



Newsletter – 6th October 2017

Dear Parents

Message from Billy Lobley, School Council Chair, regarding road safety

There is a problem with parking at the school, it has got out of hand. It is impossible to cross safely. It is hard for cars to pull out of junctions. This is a problem for the children, who might get injured and it affects the flow of cars. No matter how much time you spend on the double yellow lines, it affects other people. People block the park entrance and the entrance to the staff car park and use this to turn around, this is not acceptable. We will now be giving out parking tickets. Green is good and gold is bad. We will be sending children out in high visibility jackets each day to police the area.



Staff update

As you may be aware, Mrs Dodsworth is currently absent from school and she has been greatly missed by staff and children. She has remained in contact with the school throughout and this week shared with me the news that she has decided, with a heavy heart, that it is time for her to leave our Barlow.

She has asked me to convey that her reason for leaving is due to family commitments and the need to spend quality time with them.

Mrs Dodsworth has been at Barlow for over ten years and during this time she has gone above and beyond in her role. Barlow holds a special place in her heart and I am pleased to share that she intends to return as a volunteer after a period of rest. When Mrs Dodsworth is ready we will celebrate her time with us at Barlow and we shall update you regarding a date nearer the time.

Thank you Mrs Dodsworth for everything that you have done for us at Barlow. It's not so much a 'goodbye', but more of a 'see you soon', so until we see you again, we wish you all the very best.

Breakfast Club

Thank you for supporting our new Breakfast Club. We started with a handful of children each day and it has steadily grown over the term and I can happily say that it is now thriving! It's a pleasure to enter school each morning and witness our children eating at

the table with staff, sharing stories, helping one another and laughing together. Mrs Allerton and Mrs Bodle are the driving force behind its success and they have been busy collecting resources for the children to use after their breakfast in our new library area. I am incredibly grateful and thankful to both of them for their commitment, they are an asset to our school team.

The school recently received a £500 donation in support of our breakfast club. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Slack from The Manse Residential Care Home and Prospect House Residential Care Home. This was an unexpected and pleasant surprise for which we are very grateful. Mrs Allerton will consult with Breakfast Club children next week to ask how they think the money should be used to enhance the provision that we have.

If you would like your child to join us at Breakfast Club, please could you contact Mrs Walker for more details.



After-School Clubs

After-school clubs are now up and running and the children are enjoying the range of clubs available. Cookery club is particularly popular and the sweet and savoury smells that waft throughout school on a Tuesday tempt many staff members out from classrooms and offices! It's not too late for your child to sign up to try a club. Please speak to Mrs Walker if you would like

further information or if you feel that you would like to offer an after-school club after half term. The children are keen to have a nature club, craft club and IT club and any help and expertise would be appreciated!



Menu Change

We have revised our dinner menu to include an extra roast chicken dinner option. This has proved hugely popular with the children and it will replace this week's chicken korma meal until the end of term (Christmas). Please amend your records and inform Mrs Walker if you wish to change what has already been ordered.

School Start Times

A reminder that the school day starts at 9.00am, which is when the children need to be ready to start work in their classroom, not arriving at this time. The school day finishes at 3.30pm and staff are unable to start the after-school clubs until all children have been collected. We have had issues with parents regularly arriving 5/10 minutes late which is causing delays to the after-school clubs.

Upcoming diary dates

Thursday 12th October – Photographer taking individual photos and then sibling photos at the end of the day.

Friday 20th October – 3.00pm Parents Assembly and children break up for half term at 3.30pm



Sausages, Saints and Superheroes!

When: Saturday 28th 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

Hope to see you there! ☐

Best wishes,

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