



**Masks must be worn by all parents and visitors entering the school building.**

## Barlow Hall Primary School Newsletter: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

School website: [barlowhall.co.uk](http://barlowhall.co.uk)

What a great we all had yesterday with our secret surprise. Thanks to all our parents that donated decorations, especially Bella's mum who came and created our balloon arch and Gary for the fabulous pizzas.

In order to manage the possible positive Covid cases, schools have been asked to be on call to support Public Health England until Christmas Eve, 24th December. Please can all parents let us know of any **CHILD's** positive test between 18th December, the day we break up up to 24th December by emailing the details - including your child's name to this email address: [trackandtrace@barlowhallprimary.co.uk](mailto:trackandtrace@barlowhallprimary.co.uk)

Should any child have a positive test we are required to tell any school direct contacts to self-isolate and book a test. Please make a note of the email address. Many thanks.

The children of Barlow Hall Primary School had a fantastic surprise today when they were visited by Santa, along with his elves and reindeer on our



Christmas/Winter Jumper Day, which was held in support of Emmeline's Pantry, a local foodbank with a difference that has supported a number of our families, not only throughout the Covid pandemic but at other times of need. **(Please click here for more information on Emmeline's Pantry)**

Each class, with children n

resplendent in their Christmas or winter jumpers, took turns to go outside with no idea of the surprise that awaited them which included not only Santa's grotto but Santa himself, and two fantastic reindeer with their handler elves. The classes all took turns to sit in the grotto and talk to Santa as they drank their hot chocolate with marshmallows and squirty cream, or juice if they preferred, and then to visit the elves and reindeer and to have their photographs taken in Santa's sleigh.

A big thank you to all those parent who donated the Christmas decorations we used to create our grotto, now you know why they were needed!

Santa also left a Christmas present for each child which he asked us to put into quarantine until Thursday which is Christmas Party Day here at Barlow Hall.

(Children can come into school wearing their party clothes on that day).



The children had a fantastic time and then they returned to their classes to continue the winter wonderland theme. At the end of the day each family were presented with a gift bag containing all the ingredients needed to make a pizza for tea. We would like to say a special thank you to Peggy and Darcey's dad who donated all the ingredients and also made the all the pizza bases.

A big thank you too to Santa and his elves and reindeer for our amazing visit and to Sharon Drinkwater who co-ordinated and organised the event along with our fantastic staff here at Barlow Hall.

Take a look at our class blogs to see some more images from our fantastic day! **Please click here**

### Information for next week

## End of Term



### Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner Day

For school meal children and packed lunch children who have booked a Christmas dinner

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party Day

Children can wear their own clothes

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Break up

### Breakfast club on/No after School Club

Class finishing times:

Nursery 1:55 pm

Reception - 2 pm

Y1, 2, 3 and 4 - 2 pm

Y5 and 6 - 2:05 pm

### Term Dates



#### 2021

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan- Return to school
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Break-up for half-term
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb- Return to school
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April -Break up Easter 2pm
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April Return to school
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May School closed – May Day
- May Day Bank Holiday
- Thur 6<sup>th</sup> May School closed- Polling Day
- Fri 7 May – School Closed INSET DAY
- Fri 28 May Break-up for half term
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June - Return to school
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July Break-up



### Don't forget to keep working through our Get Fit/Get moving Adevnt Calendar

- 12. squats
- 13. Standing long jump measure your distance.
- 14 toe touches.
- 15 seconds balance on each leg
- 16. Mountain climbers for 16 seconds each
- 17 floor triceps dips
- 18. Jogging on the spot for one minute.
- 19 Criss-cross jumps for 30 seconds.
- 20. Heel flicks for 20 seconds
- 21. Wall sit for 21 seconds
- 22. arm circles forwards and backwards.
- 23 chair squats
- 24<sup>th</sup>: 10 Squats, 9 Star Jumps, 8 Seconds Sprint on the spot, 7 Sit-Ups, 6 Tuck Jumps, 5 Mountain Climbers, 4 Push Ups, 3 Squat Jumps, 2 Lunges & 1 Burpee.

**Merrv 'Fitmas'**

# LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

# VERY HIGH

## YOU MUST:

Follow the specific rules in your local area

Not mix with other households indoors

Only meet people outdoors in open public spaces in groups of up to six

Reduce your number of journeys, avoid travel outside the area unless needed

Find all local restrictions and laws at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES**

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS	RETAIL	WORK AND BUSINESS
No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).	Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.	Open.	Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION	INDOOR LEISURE	ACCOMMODATION	PERSONAL CARE
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.	Closed (with limited exceptions)	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS	ENTERTAINMENT	PLACES OF WORSHIP
We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.	Indoor venues closed.	Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING	EXERCISE	RESIDENTIAL CARE	LARGE EVENTS
Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.

## Do you need help with...



**Food.**



**Medicines.**



**Company.**



**Fuel bills.**



**Online services.**

Call Manchester City Council on 0800 234 6123  
Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Text 078600 22876 (response by next working day)  
Email [COVIDSupport@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:COVIDSupport@manchester.gov.uk)

## Emmeline's Pantry



Barlow Hall Primary School is currently supporting the Emmeline's Pantry Christmas Appeal and has donated the proceeds of our Winter Wonderland event to them.

Donations of food, clothes, toiletries and baby items are gratefully received and the foodbank are currently running a Christmas Appeal – [please click here for more details](#)

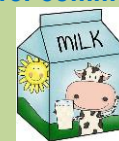
To find out more about Emmeline's Pantry and the services it provides, please [click here](#).

## Christmas Dinner Day



Christmas dinner day will be this Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December for all those children on school meals and those children on packed lunches who have ordered a Christmas dinner.

## Milk for Summer Term



For any parents who haven't ordered milk for next term, the last day we will accept milk payments for will be Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## Breakfast Club and After school Club



If you wish to book your child into After School Club or Breakfast Club, please email [admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk) at least 24 hours in advance. Breakfast Club costs £3 per session and After School Club £5. Advance bookings available.