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## Newsletter – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents

I'd like to start by welcoming you all back to the summer term at Barlow. My first day at Barlow demonstrated why this school is so special and unique, and as the week draws to a close, I would like to share my feelings about this amazing school with you.

The team at Barlow is incredible. The staff and governors are each committed to providing quality learning opportunities for the children, and deeply care about their well-being. I was amazed at the pace of learning within each classroom and the depth of understanding that every staff member has about every child in their care.

As members of the Barlow community, this won't be a surprise to you, and many parents have echoed similar sentiments to me each morning in the playground. I'd like to thank you for sharing your thoughts, and for making me feel so welcome as I join the school. Please do continue to talk to me, as I always appreciate hearing your thoughts and opinions – both good and not so good!

I'd like to finish by focusing on the most important members of the Barlow family – the children. They are delightful and a credit to the school. I've witnessed nothing but the highest standards of behaviour, outstanding manners and respect for each other and the adults in school. Whilst standing on the playground each morning I have seen children run and skip into school ready to begin their learning, with enthusiastic greetings being rapidly exchanged and sharing effortless smiles.

Barlow is a happy school and it is fortunate to be based on a foundation that will support its future. I feel privileged to be a part of this, and I look forward to sharing our successes and improvements with you throughout this term.

### From Walking Around School This Week...

**Class 1** – Class 1 were working very hard in maths this week, they were looking at halves and quarters! This was quite tricky, but they persevered. Well done, Class 1!

**Class 2** – Class 2 were creating and delivering a news broadcast for The Fantastic Mr Fox story. Well done, Class 2!

**Class 3** – Class 3 were comparing text of The Northern Lights book with The Golden Compass movie and writing descriptions of their findings. Well done, Class 3!

## **Celebration Assembly**

During Celebration Assembly today, each class showed some of their fantastic learning. There were some wonderful stories from class 1, Easter story newspaper reports from class 2 and some literacy and science work from class 3 shared with the school.

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with the following awards during the assembly:

WOW:-

Reception - Noah K

Year 1 - Madeline T

Year 2 - Harry B

Year 3 - Joseph L

Year 4 - Molly B

Year 5 - Jacob L

Year 6 - Joel W

Gold award:-

Penny R

Charles M

## **House Point Winners**

This weeks house point results are outlined below. Well done to Hufflepuff for winning this week! The Hufflepuff house point captains were presented with the trophy during Celebration Assembly this afternoon.

1<sup>st</sup> place – 88 points - Hufflepuff

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 69 points - Slytherin

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 51 points - Ravenclaw

4<sup>th</sup> place – 35 points - Gryffindor

## **Dates for diary**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	-Bank Holiday (School closed)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	-9am Bags2school collection
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	-KS2 SATS week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	-KS1 SATS week
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	-Stocksbridge visit (morning only) whole school
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	-Kwik Cricket at Holy Family year 5 and 6 (selected pupils)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	-3pm Parents Assembly
	-3.30pm children break up

## **Charity Bags**

Can we please ask that any bags2school donations are not brought in to school until 9am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. We are having a clear out in school and don't want any donations going into the skip by accident. Thank you.

## **Drama Voucher**

The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy has given the school a voucher for a scholarship for one term worth £102.00. If your child is interested and you are able to get them to the class at Selby Community Centre on Scott Road for the duration of the course, please put their name forward to the office to be entered into a draw by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. The voucher is only valid for new students, for year one children upwards.

Best wishes,

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