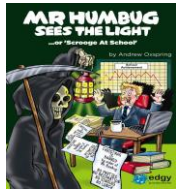


Thank you to all our families and children for your support this year and for the excellent learning behaviours exhibited by our students. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all back in School on Monday 6th January at 8:55 am. Jayne Kennedy



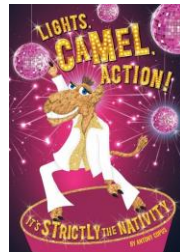
Christmas Performances

Thank you to all those family members who supported our Year 5+6 performance Mr Humbug sees the light. We hope you all enjoyed this and the rest of our performances which pupils and staff worked so hard on.



Year 3/4

LKS2 have had a super finale to this half term with their performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' where they



dazzled the judges with some incredible singing and dancing. A fantastic effort was made by all.



The final challenge for LKS2 this half term is a Design Technology project which will see the students making model of bird hides. This forms a part of the whole school DT curriculum which has seen all year groups designing and building structures this half term. The idea for a bird hides came from this term's trip to Whaley Bridge when we saw a lot of different birds and wildlife and noticed that the scientists build bird hides so

they could stay inside and observe the birds in their natural habitat. Don't be surprised if they want to help out with any DIY over the holidays!



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families and our local community a very Happy Christmas holiday. We look forward to seeing all our children back in school on Monday 6th January at 8:55 am.

Reading month Challenge

November



Well done to Marla (Y2) and Maanisha (Y6) for their Reading Month Challenges. They have had a Reading Prize from Ms Roche this week.

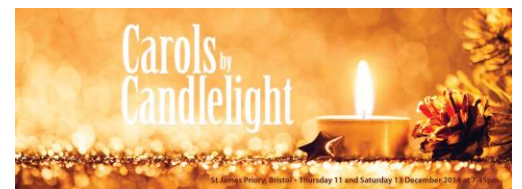
Please remember that our Reading Bus is open every morning to families from 8.45am. Please ensure you come to read for pleasure with your children as often as you can. Thank you to our regular morning visitors to the Reading Bus.

Christmas jumper and cake sale



Thank you once again to all those families and children who supported our School council's Cake Sale and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Emmeline's Pantry in Chorlton. We raised a total of £333.70 to support the project.

Carols by Candlelight



Well done to those parents who won seats in our Carols by Candlelight Christmas Draw. We hope you all enjoyed the performance which included some new, less traditional carols. The children enjoyed learning them and performing them

Parking close to school



Be safe this christmas

It's just what they always wanted

Here are our top tips to help you and your child enjoy Christmas gifts and stay safe online....



Talk to your children about what information they should and shouldn't share online. Things like inappropriate pictures, their address, phone number, school name, location and passwords.

Explain how photo's can be forwarded or shared online. Children should only send out and share photo's that they wouldn't mind being seen by the rest of the world. Once it's out there they will lose all control.

Make sure your child's privacy settings are as high as possible.



Remind your child that people aren't always who they say they are online, and that online friends shouldn't be kept a secret.

Be sure they are always polite and courteous online and speak to people as they would in the real world.

Make sure your child knows to tell you or a teacher if they find something upsetting online and that you won't punish them.

If you would like more information about staying safe online please contact the school office.

Week Commencing 10th January 2020



UPCOMING DATES (please see our website for more events and changes)

January

- Mon 6 Return to school
January Reading month starts
- Tues 7 Attendance Assembly EYFS/KS1
- Wed 8 Attendance Assembly KS2
- Thur 9 Forest School
- Fri 10 Swimming 3KF/3/4AC
- Tues 14 South Dodgeball. Where : Parrs Wood High School - Wilmslow Road – 3:45 – 6 pm.
- Wed 22 Central Basketball Inspire Competition. 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm Whalley Range High School - Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M16 8GW
- Thur 23 Y1+2 WW2 WOW
National Handwriting Day



There will be no Celebration Assembly on the first week back after the Christmas holidays.

We will, however, be holding two Attendance Assemblies during that week, firstly on Tuesday 7th January for EYFS and KS1, and then on Wednesday 8th January for KS2.

If your child is to receive a certificate in our Attendance Assemblies we will send out a message on School Cal to let you know

Attendance overview from 9/12/19 to 13/12/19

Attendance 96.6% Unauthorised Absence 1.7%

Nur B 97.1%	Nur 94.6 %	Rec O 92.3%
1MJ 93.5%	2NA 96.1%	2SK 96.0%
3KF 96.1%	¾ AC 97.7%	4AM 96.7%
5AV 98.3%	5/6EH 97.7%	6SP 97.0%

PUNCTUALITY
IF ANY OF THESE SOUND FAMILIAR THEN IT'S TIME TO FIX YOUR TIMEKEEPING!

My alarm clock exploded and I slept through it.

I was abducted by aliens - look I've got a note to prove it!

I'm fairly sure school starts at 10:00 - maybe I'm early?

The bus driver got off at the stop before mine.

5 minutes late per day,
every day of the week adds up to 3 days of lost school time.

10 minutes = 6.5 days lost per school year

15 minutes = 10 days lost per school year

20 minutes = 13 days lost per school year

30 minutes = 19 days lost per school year

WHAT TO DO THE NIGHT BEFORE
Get everything you need for school ready.

Reception

Don't forget to apply for your Reception Class place if you haven't done so already. Last date 15th January 2020

January 2020

[Please click here](#)



- Fri 20 December Break Up Christmas 2pm
- Mon 6 January – Return to School
- Fri 14 Feb – Break-up Half-Term 3 pm
- Mon 24 February – Return to school
- Fri 3 April - Break-up Easter – 2 pm
- Mon 20 April – Return to school
- Thurs May 7 - School Closed Polling station
- Fri 8 May – School closed VE Day celebrations Bank Holiday
- Fri 22 May – Break-up 3 pm
- Mon 1 June – Return to school
- Friday 17 July – Break-up for summer 2pm
- Mon 20 July – School closed INSET DAY



Barlow Hall Blogs

Don't forget to check out our Blogs to find out more about what has been happening in school by pressing (Ctrl) and clicking on our home page link below or your child's class/phase page.

Home Page

- EYFS (Nursery and Reception Class)**
- KS1 (Year 1 and 2)**
- LKS2 (Year 3 and 4)**
- UKS2 (Year 5 and 6)**

School Attendance

What is your attendance like?

Across the year...	0 Half Days	Perfection	100%
	5 Half Days	Impressive	98%
	10 Half Days	Very Good	97%
Less than one half day absence every two weeks	15 Half Days	Nearly There	96%
	20 Half Days	Needs to Improve	94%
More than one half day absence every two weeks	35 Half Days	Serious Concerns	90%

Below 90% - Referred to Educational Welfare / Persistent Absentee

90% attendance = 18 full days of missed school...
...equal to a drop in one whole GCSE grade per subject