

Barlow Hall Primary School

School website: barlowhallprimary.co.uk

Thank you for all your support this term. The children have worked hard and after a very long term deserve a lovely rest. Happy Christmas to those families celebrating and Happy New Year to everyone. Enjoy your break and we look forward to seeing everyone on the 8th January. Jayne Kennedy



All the staff at Barlow Hall Primary School would like to wish all our families, friends and our local community a very Happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

Year 3/4 focus

Year 3/4 have had a very busy Autumn term. We enjoyed dressing in red, white and blue on French day and learnt the name of fruits in French as well as making delicious fruit kebabs. We stepped back in time to learn all about the Stone Age and created Stone Age cave paintings as well as designing and making Stone Age campsites. We started our superhero topic with a superhero WOW day where we dressed as our favourite superhero and completed superhero pop art pictures. As part of our R.E. Work we went on a trip to Didsbury Mosque to learn about how Muslims pray and how they prepare for prayer.



As you can see we have been very busy. We are looking forward to stepping back in time next half term and learning all about World War 2



Reading Bus Appeal

Thank you to all those parents and family members who bought tickets for our Christmas Performances. Our ticket sales raised a fantastic £498 towards our School Reading Bus appeal. The bus will be arriving in the new year ready to be fitted out for the children to use. Keep an eye out for our requests to parents for help with this.



Back to school School Returns Monday 8th January. Year 1 – 6 children should be in their lines ready to go into class at 8:55 am. Reception and Nursery children should be at the doors to go into class at 8:55 am.

This term we will be focussing strongly on punctuality as the number of children coming late into school has been rising. Our Attendance panels will also continue to be held to help to support those children whose attendance is below 96%

Y6 Boosters

Each year January sees the start of our SATs Booster sessions for Year 6 children and we know how

effective and supportive these sessions have been for the children. If your child has been offered a place in Boosters, please ensure that they attend each session and that they arrive on time.

Y6 SATs Boosters will start Wednesday 10th January and will take place on Mondays, Wednesday and Friday mornings until SATs Week which is the week commencing Monday 8th May. Children and parents have been informed what time their group will start their booster sessions.

On the first day of Christmas...



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

Christmas performances

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended our Year 5 and 6 Christmas performances and for supporting the children with learning parts and helping with costumes! All the performances this year have been fantastic, and the Year 5+6 one was no exception. Well done everyone.



Carols by Candlelight

Thank you to all those parents who attended today's Carols by candlelight. As always demand for seats was high and we apologise to those who were not lucky enough to get a seat. Each phase sang a song from their performance as well as a couple of old favourites. Thank you to the staff for taking part in their own pre-recorded performance – we know the children enjoyed it and hope parents did too.



Website special

We have made a selection of photographs collages from the Christmas performances and Christmas dinner day and put them on the news section of our website for parents to look at. More pictures can be found on the school blog site www.barlowblogs.net



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all those children who came into school wearing their Christmas jumpers on Friday. We raised a fantastic total of £176.50 for the Save the Children Appeal

Week commencing 8 January

Mon Return to school

KS1 PPA – PE kit required

Tues **KS2 PPA - PE Kit required**

Wed Booster sessions start

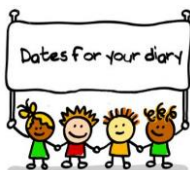
Venture Arts in the Communication Centre

Thur **5SP+1EH – Forest School**

Fri : **3MJ + 4AM Swimming**

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

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



January 2018

Fri 12 Swimming 3MJ/4AM

Mon 15 Jan Attendance Assembly
EYFS/KS1

Tues 16 Attendance Assembly KS2
17 Nursery PCI group Parent only session

Thur 18 2SK Class Assembly

Mon 22/1 Equality Week

Wed 24 Basketball Whalley Range
3:45 – 5:30 pm

Nursery PCI group parent and child session
Thur 25 ¾ Class Assembly

KS1 Parents Maths Workshop – 9:05 am

**** Date Change** Thur 1 Feb 2SK Class
Assembly **

Term Dates 2017/18



TERM DATES

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

Friday 25th May – Break up 3 pm



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 this term for demonstrating excellent behaviours that are supporting their learning and helping them to achieve well.

There will be no child of the Week Awards on the 8th January, and we will be holding our Attendance Assemblies on Monday 15th January (for EYFS and KS1) and on Tuesday 16th January

If your child is to receive a certificate in our Attendance Assembly on Monday 15th or Tuesday 16th at 9:10 am we will send out a message on School Cal to let you know.

Attendance overview from 11/12/17 to 15/12/17

Present: 96.9% Unauthorised Absence 1.9% Lates: 56

Nur B 79.6%	Nur Y 80.0%	
Rec O 92.4%	Rec P 95.2%	
1NA 97.7%	2SK 96.2%	1/2EH 94.7%
3MJ 96.7%	¾ AC 96.9%	4AM 98.7%
5AV 96.1%	5/6SP 99.3%	6AB. 95.5%

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days