

Barlow Hall Primary School

School website: barlowhall.co.uk

Thank you for a lovely first week back. We particularly enjoyed Thursday and Friday working with Lilly Horseman with a focus on our outdoor provision for children. A reminder that the Ofsted report is on the website and will go on Ofsted's own website on Monday, alternatively you can pick up a copy from the school office. Jayne Kennedy



Following our recent inspection, we can confirm that Barlow Hall continues to be a good school overall, and the previous outstanding judgements, although they are not mentioned in our report, for behaviour and attitudes, personal

development and leadership and management remain as outstanding. The report will be a little different from previous Ofsted reports as the Ofsted framework and reporting changed in September 2019. Please find a link to our report on school-cal and we will also include this link on our newsletter.

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For further information please see our Ofsted Report for 2020 which can be found by [clicking here](#)

FOCUS OF THE WEEK



Africa Topic



As part of the whole school topic 'Voyage and Discovery'. UKS2 will be taking a 'Journey to Africa' this half-term. Unfortunately our journey will be via maps and the internet rather than a plane however we hope that the children will gain a deep understanding of Africa and what life is like for the people who live there. We will be looking at the diverse and contrasting nature of the different countries within

Africa as well as how life can be very different for people living in contrasting areas within one city.

Glaramara



A number of our Year 5 and 6 children will however be taking a journey to Glaramara Outdoor Centre in the Lake District next week for our annual residential trip. They will be taking part in a number of exciting outdoor activities; make sure you check out our blog page next week for daily updates and photographs. Those children staying behind in

school will instead be having an outdoor experience of their own; we will be making daily visits to Chorlton Water Park and the surrounding areas to explore the great outdoors closer to home.

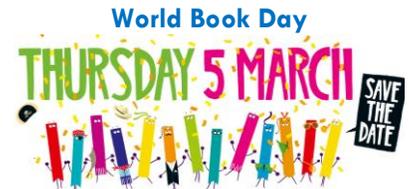
City cooks

City Cooks will start on Wednesday 18th March and we will be holding 3 separate sessions through the day – Please see Sharon if you are interested.



Nursery places for September

If you have a child with a birthdate from 1/9/16 to 31/8/17 for Nursery or 1/9/17 to 31/8/18 for our Barlow Bears 2 year old provision please contact the school office by Friday 5th March if you would like them to go onto our waiting list for a place as we will be compiling our offers list the following week ready to offer places on the 20th March in our Nursery Class for September 2020.



World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 5th March. The children in Barlow Bears, Nursery, Reception, KS1 and Y3KF, Y3AC and Year 4AM are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book. We ask that if children are choosing to dress up for the day, that they do so as a character, and not attend school in football kits.

As part of the celebrations, children in year 5 and 6 who are not attending Glaramara, and Year 4AC will be attending a Read Manchester event at the Velodrome in Manchester. These children will need to attend the event in their school uniform.

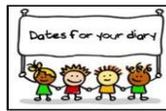


Barlow Hall recently entered a competition using our work in school on Reading for Pleasure. We are really pleased to announce that we have been awarded tickets for some of our Y4, 5 and 6 children to attend a Share a Story Live event with five amazing children's authors and illustrators, including Cressida Cowell (How to Train Your Dragon), Dermot O'Leary (Toto the Ninja Cat) and Matt Haig (The Truth Pixie). This event will take place at the UK National Cycling Centre on Thursday 5th March.



Week Commencing 2 March

Next Week (please see our website for more events and changes)



MARCH

Mon 2 – Fri 6 Mar Y5+6 Glaramara Residential

Wed 4 Handwashing Assembly
Parent Gym with Sharon Drinkwater

Thur 5 World Book Day
Forest School MJ/KF

Fri 14 Swimming 3KF/3/4AC

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 9 Assessment week
2 pm Year 2 Parents SATs workshop

Tues 10 9:05 am Year 2 Parents SATs workshop (Repeat session)

Thur 12 Rec class hearing and vision screening

Wed 18 City Cooks, Parent and children cooking with Sharon. 3 sessions will be held from: 9:30 -11am, 1:15 – 2:45pm, and 3:15 - 4:45 pm
Parents Evening

Mon 23 Easter experience Week

April

Thur 2 World autism Awareness day

Fri 3 Yellow Day/Easter Eggstravaganza
Break up 2 pm – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Mon 20 Return to school

Thur 23 9am - Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop. (October session repeat)



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.

Osama, Imiyah, Omar,

Spencer, Reece, Zetta Ola, Kiarna, Allayth

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 2/9/19 to 14/2/20

Attendance 95.9% Unauthorised Absence 1.3%

Nur B 90.3%	Nur R 86.8%	Rec O 94.1%
1MJ 95.0%	2NA 94.8%	2SK 94.4%
3KF 96.0%	¾ AC 95.8%	4AM 95.7%
5AV 97.4%	5/6EH 96.6%	6SP 96.7%

Attendance during one school year	Days Absent...	Weeks Absent...	Lessons Missed...
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	40 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	80 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	120 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	160 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	200 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	230 Lessons
60%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	270 Lessons

How does your child's attendance compare with this target? Please remember that children who miss a lot of school achieve less.

NO PARKING OR DROPPING OFF

Please could parents ensure they stop:

- illegal parking which causes unnecessary obstruction, including blocking our neighbours drives and narrowing Darley Avenue for traffic.
- Mounting the pavement either to park or to drive cars down the pavement.
- Parking on yellow zig zags
- Dropping children off in the middle of the road, stopping your car and asking children to get out of the car and run across the road.
- Three point turns in the road, busy with traffic immediately outside of 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)

Punctuality



Arriving late to school not only disrupts their learning and that of classmates but it also impacts on their well-being