

Barlow Hall Primary School

School website: barlowhallprimary.co.uk

Thank you to all those parents who attended parents evening and to those who completed our questionnaire. They will be analysed and results will go out to parents on the website and via School-Cal. We thought our community might be interested in sharing a link from Manchester Evening News entitled: 'Revealed: The best schools in Greater Manchester according to The Times' Our results are even more noteworthy by the fact that we are one of the few primary schools to make the list at all. Well done everybody
<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/revealed-best-schools-greater-manchester-13957168>

Year 5/6 Synagogue Trip

Following on from last week's Y3/4 trip to the Didsbury Mosque children in Mr Vaughan's, Miss Brien's and Ms Peacock's class this week had the opportunity to visit Didsbury's Sha'are Hayim Synagogue (translated as the 'Gates of Life' Synagogue) which is home to the Sephardi Congregation of South Manchester. The congregation was formed in 1997 by amalgamation of the Withington Congregation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews ish and the Sha'are Sedek Synagogue Which translates as the "Gates of Righteous" Synagogue). The pupils had the opportunity to look around the synagogue and hear more about its history and how worship is carried out in a synagogue which forms a theme in their RE work this term. They all enjoyed their trip.

News from the Communication Centre



The children and staff in the Communication Centre are learning about a special colour-coded programme called The Zones of Regulation. The programme is designed to help children understand and be able to talk

about different emotions in themselves and others. This in turn helps them to learn more effectively in school and at home. The children have enjoyed discussing their 'triggers' i.e. things that make them angry or worried or excited and they have experimented with different 'tools' that help them concentrate or calm down such as fiddle toys, a mini trampoline or squeezing therapy.

Recently we have been learning about our 'Inner Critic' and 'Inner Coach', which is the way in which we all self-talk in our heads. The children are learning to recognise the difference between their Inner Critic which might say, 'I can't do this...I'm going to give up...I'm useless at this!' and their Inner Coach which might say, 'It's OK, I'll have a go...mistakes help me learn so that's OK.' Another part of the programme helps us look at problems that we experience and the size of each problem. This helps the children (and staff!) to realise that we often worry and get worked up about things that are not big problems when we pause to think about them. This has been useful for many of the children and they have also been supporting each other by coming up with solutions for each other's problems



Thank you to all those parents who completed our Parent questionnaire. A brief look through the responses shows an overwhelmingly positive picture but we will let you know when the full results are available to view on our website.



Thank you to all those parents who attended Parents Evening on Wednesday, it was a fantastic turnout and we hope that you were happy with your child's progress and came away knowing your child's next steps.

Christmas Reminders

Christmas Performances

Tickets for our Christmas Performances, costing £1 on sale now until Friday 8th December. All proceeds to our Reading Bus Appeal Performances are:

Tues 12 Dec: 9:15 am - **KS1 (Y1+2)**

Wed 13 Dec: 9:15 am - **Nursery**

Thurs 14 Dec: 9:15 am - **Reception**

Fri 15: LKS2 9:15 am - **Y3+Y4**

Mon 16: UKS2 1:30 pm - **Y5+6**

Please return your order slip with the along with the money for your tickets

Christmas Jumper Day



Pay £1 to come in school in a Christmas jumper on Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 16th December. All proceeds to the Save the Children fund

Christmas Dinner Day



Christmas dinner is on Tuesday 19th December. Packed lunch children wanting a Christmas dinner should return their slips (and payment if required) by Monday 11th December.

Week commencing 4 December:

Mon Y3/4 parents Reading Workshop 9.00
Wild Crew
KS1 PPA – PE kit required

Sainsbury's Athletics Games Loreto High School – collect 5:30

Tues Y3/4 parents Reading/Writing Workshop 9.00
KS2 PPA - PE Kit required

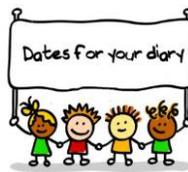
Thur 7 Dec - Rec Class Theatre Trip – **Return 4 pm**

Thurs: 3MJ/1NA-Forest School

Fri : Comms Centre Children - Simply Cycling Longford Park
Swimming – ¾ AC, 3MJ

To see our regularly updated website calendar for more details of what is happening in school.

<http://barlowhallprimary.co.uk/calendar>



December;

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Fri 16 Christmas Jumper day

Fri 16 Last day for milk orders

Mon 18 Dec Attendance Assembly

Tuesday 19 Attendance Assembly Pt 2

Wed 20 Barlow Bears Celebration Stay and Play

KS1 theatre trip 'The Bear'

Thurs 21 – Party Day

Friday 22 Break-up 2 pm, No After School Club

Term Dates 2017/18



Friday 22nd December - Break up 2 pm (No After School Club)

Thursday 4th + Friday 5th January INSET Day - School Closed

Monday 8th January – Return to school

Friday 16th February – Break up 3 pm

Monday 26th February – Return to school

Thursday 29th March – Break up 2 pm

(No After School Club)

Monday 17th April – Return to School

child of the week

Well done to those children who have received Child of the Week Awards for demonstrating excellent behaviours that are supporting their learning and helping them to achieve well.

The following children will receive Child of the Week Certificates on Monday:

**Yakub, Sanaya, Aurelia, Alisha, Nesma
Jia Boa, Diego, Amina, Shenae,**

If your child is to receive a certificate in our Celebration Assembly on Monday at 9:10 am we will send out a message on School Cal to let you know.

Attendance overview from 20/11 17 to 24/11/17

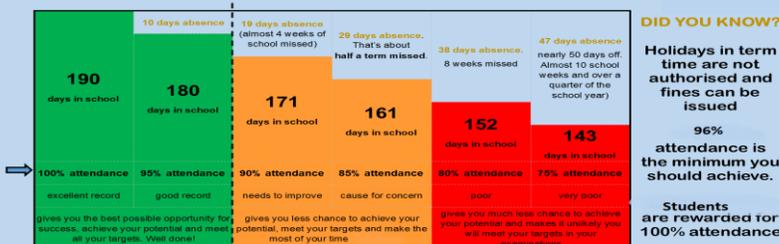
Present: 97.0% Unauthorised Absence 1.1% Lates: 57

Nur B 96.4%	Nur Y 90.0%	
Rec O 95.0%	Rec P 89.0%	
1NA 96.9%	2SK 98.3%	1/2EH 98.8%
3MJ 96.3%	3/4AC 94.7%	4AM 98.0%
5AV 93.9%	5/6SP 96.9%	6AB. 99.3%



Despite previous requests for children to be in their class lines by 8:55 am, we still have a number of children who continue to be late each day. This can severely impact upon your child as they do not know what is happening when they get into class. It also disrupts the learning of other children in class. Children **must** be in their lines by 8:55 am ready to be in class and ready to learn at 9 am.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



There are 175 non-school days in a year to go on holiday, spend time with your family, play, shop, visit the Dentist, do odd jobs, wait in etc.