



Newsletter – 8th December 2017

An Invitation...

I would like to invite you to the fabulous Christmas craft coffee morning on Tuesday, 19th December, 9.00am until 11.00am. Parents and prospective parents are warmly invited to join us for a fun-filled morning. We will be offering hot drinks and cold drinks plus mince pies. You will be encouraged to visit each class and join in with the Christmas craft activities across the school, either with your own child or on your own! You are also invited to bring younger children in, who may not be at our school yet, to enjoy our practical activities. I know that one activity is to make reindeer food, but as for the others, well, you'll just have to wait and see... it's a surprise!

On another note, we have noticed the improvement in the parking at the beginning and end of the day, please keep it up! The School Council will be back out before Christmas, to check that sensible parking is continuing...you have been warned!!!

Billy Lobley, Chair of the School Council



Film Night

It's not too late to sign your child up to enjoy our showing of the Polar Express on Tuesday 12th December, 3.30pm – 5.15pm. Drinks, snacks, hotdogs and exhausted children are guaranteed! We will dismiss from the library door at the end of the session.



Christmas Play

Our dress rehearsal is on Monday 18th December at 9.00am. This is for the children and staff only. To help save time, please could the children come straight to the village hall on Monday morning between 8.50am and 9.00am.

We will be walking back to school for lunch and would like to ask if there are any willing parent volunteers to assist with the walk back at 11.45am please.

We have our first performance for parents and carers on Monday 18th December at 2.00pm-3.00pm. The children will change into their outfits at the village hall and will change back at the end of the performance. Once they are changed you are welcome to take your child home. We anticipate that the children will be ready by 3.00pm so it would be helpful if all children are collected from the village hall on this day. If you would like another parent to collect your child, please could you email the school to let us know.

Please note that all of the children are in both performances. It would be helpful if the children

arrive at the village hall at 5.30pm on Tuesday so that we can prepare for a 6.00pm start. The Tuesday performance will end for 7.00pm after the children have changed.

Tickets will be distributed on Monday 11th December in book bags. Please look out for them.

After-School Clubs

After school clubs have now finished and we aim to begin them again, starting on Monday 15th January 2018.

A letter detailing the after-school clubs will be sent out next week and you will be able to sign your child up on ParentPay.

Panto

If you could please provide a named bottle of water for your child to take along to the Pantomime and ensure they are wearing a warm coat. The bus is expected back between 5.15 and 5.30, depending on traffic. We will inform you by text if the time changes.

Parents Assembly

The Parents' Assembly on Friday 15th December at 3.00pm is to share the children's achievements this term. We hope as many of you as possible can come along.

Christmas Parties

The children and staff are looking forward to their class Christmas party on Friday 22nd December, 1.00pm-3.30pm.

Please could Class 1 pupils bring in donations of savoury foods and could Class 2 bring in sweet foods. Please could we ask that the foods are nut and pineapple free.

The children are welcome to bring in party clothes to change into at 1:00pm and they will leave school at the normal time of 3.30pm.

Parent and Toddler Group

I'd like to reiterate my request for anyone who is interested (or do you know of anyone outside of our school) in establishing a parent and toddler group at Barlow School? **You do not have to have a child at the school to be involved** and it does not require a lot of work as it's on the school site and the risk assessments and policies are already in place.

We would like to open our doors to the community once a week between 9.00am and 11.00am for parents, carers and babies/toddlers to come to school and use our library, toys and hall with the aim of meeting, playing and socialising. Please contact me if you're interested.

Christmas Service

Rev. Pete is holding his Christmas Service at school on Thursday 21st December at 3.00pm. Please join us to worship as a community in our school hall.

A little rumour

It's not often that I'm left puzzled but the recent rumour that the school is facing closure has stumped me! Thank you to the parents who quickly informed me as it allows me to officially reassure the community that this is not the case, nor has it even been a consideration. The school has a very healthy future ahead of it and our focus is to build and strengthen the firm foundations that have been built since our inspection.

A huge thank you

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal was very well supported, thank you to everyone who sent in the lovely boxes.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Thursday 14th December –

Whole school pantomime trip to Hull

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL LATER THAN 3:30PM. We will return for 5:15PM-5.30PM.

Friday 15th December, 3.00pm –

Parents Assembly

Monday 18th December, 9.00am –

Christmas performance dress rehearsal

Monday 18th December, 2.00pm –
Christmas performance at village hall
3.00pm collection
Tuesday 19th December, 9.00am-11.00am
Christmas craft morning. Come and join us!
Tuesday 19th December, 6.00pm –
Christmas performance at village hall
7.00pm collection
Wednesday 20th December, noon –
Christmas lunch followed by visit from Santa
Wednesday 20th December –
Christmas jumper day
Thursday 21st December 3.00pm–
Christmas service in school hall
Friday 22nd December –
Christmas parties (pm)
Friday 22nd December –
Children break up at 3.30pm
Monday January 8th – Staff Training day
Tuesday January 9th – Children return to school

Best wishes,

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