily, especially with the weather warming up! These can be refilled throughout the day at our plumbed-in water station. Please support our Healthy Schools status by **only** sending in water and **not** juice, etc.

Our Food Policy can be found on the school website: 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 their named water bottle every day that they can refill it, 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 should be brought into school by pupils unless recommended by a doctor for medical needs.



https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/media/files/food_policy_autumn_2020-1.pdf



Parent/Carer Consultations

We intend to hold an online parents' evening before the end of May. When we meet, we will share with you your child's current attainment levels, whether they are on track to catch up and whether they are receiving extra catch-up tutoring in school. Mrs Briggs will be contacting you all in the near future with the full instructions for booking and joining the calls.

News From St Wilfrid's

Please look out for the weekly Pete in Touch Reboot sessions which are available to view. There are 2 versions: EYFS/KS1 & KS2. Search YouTube account: BraytonParishSelby. Or search Pete in Touch on YouTube.

Rev Pete warmly invites you to join him for some relaxed fellowship and informal worship at **Inspire by zoom** this Sunday 2nd May 5-6pm!

It would be lovely to see you there!

To join the zoom meeting please click on the link below: -



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89866216827?pwd=Yi9DK3N6cGI5YTMxL3FYbkdRU3JnQT09>

Pastoral Support

Compass Buzz is now going through a restructure and more information will follow as this develops.

If you feel your child would benefit from this service, please speak with your class teacher who will sign post you for support.



How has Compass Buzz supported our school and the local community?

Compass BUZZ is an innovative project which works with the whole school workforce and other key partners in schools across North Yorkshire to increase the skills, confidence and competence of staff dealing with emotional and mental health concerns.

For the last three years Compass BUZZ have successfully delivered free mental health and wellbeing training to schools and other key partner organisations across North Yorkshire; training in excess of 10,000 people.



Aim: The aim of the project is to develop a ‘whole school approach’ with the priority placed on improving the resilience and emotional wellbeing of children and young people. As a result of the project’s wraparound support, school staff will feel empowered to tackle stigma and effectively respond to children and young people’s emotional and mental health needs. This will prevent problems escalating through to specialist services and enable them to be happy and healthy young people with brighter futures.

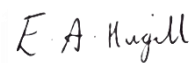
There is also a service called Compass Reach which is a free, confidential health and wellbeing service for children and young people aged 9 – 19 (and up to 25 for those with special educational needs or disabilities) who may benefit from receiving early help and prevention work in relation to mild to moderate emotional wellbeing and mental health issues.

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/north-yorkshire-compass-reach/>

<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 or via Mrs Briggs, if you need her advice or support.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School



Diary Dates

Monday, 3 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday, 4 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Back to school
Friday, 14 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for ordering Scholastic books online
Friday, 14 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phototronics – individual, family groups, Reception, Year 6 Photographs
Friday, 28 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School ends for Half-Term
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

