



## Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents

On Wednesday Class 2 travelled to Holy Family High School where we took part in a cross school cross country event. There was a boys and girls race for each year and I am incredibly proud of each and every child that took part. Every child ran their hardest and put 100% effort in. Special congratulations to Jack B, Lily F, Jack H, Amelia D, Harry K, Eleanor S and Thomas C who all either won or came in the top 8 for their race and so will progress to the next round. I would also like to give Tyler special thanks for being our school cheerleader who, even though could not run, kept each and every runner spirits high with constant encouragement.



On Thursday we enjoyed taking part in the Hindu festival of Diwali. The children came dressed in traditional Indian clothing and bright colours. Over the course of the morning the children made diya lamps, rangoli patterns using rice and lentils and decorated biscuits to look like firework displays to name a few of the crafts they took part in. In the afternoon the excitement continued as we learnt some traditional Indian dance moves and tried some Indian food, which was a huge hit with the children!



### MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a 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 Card orders

Could any card orders be returned to school with the correct amount of money/cheque (payable to Barlow Primary School) by the 1<sup>st</sup> November at the very latest.

### Class 1 PE

After half term class 1 will be having rugby coaching by Mr Marsham on a Tuesday afternoon (instead of the Summit), so please could children bring jogging bottoms. A big thank you to Mr Marsham for generously giving up his time each week.

### Class 2 Swimming

Class 2 will still be swimming on a Tuesday after the half term holiday right through until 12<sup>th</sup> December (last session).

### School Website

The school will have a new look website that goes live on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. The newsletter is still available on our current website, but please bear with us if the current site does not have the up to date information you are looking for.

### New school dinner menu

The new menu sheets have been issued today. Please remember that all curry days have been changed to a roast chicken dinner. Please return ALL slips, even if your child is usually pack up as we need to know how many children are attending the Christmas dinner. This is the one day of the year we encourage every child/staff member and school governor to stay for a school dinner.

### 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.

More information will follow after half-term.

### Parking

We have once again had complaints from our neighbours about people parking opposite driveways, on the corner of the carpark entrance etc, making it very difficult for them to enter/exit their properties. The school council will be observing parking and issuing tickets to parents/guardians who are dangerously parked. Please consider our neighbours when parking.

### Young Voices

The forms to order t-shirts, parent tickets and DVD's have been sent home with children taking part in the Young Voices club. If forms could be returned as soon as possible and payments should be made on Parentpay.

### Halloween Party

The BFG would like to ask if there is anyone able to help run a game or stall at the Halloween Party. They have

also requested raffle prize donations and donations of baked goods. The deadline for raffle donations is 3.30pm, baking donations can be dropped off at the event.



### Upcoming diary dates

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 3.00pm Parents Assembly and children break up for half term at 3.30pm  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Back to school  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – New starter open morning  
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

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### **Sausages, Saints and Superheroes!**

**When:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 4-7pm

**Where:** Brayton Primary School Hall

**What:** Family Fun, Food and active team games for all ages!

- Sausages and juice provided. Please bring a pudd!

- Come as a superhero or saint, if you want!

**Cost:** £1 per person

To book a place or for more info, contact me, Rev Pete, on 01757 704707 or at [pete.d.watson@outlook.com](mailto:pete.d.watson@outlook.com)

Hope to see you there! 😊

Best wishes,

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