



Newsletter –8th September 2017

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to Barlow school, and what an exciting first day that we had! Breakfast club officially started, staff were excited to meet the children and the school was ready to begin a new term. We all had a busy summer and I'm particularly grateful Mr Robbins, Mr Marsham, Mr Gale, Mr Friend and Mr Taylor, our parent helpers, who offered their free time to paint key areas of the school in readiness for the first day back. The look of excitement and pleasure on the faces of the children was a clear validation that they were happy with the improvements.

As I have walked through the school this week I have observed both classes enjoying getting to know their new teachers and an enthusiastic hub of learning throughout the school. Mrs Alnajjar and Mrs Edenbrow have enjoyed harvesting the tomatoes from the EYFS area and creating tomato sandwiches, though the children enjoyed the tasting part the most!

Mr Hedges has been quick to introduce the Mayan topic to his class and the children are already researching this period in history, taking a particular interest in the Mayan love of chocolate, and the School Council have been quick to organise a visit to the Chocolate Story in York in October for Class 2.

We have had a fantastic 4 days and I look forward to seeing the children in action again next week.

School Council

Our School Council this year have been confirmed after a vote.

Our Council members are:

Billy Lobley – Year 6 Rep and Chair

William Taylor – Year 5 Rep and Vice Chair

Penny Robbins – Year 4 Rep

Jack Brown – Year 3 Rep

Thomas Chantry – KS1 and EYFS Rep

We met on Thursday and so far they have decided to vote on a charity that they would like the school to support this term and organised a trip to York Chocolate Story in October. They are also in the process of choosing new playtime equipment and storage for playtimes and new certificates for WOW workers ready for our Friday assembly.

We had a 45minute meeting and we accomplished a considerable amount in such a short time. In future newsletters, the School Council will share their accomplishments with you in their own newsletter slot. Watch this space!

Security

You may have noticed that improvements have been made to site security over the summer. We now have a security lock on the pedestrian gate. The gate will be open from 8.50am-9.00am at the beginning of the day

and it will be open again from 3.20pm at the end of the day.

If you need to access the school outside of these times, please ring the metal buzzer on the right of the gate and Mrs Walker will allow you access.

To exit the school there is a green buzzer on the EYFS shed. Press this once and it will release the gate to allow you to leave. All we

ask is that you ensure that the gate is closed behind you.

A reminder please children should not come into school premises before 8.50 on a morning unless they are attending breakfast club, this is for insurance and health & safety reasons. Thank you.

Uniform, Coats & Shoes

A reminder please that all uniform, p.e kits, coats and shoes should be named and if marked with pen, be regularly checked to make sure names can still be read. Please check you don't have anyone else's uniform at home from last term as there is still some missing.

PE/Games kit

All children should bring their PE/Games kit to school on a Monday morning and this should then be kept in school all week as we may do PE/Games at any time weather dependant. Then please take it home on a Friday to wash it and bring back for the following Monday.

Water Bottles

Every child should have a named water bottle in school every day please.

Bikes and Scooters

Please can you remind children that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on school premises. Children should dismount and they bike/scooter should be walked round to the racks.

Battery Collection

We are no longer collecting/recycling batteries as the company will not pick them up in future.

After School Clubs

After school clubs start next week. We will be looking at numbers 1st thing Monday to check if viable as some have very low numbers at the moment.

Newsletters

The newsletters will be bi-weekly this year, sent via email in the usual way and available on our website www.barlow.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Text Message Service

We will again be using the Teachers2 Parents text messaging service this year so it is important you keep us up to date with the current mobile telephone numbers. We use this service to let you know if school is closed in bad weather, for general reminders and other business. Please note however that you are not able to send a reply to the texts so if you need to contact us about a text please phone the office on 01757 618319.

Best wishes,

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