

Barlow Hall Primary School

School website: barlowhall.co.uk

Well we made it to the end of the half term.....well done to everyone! Please don't forget that tomorrow is an INSET Day so school will be closed to all children.

We would like to send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to anyone ill with coronavirus and hope everyone has a great week off and stays safe. We look forward to seeing children back in school on Monday 2nd November at their current start times.

Jayne Kennedy

Nursery Focus



We have got to the end of the first half term and our Nursery children have settled in really well. We have had a lot of fun in Nursery this week learning how to clean our teeth. The children have taken home their own toothbrushes and toothpaste so they can practise cleaning their teeth at home. We have also been

talking about how to share books and turn the pages carefully. The children in Nursery and Reception will be taking a book home from the BookTrust for them to keep and read at home. Nursery children are also starting to bring home a school book bag with two story books to share at home from our class library.



Y5/6 have worked on their topic "The Secret Garden" to complete observational line drawings from real flowers before painting their

own imaginary gardens. Working with Mrs Law they created stunning sculptural floral artworks using fabric, and wire. Using the 'resist' oil pastel and watercolour they bloom gardens in the style of Zommer's "The Big Book of this work will contribute to our

ART SPOTLIGHT

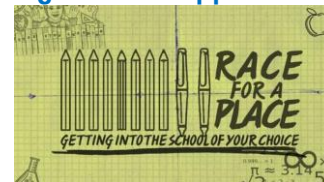
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Mini Masters Art Club have concentrated on tone and shading. Using a seasonal still life of apples they created continuous-line drawings in pen, graphite-shaded drawings using rubbers to highlight the reflections, and painted using only black and white. Last week we created customised work for two

'secret' celebrities which will be submitted to the BBC to be used in a new childrens' art series. We're rounding off the half term by creating our own Mexican 'Day of the Dead' Catarina figures.

High School Applications



DEADLINE: For year 6 applications to high school is Monday 2nd November. Year 6 parents please ensure that you have made your application before we come back from half-term to you're your child their best chance of a place in a school of your choice. Failure to apply by the deadline may mean you do not get a place in their chosen school.



Academy Council Elections

Please can we remind any parents /guardians, of current Barlow Hall children, interested in becoming a member of School's Academy Council that the closing date for applications is Monday 2nd November. **For more information please click the link here**

URGENT REMINDER



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

Fri 23rd Oct– School closed INSET DAY
Monday 2nd Nov - Return to school
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

Manchester Tier 3 Alert

As parents may be aware, from midnight tonight, or 00.01 am to be precise, Manchester will be under Tier 3 Covid -19 restrictions which means:

Social contact: You cannot meet anyone outside your household or support bubble indoors. Strict rules also ban any meet-ups in private gardens, beer gardens, hospitality or ticketed venues. You will only be able to see people not in your household or bubble in a public open space, such as a park, forest, beach - and in groups of no more than six.

Pubs and restaurants: All bars must close unless they serve food. You can only buy alcohol if you are also consuming a "substantial meal" - not a bar snack.

Schools, universities and childcare: These remain open in all circumstances, but universities can do more online learning.

Travel and transport: You should limit any journeys made outside your local area - except for work and school run journeys. This is guidance, rather than the law. People are advised against overnight stays outside the area or having visitors to stay from elsewhere.



LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

VERY HIGH

YOU MUST:

Follow the specific rules in your local area

Not mix with other households indoors

Only meet people outdoors in open public spaces in groups of up to six

Reduce your number of journeys, avoid travel outside the area unless needed

Find all local restrictions and laws at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

Parents Evening



Video parents' evenings
Parents and teachers meet remotely

We will be holding a virtual Parents meeting on Wednesday 25th November using School Cloud software.

Further details of how to book your slot and how the session will work will follow after half term.



Masks must be worn by all parents and visitors entering the school building. Anyone without a mask will not be allowed into school ensure the safety of staff and children.

After School Club



Open

Following on from the successful way in which we have been able to run both the After School Club and Breakfast Club, we have been able to enhance our provision to increase the numbers of children we will be able to accommodate in the clubs.

Please email the office at admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk if you would like to make a regular booking for your child in either Breakfast Club or After School Club. Bookings must be made at least 24 hours in advance and Breakfast Club costs £3 per session and After School Club £5.

Cashless payments



We continue to try to move onto a cashless payment system in school.

Please contact the office at admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk if you would like a log in for SIMS Pay to allow you to make online purchases for uniform, milk etc