

Barlow Hall Primary School

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

We have had great Christmas performances this week, just Year 5 & 6 performance to look forward to on Monday. Well done to all the children and to the staff for working so hard to entertain us all.

We look forward to party day on Thursday and Candles by Candle light on our last day, due to the demand and space available, entrance is by ticket only on Friday. Please remember that school closes at 2 pm on Friday and there is no after school club. **Jayne Kennedy**



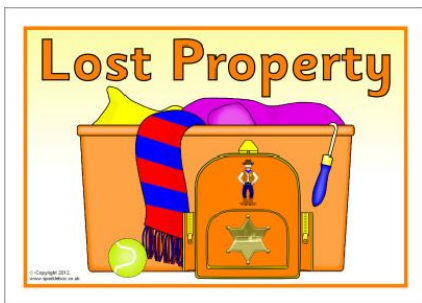
At the beginning of this half term we had a fantastic wow day for our Brazil topic this term. We had Brazilian dancing, carnival headdress making, Brazilian drumming and evening cooking to enthuse the children. They have loved the topic and have

learned all about the geography of Brazil and explored sensitive issues such as deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest and life within a Favela. Within Science we have been learning about Electricity and have created our own circuit 'buzz games' which was very exciting. We are looking forward to our next topic, 'The Islamic Golden Age' next half term as lots of our children have so much to share within this unit. We will link the great inventions from this important historical time to our Science topic, Light. The children will make their own kaleidoscopes to explore reflection.

## YOUNG leaders

Year 6 young leaders have been reading with Reception over the last few weeks, following reading training delivered by Miss Williams and Miss Roche. They have also

been organising and supporting games in the KS1 playground at lunch. Community work has also started to take place: on this occasion children have read to very young children in our local community. The skills these children are developing are priceless in terms of their future



### Lost Property Stall Change of date

Mrs Hadjam will be putting all lost property out in the playground next Tuesday at 2:45 pm so parents can see if they can find any of their children's lost items. If your child has lost something and you cannot attend please hand in details of the lost item to the office and we will check if it is there.

### Christmas performances

On the first day of Christmas...



my true friends sent to me: Performance tips with a festive theme

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended this week's Christmas performances and for supporting the children with learning parts and helping with costumes! The performances were fantastic and the children and staff worked so hard on

them. A montage of pictures from each performance can be found on the website and school blogs. We are really looking forward to the Year 5+6 performance on Monday

### Christmas Reminders



#### Carols by Candlelight

Thank you to all those parents who applied for tickets for our Carols by Candlelight Performance which will take place at 1:30 pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Those parents whose names are drawn out of the hat after school today will be notified by text by Monday morning. The doors will open at 1:20 pm for parents to go down to the hall so please ensure that you are seated prior to 1:30 pm when the performance begins as there will be no entry after this time.



#### Christmas Dinner Day



We will be having our school Christmas dinner on Tuesday so please remember not to send your child in with a packed lunch if you have ordered them a Christmas dinner. Unfortunately we can not take any more orders for Christmas dinner as our kitchen has now ordered



#### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for all those children who came into school wearing their Christmas jumpers today. We will let you know in next week's newsletter how much was raised for the Save the Children Christmas Jumper appeal

Week commencing 11 December:

Mon **UKS2 1:30 pm – Y5+6**

**KS1 PPA – PE kit required**

Tues **Christmas Dinner Day**

**KS2 PPA - PE Kit required**

Wed **Barlow Bears Stay and Play**

**KS1 Trip – The Bear Waterside Theatre Sale. Return 3:15 pm**

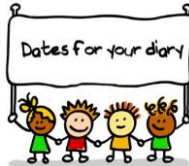
Thur **Party Day**

Fri : **Carols by Candlelight – 1:30 pm**

**Break up – 2pm – No After School Club**

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

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



January 2018

Mon 8 Return to school

Mon 8 After school activities restart

Thu 11 – 5/6SP+1EH Forest School

Time Travellers

Fri 12 Swimming 3MJ/4AM

Mon 15 Jan Attendance Assembly

EYFS/KS1

Tues 16 Attendance Assembly KS2

Thur 18 2SK Class Assembly

Mon 22/1 Equality Week

Wed 24 Basketball Whalley Range

3:45 – 5:30 pm

Thur 25 3/4 Class Assembly

KS1 Parents Maths Workshop – 9:05 am.

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



**Punctuality**

We continue to have an issue with the number of children who are coming into school after the bell has gone. This causes a disruption not only to the child themselves but also to the rest of the class whose learning is interrupted. Children from Y1 -6 must be in their lines by 8:55 am ready to go into school with their teacher and start work at 9 am. Please ensure that your child is in school on time to prevent there being an impact on your child's progress or self-esteem.

## 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:

Isaac, Rico, Lyra, Sophia, Aminah, Zaireece,  
Sweet Pea, Emily, Chloe, Hannah J, Banien

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 4/12/17 to 8/12/17

Present: 95.9% Unauthorised Absence 2.9% Lates: 432

Nur B 83.2%	Nur Y 80.0%	
Rec O 87.3%	Rec P 87.6%	
1NA 91.9%	2SK 94.2%	1/2EH 96.3%
3MJ 98.5%	3/89.6%	4AM 99.0%
5AV 98.7%	5/6SP 97.6%	6AB. 95.9%

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?