



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

Barlow Hall Primary School Newsletter: 13th November 2020
School website: barlowhall.co.uk

Thanks to families for voting in our Academy Council elections. Thank you also to all four candidates for their applications. Unfortunately at school we are dealing with more and more unsafe on-line behaviour from our children. These behaviours are not happening at school but at home. It is very important that parents are aware of, and supervising, what their children are accessing and involved in on-line. For some children, they have absolutely no idea of how they are making themselves vulnerable to strangers. We are aware that for some parents, they have no idea of what their children are accessing on-line and who they are in chat rooms with. We will continue to follow up with families as soon as we become aware. Our worry is that we don't always find out. Please be vigilant, have conversations with your child and establish safe rules for your family. Your School Cal newsletter notification has details of some sites that may support parents with this. Have a good week. Jayne Kennedy

FOCUS OF THE WEEK



Poppies



Year 3 and 4 have created batique poppies with Mrs Law which have then been transformed into a wreath commemorating the 80 soldiers from our locality who died during WW1. Children have also learned more about service and sacrifice during WW2 and how people came together in a time of crisis and related some of the issues to those faced in the current pandemic, including the use of symbols of the

poppy and the rainbow to demonstrate thanks.

The Iron Man

Year 3 and 4 have had a great two weeks at school after the half term break; they have shown lots of enthusiasm for their learning! With one chapter to go the children are all gripped by our text in English, *The Iron Man*, and can't wait to find out what finally happens. They have produced some fantastic work, creating their own moving iron men and writing instructions for trapping any iron men who might be causing havoc in the neighbourhood



Life in Victorian Britain



This half-term we will be looking at 'Britain through the ages', with a focus on Victorian Britain. We had a 'Wow!' afternoon where the children played old fashioned games, learned all about a strict Victorian classroom and took part in 'drill'. The children have already completed some homework finding facts about Queen Victoria, and have lots of

questions about events in the 19th century. Any further research that the children could do at home would really support their learning in the class - they could probably teach the teachers a thing or two!

Times Tables Rock Stars



Please continue to ensure that your child completes their maths homework on Google classroom by Wednesday every week. They should also be regularly accessing Times Tables Rockstars and Bug Club to support their mental maths

and reading skills.



Next week is Anti-Bullying week, to mark the occasion we are taking part in 'Odd Socks Day' on Thursday 19th November. 'Odd Socks Day' is designed to be fun. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. The theme for this year is 'Unite Against Bullying.' Each class will take part in a circle time activity that encourages them to think about what they can do to unite about bullying. The children will also learn about what makes a good friend.

Official Election Results

Academy Council Elections

Thank you to all those parents and carers who took the time to vote in our Academy Council. We would like to once again thank all four candidates for agreeing to stand and would like to congratulate Janine Ben-Ali, year 1 parent and Helen Glyde, Y2 parent on their successful election to the Academy council in what was our largest turnout of voters ever!

Parents Evening



Our virtual Parents meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th November. Letters explaining the system and how to use it will be going out to parents soon and parents will then be able to book a meeting slot themselves and then wait in a virtual waiting room until their allotted session time.

Flu Immunisations



Nasal Flu immunisations will take place in school on Thursday 26th November for all those children who returned their consent forms before the deadline. We are hoping that those children for whom we received consent after the deadline will also be able to have the immunisation and are waiting for confirmation of this.

NATIONAL COVID ALERT

STAY HOME

5 NOV – 2 DEC

Only leave home for food, medical reasons, exercise, education or work

You must work from home if you can

Avoid travel unless essential

Schools and essential shops will remain open

Remember: wash hands, cover face, make space

Find the latest guidance and exemptions at gov.uk/coronavirus

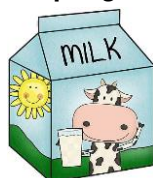
STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

Christmas Dinner for Packed lunch children.



School's Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 16th December and will also be available to those children who currently have a packed lunch, at a cost of £2.30 per child. If you wish your packed lunch child to have a Christmas dinner please complete the order form they brought home with them and return it, along with the payment, by Monday 7th December. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 do not need to pay but will still need to place an order for the meal. Children normally on school meals do not need to place an order for Christmas dinner.

Milk Spring Term



Milk costs for next term, are:
 Children aged 5 before 4th January 2021 - £8
 Reception class children aged 5 in January 2021 - £7
 Reception class children aged 5 in February 2021 - £5
 Reception children aged 5 in March 2021 - £4
 Children under 5 all term- free
 Please pay by SIMSPay or put the correct change in an envelope with your child's and their class teacher's name on.

Reminder: Wear your PE Kit Days



Reception Class – Friday
 Year 1 and 2 – Monday and Friday
 Year 3 and 4 – Tuesday and Friday
 Year 5AM and 6SP Thursday and Friday
 Year 5/6EH – Friday only

After School Activities



Little Sports Coaching are running a number of clubs after school.
Monday: Dodgeball – Y3+4
Tuesday Multi Sports – Y1+Y2
Wednesday: Football – Y3+4
Thursday Gymnastics Y1+2
Football – Y5+6
<https://www.littlesportscoaching.co.uk/book/>

Parents



Please remember to maintain social-distancing and wear a face covering when picking up and dropping off your kids to school



If you wish to book your child into After School Club please email admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk at least 24 hours in advance. Breakfast Club costs £3 per session and After School Club £5. Advance bookings for the term/half-term, specific date can also be made.

How long do I need to self-isolate for?

If you have symptoms or a positive test

10
DAYS

If someone in your household has symptoms

14
DAYS

If you arrive in the UK from abroad*

14
DAYS

*excluding exempt countries

If any member of your household (people living in your house) have Covid-19 symptoms and have been advised to take a test then the whole household, including any children in the household, MUST self-isolate for 14 days.

Term Dates



2020

Friday Dec 18th - Break up – Christmas 2 pm

2021

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