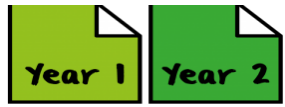


Barlow Hall Primary School

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We hope you all had a fantastic holiday and look forward to a great New Year. The staff and I would like to thank staff and children for the lovely cards and gifts that we have received.

We would like to welcome back our Assistant Heads, Mrs Kay and Ms Corlett, from their maternity leave and are glad to see that children have come back to school eager and ready to learn so thank you children for your excellent learning behaviours already this week. Jayne Kennedy



Key Stage 1

Focus on KS1

In KS1, we have been starting our new topic all "What Britain was like when the Queen came to the throne".

We are going to be having a

special visitor(!) coming to visit the classes and the children are going to be able see what it would have been like at Queen Elizabeth's coronation.

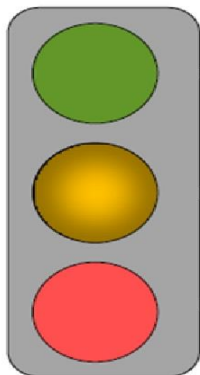


We are also going to be looking at the differences between school in the 1950s and now as well as comparing the difference in games that children played. As a key stage, we know that the children are really going to enjoy the topic and learn lots about the history of our country.

Attendance Focus

Our target for school attendance is 96%

- ⊖ A student who ends the school year on 90% attendance will have missed four complete weeks of school.
- ⊖ 90% over 5 years at secondary school equates to half a school year



Green	96 – 100% Very Good
Amber	95.9 – 90% Below Expectations Contact your child's tutor
Red	Under 90% Poor attendance Problems with attendance? See the attendance team

Attendance Facts

If a child attends school 100% they will be able to make the best of all the opportunities available to them.
Children who have very good attendance are more likely to gain 5 or more A-C GCSEs or equivalent qualifications.

If your child's attendance is below expectations for their entire school career, they will have missed over one year's education!
91.1% attendance = missing 17 days of school in one year.
Missing 17 days a year also means dropping 1 GCSE grade (on average).

Children with poor attendance are less likely to gain 5 A*- C GCSEs.
82.1% attendance = missing 34 days of school in one year.
Poor attendance will have a serious impact on education, work ethic and life chances.

Please make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours



Reception

Reception class Places for September

The last date to apply to Manchester City Council for Reception Class places is Tuesday 15th January. If you have not yet applied for a place for your child please ensure that you apply before this date.

A few reminders: Glaramara



Please can we remind those parents whose children are going on the Glaramara Residential that the final payment is due by Friday 18th January. If you have a problem paying by the deadline please speak with Mr Stoneman



Please can we remind parents that our school and its grounds are a no smoking zone and that dogs must not be brought in to the premises. We would also like to ask parents not to use their mobile phones in school.

After School Club

Please can we remind parents that After School Club places must be booked at the office at least 24 hours before the place is needed as we may be full. The office cannot give places on the day, in an emergency a member of the Senior Leadership Team would assess the situation and allocate a place if necessary.

Driving and parking near our school



Please drive safely in the vicinity of our school and do not park in front of school.

Please have respect for our neighbours and do not park in front of their drives so that residents can get safely and easily out of their gardens.



Week Commencing 14 January

- Mon 14: Equality Week
Y5 Drama Project with Chorlton High
Wild Crew
- Thurs LKS2 Egyptian WOW Day
Forest School – 5/6SP/1SK
- Fri 18 Swimming 3MJ/4AM

Upcoming Dates

- Mon 21 KS1 Parents Maths Workshop 2 pm
- Tues School Council Meeting
- Wed 23 6AB Class Assembly
- Wed 30 Barlow Bears Parent's Speech and Language Workshop
Families Connect Course starts 1- 3 pm
Nursery and Reception Parent's Speech and Language Workshop
- Wed 6 Feb – 5AV Class Assembly
- Mon 11 Feb – Reception Class Vision and hearing screening
- Wed 13 Feb – Chinese New Year Workshop Barlow Bears/ Nursery +
Reception Class
- Fri 15 Feb – Break-up for half term – 3 pm



- Mon 7 Jan Return to school
- Fri 15 Feb Break-up for half term
- Mon 25 Feb Return to school
- Fri 5 April Break up Easter
- Tues 23 April Return to school
- Thurs 2 May School closed – Polling
- Mon 6 May School closed May Day Bank Holiday
- Fri 24 May Break-up for half term
- Mon 3 June Return to school
- Thurs 19 July Break-up

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.

**Annabelle, Morsal, Rosie, Inaya,
Maysa, Bethany, Nayab, Omer, Abbie, Mohammad,**
Parents will be notified by School Cal notification if their child is to receive an award in either of the assemblies.

Attendance overview from 3/9/18 to 21/12/18

Attendance 96.0% Unauthorised Absence 1.4% Lates: 555

Nur 90.3%	Nur R 90.3%	RSG 92.8%
1NA 96.0%	1/2SK 95.4%	2EH 95.5%
3MJ 95.9%	¾ AC 94.9%	4AM 97.2%
5AV 96.6%	5/6SP 96.6%	6AB 96.2%

Times Tables



Please ensure that the children are practising their times-tables. Knowledge of these helps immensely in our Maths lessons and makes a real difference to their learning

Punctuality



Why should I arrive for school on time?

- It is important that children arrive in school on time every day for a number of reasons.
1. It is the legal responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that children attend their registered school on time each day.
 2. If a child is late they miss important information about the day's activities.
 3. A child that is late will miss school work.
 4. Children that arrive in good time for registration are able to talk to their friends before school and settle into the school day with them. Their self-esteem and confidence can be damaged if they feel they are getting behind and don't know what is happening in class.
 5. A child that is late disrupts staff and other children.



How to make being on time easier

Lay out **school** clothes the night before. Set out your child's clothes next to his bed, including pants and socks.

Keep shoes in one place.

Get your child to bed on **time**.

Prepare the night before.

Invest in an alarm clock.

Encourage your child to get themselves ready.

Keep breakfast simple.

School Toilets



Please can we remind parents that the toilets next to the school office have been designated for staff use only, to comply with our safeguarding policy. We are no longer able to let parents into school to go to the toilet.

If your child needs to go to the toilet after school you will need to take them back to their teachers who can take them into school to go to their designated toilets.