







## Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents



BARLOW CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Open Morning

For prospective parents of pre-school and primary age children  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
9:00am-Noon

*What can we offer our families?*

- A safe, caring environment
- Personalised learning for your child
- Dedicated, loyal staff
- A committed governing body
- Small class sizes
- Extended curriculum opportunities
- Open door policy, embracing partnership working
- Regular progress meetings
- Mixed age classes
- Workshops for parents to support learning at home
- Breakfast club provision and after-school clubs.

*"Our school feels like one big happy family" – Ofsted, March 2017.*

Contact Mrs Walker on 01757 618319 for more information.

Half of the money has been used to complete our home school reading scheme and the remainder of the money has been saved to fund a whole school visit during the spring term.

Thank you very much Rachel for your hard work and commitment, we are very grateful. The children are going to enjoy choosing where we are going to go and we'll put an update in the newsletter after Christmas once they have decided where we're going to go!

### Breakfast Club

The children attending breakfast club have been able to enjoy a variety of new, fun games and activities thanks to the generous donation from Mr and Mrs Slack.



### Gin night fund raiser

We received a lovely surprise just before the half term holiday when Rachel Lintott popped into school with a cheque for school funds. During the summer holidays she organised a successful gin night at the village hall and raised a jaw-dropping £888.00 and kindly donated this money to the school.

### Halloween party

We would like to say a huge thanks to the Community Group who arranged the Halloween party and to all who contributed and attended. You raised a fantastic £254.60 for our school.

### Children in need

The School Council would like to invite children to come to school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November in non-uniform for Children in Need. If your child would like to do this, all we ask is for a donation of £1. They would also like to hold a cake stall to raise money. If you are willing to bake some treats, please could they be in school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November for the School Council to sell them at 3.30pm. Please ensure that all boxes are clearly named so we are able to return them.

### Film Night

We are planning to hold a film night after school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December to give parents a chance to do some Christmas shopping. A form will be distributed in book bags during the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### Christmas performance

We have decided to make this event a ticketed event and charge a small fee for attending. This ensures that we are able to monitor numbers for the capacity of the village hall and the funds raised will be used for valuable resources for the school. Adult tickets will be £1.50 and children's tickets are 50p. Please pay for tickets on Parent Pay, ensuring you select the correct performance as this is how the tickets

will be generated. They will be available to pay on parent pay from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Could we please remind you of the MacMillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 9-11.45 for the whole community. Could we please ask for donations of cakes and buns.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year we are supporting the Christmas Shoebox Appeal for children in Moldova. Every year TEECH.org (A BT backed charity) delivers Christmas presents to one of Europe's poorest countries in an effort to make sure some of the poorest families receive food, clothes, humanitarian aid and Christmas presents.

What to do.....

- Find an empty shoebox
- Wrap the box and lid separately (if boxes can be opened then this helps us in case they need to be checked by customs)
- Decide if your box will be for a boy or girl and the age (please ensure a label is placed on the box so we allocate the box to a suitable child)
- If your parcel is for a family or is food then please ensure the label states this (food should be separate from other items)
- Fill your box with gifts - see suggestions list below

Suggestions of gifts for your shoebox.....

Toys - soft toys, balls, yoyo, skipping rope, building blocks, jigsaws, musical

instruments, toy cars, dolls, jewellery, balloons, playing cards etc. Educational Items - pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, paper, colouring and/or puzzle books, pencil case, ruler, rubber, stickers, solar calculator etc. Personal Items - toothbrush and paste, shampoo, deodorant, sanitary products, hairbrush, comb, shower gel, soap, flannel etc. Other - socks, scarf, gloves, hat, sweets, wind up torch Food - rice, pasta, (dried foods), tea, coffee, oats, sweets, biscuits etc. - please ensure all food has a best before date for at least 6 months.

Boxes should be sent in to school by the morning of **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, so that we can get photos of the children with their boxes, ready for collection for the following day for distribution.

#### Barlow Village Christmas Lights

Mrs Ross has stepped down from the committee that would ordinarily arrange the event of the switching on of the Barlow Village Christmas lights, which is usually performed by one of the children from our school. Mrs Ross has asked if any parents would like to take on this event. If no one wishes to do this, the lights will still go on, but not in such a celebratory way. If you are interested, please contact Tony Wray, the Chairman of Barlow Parish Council.

#### Upcoming diary dates

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – New starter open morning

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November MacMillan Coffee Morning 9-11.45 for the whole community

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need fundraising

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Shoe Box Appeal boxes to school

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Film night 3.30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school pantomime trip to Hull

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 3pm Parents

Assembly

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 9am

Christmas performance dress rehearsal

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm –

Christmas performance at village hall.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 6pm –

Christmas performance at village hall

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 12pm

Christmas lunch followed by visit from Santa.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas parties (pm)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Children break up at 3.30pm

Best wishes,

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