



Newsletter – 26th January 2018

School Update

The spring term is a firm favourite of mine. The children are settled, Christmas-mania has finished, and it is the time that you see the most progress across each year group. As we move through the term, the nights get lighter and there's a general optimism about the potential of warmer weather!

I'm pleased to share that this increased progress has been noted by the local authority, who visited Barlow this week to monitor the improvements of the school. Even though it's only been 4 months since our new team formed, it was clearly evident in books that presentation has improved and there is an increasing evidence of quality work across each class. I'd like to say thank you to our staff, who often spend more time at school than they do in their own homes, as it is their dedication and commitment to school improvement that have significantly impacted on the progress of the children in school.

Road Safety

We've spoken to the children about road and car safety today. Concerned parents have reported to the school that they have noticed children riding their bikes and scooters on the road without due care and attention. The road outside of the school is very busy and we are worried that there may be an accident. There has also been a near miss when a child got out of a car straight on to the road and did not notice the car coming towards them.

This concern also extends to transporting children to and from school. The law states:

Children must [normally use a child car seat](#) until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall [must wear a seat belt](#).

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

Please could you reinforce the importance of road safety with your children. We do not want a serious accident to occur.

Young Voices Concert

The feedback from the staff who attended the Young Voices concert with our children has been fantastic. The children behaved impeccably. The children had a wonderful time, singing and dancing all night, and we hope the parents enjoyed the concert just as much. A DVD from Monday evening's concert is available to purchase and these can be ordered for £9.99 on ParentPay.

After-School Clubs

It isn't long until half term and we will send the after-school club list out next week. Please could you return the sign-up sheet to the school and pay for the clubs on ParentPay.

If you would like to run a club for half a term, please could you speak to Mrs Charlton at the school office and she will happily liaise with you to provide an extra-curricular opportunity for our pupils!

A New Website is Coming!

We hope to launch our new website on Monday 19th February. It's taken a long time to compile all of the information and it will continue to be a work in progress until the end of the summer term. However, I do feel that we need to launch it now as the old website looks rather dated.

Here's a little preview of the homepage...



Governor Election

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, the final day to submit your nomination form is on Friday 2nd February. If you need a new nomination form, please see Mrs Charlton at the school office. I am available to speak to each day if you would like further information before you consider applying.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Friday 9th February – 3.00pm – Parent's assembly

Friday 9th February – 3.30pm - Children break up

Monday 19th February – Back to school

Wednesday 21st February – Y1 Phonics information evening for parents 5pm – 6pm

Friday 9th March – 12.00pm Mother's Day lunch

Friday 9th March – 3.00pm Mother's day assembly

Wednesday 21st March – Maths evening for parents
6pm – 8pm

Thursday 29th March – 3.00pm Parent's assembly

Thursday 29th March – 3.30pm School finishes for Easter

Monday 16th April – School training day – No children at school

Tuesday 17th April – School re-opens, children return to school

Tuesday April 24th – Outdoor Ted visit to Barlow Common

Best wishes,

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