



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

Barlow Hall Primary School Newsletter: 20th November 2020
School website: barlowhall.co.uk

We are looking forward to our very first virtual parents evening next week and hope you have all managed to book an appointment. If you have any problems please let the office know before Wednesday so they can try to help. Please remember your log-in and practice getting into the system so you know you won't have problems on the night. This week we have enjoyed celebrating anti-bullying week with activities and learning – as well as odd socks! Have a great weekend. Jayne Kennedy

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

The History of Barlow Hall Primary School



Our topic this half term is all about the history of our school. We started our topic by playing some of the games that our grandparents might have played when they were at school. We had great fun playing marbles, hopscotch, skipping, ball games and much more. We are looking forward to our zoom meeting with Ms Flynn and Ms Reece to find out what school was like for them when they went to primary school.



Did you know that Ms Flynn went to Barlow Hall when she was a little girl? We also play our own new games every Friday we learn how to play a variety of invasion games with a sports coach from Manchester City. We have learnt how to play different invasion games.

Halloween Fun



As part of our Halloween celebrations we listened to the story 'Room on the Broom', a fantastic book which follows a witch as she embarks on an eventful journey on her broomstick. The elements are against her and the witch loses her hat, bow and wand, but she makes new friends who help her find her belongings and when disaster strikes they save her from a witch eating dragon! We then thought about what we

would put into a magical potion if we could make one. Take a look at some of our ideas.

Fun in our continuous provision room

This year we are very lucky to have a continuous provision room where we can continue our learning through a variety of different activities. We love building in the Construction Area, writing messages in our Message Centre, making models and much more.

Anti-bullying Week



We have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Anti-Bullying Week' activities this week. Mrs Kennedy read us a story about Montee the Manatee. The story encouraged to think about what makes a good

friend and making sure we include everybody. We also carried out a circle time where we thought about how we can unite and ensure that everybody in our school community feels welcome, happy and safe.



Packed lunches, coats etc



Please ensure that your child brings everything they need in school with them when they come into school in the morning!

The number of coats, lunchboxes and swimming kits being forgotten is creeping up once again. In order to protect children and keep our pods secure the children need to bring all their things with them to prevent staff having to cross pods to deliver items. Children should now be bringing a coat in with them every day as the weather is unpredictable, even if it is sunny in the morning.

Parents Evening



Our Virtual Parents meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th November. Some staff are also holding additional slots on other days to accommodate all their parents.

Details of additional slots will be available to parents who have not yet booked a slot when they log on to the system.

Letters of how to book and join your session as well as our Virtual Parent Evening Protocol have gone out in both paper format and on school-cal and can also be found by clicking here:

<https://barlowhallprimary.co.uk/general-letters>

A video tutorial is also available showing how to log on and can be [found here](#).

Please let the office know if you are having any difficulties logging on to book an appointment by emailing admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk.

Flu Immunisations



Nasal Flu immunisations will take place in school on Thursday 26th November for all those children who returned their YES consent forms to us. This includes those children who returned their forms after the deadline as Intrahealth have agreed to collect the extra forms.

If your child has had a flu vaccination since you returned their forms please let us know so they do not have a second dose.

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

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

Christmas Dinner for Packed lunch children.



Reminder: Christmas dinner.

Payment of £2.30 and order slips must be returned by Monday 7th December, for children who normally have a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16th December.

Milk Spring Term



Reminder: Milk payments
Milk payment can be made by SIMSPay or by putting the exact change in an envelope with your child's name and class teacher written on it. Please pay by Friday 11th November.

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