

Barlow Hall Primary School

School Website: barlowhallprimary.co.uk

Many thanks to everyone, families, staff and most of all our children for their fantastic performances this week. The singing and acting was brilliant and I'm sure we are all enjoyed each performance.

We are sad to announce that Ms Williams will be leaving us at the end of term to move forward with her own enterprise. It will be a very exciting time for her but we will all miss her. Mrs Ford will take over as class Teacher for Barlow Bears whilst Ms Reece will now be in the Nursery full time, Monday to Friday.

On a brighter note, Ms Corlett and Mrs Kay will be returning to school at the start of next term following their maternity leave. We look forward to having them back. **Jayne Kennedy**

The year 5 and 6 topic this half term is What makes the earth angry? We are now experts on the causes of tsunamis, earthquakes and hurricanes and have written explanation texts and diaries to show our understanding. We consolidated our learning by teaching year 4 about volcanoes. Additionally, we worked with our in-house artist, Claire Law, to create some fantastic art work using inks and collage which will be displayed around school.

Messages for Y6 parents:

- Look out for booster letters after half-term. Starting second week back after Christmas.
- Thank you for all of the support surrounding the pantomime, especially with costumes.
- As requested at parents evening: www.satspapers.org.uk (Free website for practice papers)

Science Club Crest Award



Well done to the Science Club children across years 5 and 6 who have been awarded the official CREST award from the British Science Association for completing all of the set challenges. These Science ambassadors will be wearing the badges around school after Christmas!

An update from Mrs Holden...



For those of you who don't know, I am the Deputy Head and am the lead for Safeguarding in the school. This means that I am responsible for making sure the children feel safe and secure and know who they can talk to if they have a problem. We have continued on our journey towards the Silver Rights Respecting schools Award and this term have focused on the 'Outright Campaign' for the right to a clean environment and our blue takeover day to

celebrate 'children's day'. It is important that all our children develop an understanding of their rights and how they can feel empowered to have a voice. If any of you would like to be part of our 'Rights Respecting Steering group' please let me know.

Open Doors at the Manchester Art Gallery

Saturday 15 December 9.15-11.15

Open doors is a creative workshop especially for children and adults with autism and other social communication issues, their families and carers. The Gallery opens its doors early so that you can enjoy and explore art together as a family. Next month's session is: **Saturday 19th January - 9.15-11.15** And then **Saturday 16th February - 9.15-11.15** Please

contact Katy McCall if you have any questions or would like to find out more, on 0161 235 8869 or k.mccall1@manchester.gov.uk



Christmas Dinner for packed lunch children

WChristmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 19th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch but you have paid for a Christmas dinner for them please remember not to send a lunchbox in with them.



Carols by Candlelight – Friday 21st December 1:10 pm.

Winners of the tickets for our Carols by Candlelight draw will be notified by Monday and will be able to collect their tickets for the performance from the office next week.

Christmas Performances

Thank you to all those families who were able to attend our Christmas performances. We think you will agree that they were fantastic and could see how much hard work went into making them so great and ensuring every child has a part. Well done to all our budding actors who practised so hard to make sure their families would love it.

Christmas/Winter Jumper Day



Thank you to all those children who took part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal. We will have the final total for the amount of money raised for the appeal next week.

Book People Bus



Thank you to all those families who bought books from the Book People Bus at school today. Commission received from the sales will help to buy more books for school to help to sustain the children's passion and enthusiasm for reading.

Week Commencing 17th December

Mon Celebration Assembly 9:10 am

Wild Crew with Ms Jackson and Mr Murray

Tues KS2 PPA Trip

Wed UKS2 classes teaching an Outdoor Activity Slot in Southern Cemetery

Christmas Dinner Day

Thurs: Party Day

Course: Understanding children's behavior 1 – 3 pm

Forest School – 3MJ/

Fri Carols By candlelight 1:30 (Enty to winning tickets only)

School Breaks up 2 pm – No After School Club

Upcoming Dates

Mon 7: 9:10 am KS2 Attendance Assembly

Y5 Drama Project with Chorlton High

Wild Crew

Activity clubs and sports clubs restart

Tues 8: Attendance Assembly KS1/Reception

Fri 11 Swimming 3MJ/4AM



child of the week

Well done to those children who have received certificates this week for demonstrating excellent behaviours that are supporting their learning and helping them to achieve well.

**Kai, Victoria, Jameson, Arturo
SN, Oliver, Alan, Nehemiah**

**Year 5, 5/6 and 6 have awarded whole class certificates this week
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 3/12/18 to 7/12/18

Attendance 96.7% Unauthorised Absence 0.9%

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| Nur 87.5% | Nur R 94.2% | RSG 91.8% |
| 1NA 97.2% | 2SK 96.9% | 1/2EH 97.7% |
| 3MJ 97.7% | ¾ AC 93.6% | 4AM 96.4% |
| 5AV 97.3 % | 5/6SP 96.7% | 6AB 96.6% |

Every Minute Counts

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| 5 minutes late each day | 3 days lost |
| 10 minutes late each day | 6.5 days lost |
| 15 minutes late each day | 10 days lost |
| 20 minutes late each day | 13 days lost |
| 30 minutes late each day | 19 days lost |



Please make sure you get your things ready the night before as being late impacts on learning and affects children's self-esteem

Christmas Tree collection in aid of St Anne's Hospice



JUST HELPING CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Registered charity number 1149068

The Charity Just Helping organise Christmas tree collections that raises funds for St Ann's Hospice & local charities.

Anyone who would like their real tree collecting can make a donation to have their real tree collected via the Just Helping website and register for collection at <https://charityxmastreecollection.com/who-we-support/st-anns-hospice-stockport/>

& volunteers collect them over a weekend in early January. The trees are then chipped by tree surgeons (again volunteering their time) & the chippings taken to local farms (again for no cost).

80% of the funds raised goes to St Ann's Hospice & the remaining 20% goes to local charities.

Last year we raised £15,650 for St Ann's Hospice & collected approximately 1600 Xmas trees.

The link above not only gives information about the collection & allows parents to register/donate but also provides contact information if they would like to volunteer collecting the trees.

The number of postcodes have been expanded to include M20, M21, collecting trees from again this year & hope to collect in excess of 2000 trees.



2018

Friday Dec 21st Break up-Christmas holidays 2 pm

2019

Mon 7 Jan Return to school

Fri 15 Feb Break-up for half term

Mon 25 Feb Return to school

Fri 5 April Break up Easter

Tues 23 April Return to school

Thurs 2 May School closed – Polling

Mon 6 May School closed May Day Bank Holiday

Fri 24 May Break-up for half term

Mon 3 June Return to school

Thurs 19 July Break-up