



## Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents/carers

### Kitchen Inspection

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) helps you choose where to eat out or shop for food by telling you how seriously the business takes their food hygiene standards.

The scheme is run by local authorities in England, Northern Ireland and Wales and applies to restaurants, pubs, cafes, takeaways, hotels, supermarkets and other food shops...and schools.

Each business is given their hygiene rating when it is inspected by a food safety officer from the business's local authority. The food safety officer inspecting the business checks how well the business is meeting the law by looking at:

- how hygienically the food is handled – how it is prepared, cooked, re-heated, cooled and stored
- the condition of the structure of the buildings – the cleanliness, layout, lighting, ventilation and other facilities
- how the business manages and records what it does to make sure food is safe

At the end of the inspection, the business is given one of the six ratings from 0-5. The top rating of '5' means that the business was found to have 'very good' hygiene standards. Any business should be able to reach this top rating.

We are thrilled to share with you that Mrs Allerton received the full 5 stars when our school kitchen was inspected last week.

Mrs Allerton is an asset to the school and we are very blessed to have her. Not only does she prepare freshly cooked dinners each day but she also takes responsibility for running our breakfast club every morning. She thoroughly deserves this outcome and I would like to thank Mrs Allerton for her hard work and dedication, we appreciate everything that you do.



### Parent governor

Are you interested in becoming a parent governor? If so, we have placed further information in your child's book bag.

There is a lot of information to digest but I would like to take this opportunity to share the key criteria that we are looking for.

We need active, available and committed parents who:

1. **Can spend at least three mornings per term at school to fulfil monitoring responsibilities**
2. **Have time to attend at least 4 full governors' meetings during the academic year (usually early evening)**
3. **Are able to attend 4 sub-committee group meetings during the academic year (usually after school)**

Please come and see me if you would like a nomination form or if you require further information about the role.

### Christmas craft morning

The School Council would like to invite you to our Christmas craft morning on Tuesday 19th December, 9:00am - 11:00am. The morning will be jam packed with craft activities and you are more than welcome to come and make crafts with your child/children and enjoy a drink and a mince pie or piece of cake as the morning progresses!

The School Council are going to lead the morning and it's an opportunity to celebrate a very busy, but productive term whilst enjoying the run up to the Christmas holidays. They are excited to enter into the Christmas spirit with parents, grandparents, carers and even our potential new starters and their families for 2018 and beyond...the more, the merrier!!!

### Free school meals

Are you eligible for free school meals? If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, even for a short-term temporary period, you can

apply to receive free school meals. Not only does this benefit your family by receiving free school meals and breakfast club, but the school also receives Pupil Premium funding for the duration of your child's primary education to enhance the learning provision for your child. Your child only need be in receipt of free school meals for a short period for the Pupil Premium funding to trigger for their whole primary school education. With additional pressures on tight school budgets, any additional funding we can secure will help us maintain our high standards of educational provision.

Please complete and return the attached form the school office if you are in receipt of any of these benefits, or have a temporary change of circumstances which triggers these benefits:

- Income Support – (IS)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance - (IB JSA)
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance - (IR ESA)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual household income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Universal Credit – during the initial roll-out of the benefit
- A "Run-on" of Working Tax Credit - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

### Parent and Toddler Group

Is anyone interested (or do you know of anyone outside of our school) in establishing a parent and toddler group at Barlow School? 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.

If you are interested, please could you come and see me for further information.

### St Wilfrids AutumnFair

The annual Autumn Fair is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 10am until 1pm.

Stalls include cakes, books, cards, toys and refreshments.

Upcoming diary dates

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 – Christmas craft morning 9-11am

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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