

As we have added a traffic focus to our newsletter this week could I please take this opportunity to remind parents of our traffic management policy which means that the school gates are closed between 8:45 and 9:15 am and 2:45 pm and 3:15 pm. To ensure the safety of all of our children, the gates must not be opened during these times. Please could we ask parents to ensure that any friends or relatives are informed of this. Thank you all for another great week in school and we look forward to welcoming Karen Diamond in to school from Monday to begin the handover of Year 2 ready for Mrs Kay's maternity leave. Jayne Kennedy



Olympic Athlete Visit

We are looking forward to our athlete visit from Team GB's Triple Jump British Champion **Naomi Ogbeta** next week. Children are already thinking of their questions and practicing for their circuits with Naomi, a local girl who not only trains at Trafford but has also won the bronze in the European Championships in July 2017 as well as the British Championship triple jump. Please follow the link to watch an interview with

Naomi www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8TTP16yBHg Please help your child to get some sponsors as they will not only raise money for British Olympic athletes but also for sport equipment at Barlow Hall.

RSPB – Big Garden Birdwatch Events in the Mersey Valley

Sun 28 Jan – Chorlton Water Park



Drop in any time, 10 am – 3 pm for free, family friendly nature discovery activities. Come along and learn how you can give nature a home. Make a bird feeder, discover the wildlife that makes its home in the Mersey Valley and find out how you can help our feathered friends during winter.

Reading Bus Fundraisers!

As you know, we have just bought a bus, which we are in the process of transforming into a school library. In order to have enough money to buy new books and also, get artists in to help design the bus, we need to raise some money. We are aiming to raise as near to £5000 as possible. We would really like to create a 'Parent Bus Working Party' to help us with the fundraising. If you would like to be part of this, please can you speak to Ms Roche or Miss Drinkwater and, come and join us for a coffee morning on Friday 9th Feb to get the community fund raising going.



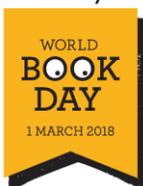
In support of fundraising for the bus, we are going to do a Readathon in Key Stage Assemblies during the week commencing 5th February, and ask for £1 donation. As part of this, all children will be in the hall, altogether,

reading at the same time for 20 minutes! Specific times and days will be given out nearer the time.

In addition, we are going to hold a Cake Bake Sale on Friday 16th Feb to raise money for the bus.



Please can all families provide their child with some cakes and some spending money to purchase on the day. Any donations received from World Book Day donations for children coming into school dressed as their favourite book character will also be used towards the Reading Bus this year.



Road Safety Your Responsibilities



SAFE JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

Getting your child to school safely is your responsibility. If you walk, cycle or drive keep your child safe following these rules:

PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

Never park on yellow lines or zigzags – parking further away and walking is better than risking your child's safety.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK!

School zig-zags are there to protect your child's safety and keep the school gates clear. Parking on double yellow lines or zigzags is not permitted and single yellow lines are time-restricted – you may receive a £70 parking ticket and have your car removed at a cost of £105.



Would you park on these zig zags?

Please keep our school gates clear!



20 MPH SPEED LIMIT AROUND SCHOOL

Driving at 20mph instead of 30 will add no more than 2 minutes to your journey time. If the worst does happen and someone is hit by a car, the chances of being killed or seriously injured are dramatically reduced. Isn't that worth 2 minutes of your time.

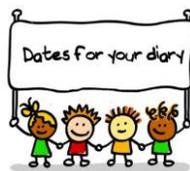
SEATBELTS AND CHILD SEATS

It is the law that each person travelling must wear a seatbelt, even for a short distance. Most crashes happen less than two miles from home. Child seats are a legal requirement. They must be installed correctly and meet the required legal standards. Find out more at think.direct.gov.uk



USING MOBILE PHONES WHEN DRIVING

It's dangerous and illegal to use a mobile while driving. You could be fined or banned. Road safety resources can be found at: www.togoandnogo.co.uk



Week commencing 29 January

Mon Year 6 Booster Sessions

Y6 Flag Football

Rec Parents Reading Meeting

KS1 PPA – PE kit required

Tues KS2 PPA - PE Kit required

Wed Y6 Booster sessions

Venture Arts in the Communication Centre

Nursery PCI group – parent session only

City Cooks parent + child

Thur 5SP+1EH – Forest School

KS1 Maths Workshop

Time Traveler's Parent Group

Fri: Young Leader EYFS Training

3MJ + 4AM Swimming

To see our website calendar for more details

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

child of the week

Well done to those children who have received certificates this week for demonstrating excellent behaviours that are supporting their learning and helping them to achieve well. Due to Our Attendance Assemblies taking place next week, Reception and KS1 on Monday 15th and KS2 on Tuesday 16th January, there will be no Child of the Week certificates awarded this week

Niamh, Rosie, Melanie, Jaya, Lillie, Grace, Jack, Sarah, Arisha, Arturo, Mohammad

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 15/9/17/17 to 19/12/17

Present: 97.5% Unauthorised Absence 0.9% Lates: 36

Nur B 87.9%	Nur Y 91.3%	
Rec O 99.0%	Rec P 95.7%	
1NA 95.8%	2SK 98.0%	1/2EH 99.2%
3MJ 96.7%	¾ AC 98.1%	4AM 97.0%
5AV 100% **	5/6SP 99.0%	6AB. 93.8%

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?



February

Mon 5 E-Safety Week

Y5/6 Residential Glamara

Reading Bus Readathon

Tues 6 2SK Parents Evening

Thurs 8 – 5AV Class Assembly

Fri 9 – Parents Working Group Meeting

Mon 12th Safety week

Tues 13 –Y3/4 AC Parents Evening

Wed 14 EYFS CNY Dance workshop

Thur 15 Rec Class to China Town

KS1 India WOW Day

LKS2 –WW2 WOW Day

Fri 16 – Reading Bus Cake Sale

Term Dates 2017/18



TERM DATES

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

Thursday 3rd May – INSET Day

Friday 4th May – INSET Day

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 25th May – Break up 3 pm

Monday 4th June - Return to school



Punctuality

Despite our repeated requests for children to arrive in school on time we still had 36 late children last week. Due to the disruption this causes, not only to the child themselves but also to the rest of the class whose learning is interrupted, we will be raising the focus on punctuality from next week. More information to follow. 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.

