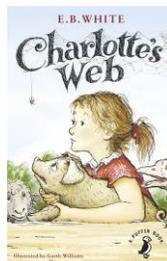


We hope everyone had a good week last week and it was great to see so many children back in school. We are in the process of organising Parents' Evening which will be a virtual event this year. Please could parents note that the date is Wednesday 25th November 3.30 to 6pm. We are currently finishing off the administration of the system and we will then be able to offer a booking system for parents so that you can use your device at home to speak to your child's teacher. Further details will be sent out, look out for these. Can I thank our four nominated parent governor applicants. We have been so pleased with the interest. Can I remind everyone to vote if you haven't already. The closing date is this Monday 9th November. Have a good weekend **Jayne Kennedy**



Year 5 and 6 have had a great start back to school this week following the half-term break. They have been introduced to their new literacy text, *Charlotte's Web*, and have been as enthusiastic about it as they were with last half-term's book *The Secret Garden*.

All of the children are thoroughly enjoying reading another classic novel in class and have produced some excellent work already. Mrs Law will be coming back into class this half-term to complete an art project based on *Charlotte's Web*. The children made some fantastic flower sculptures at the end of last half-term, so we look forward to seeing what they create over the coming weeks.



UKS2 also started their new history topic based on life in Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain. To start this topic, the children did some research so that they could order key eras and events from The Stone Age up to the Vikings invading Britain. They are so excited to find out more about the Anglo-

Saxons and Vikings and have already begun to think about what they would like to find out. Any further research that the children can complete at home will help support their learning in class over the next few weeks.



Please continue to ensure that your child completes their maths homework on Google classroom by Wednesday every week. They should also be regularly accessing Times Tables Rockstars and Bug Club to support their mental maths and reading skills.

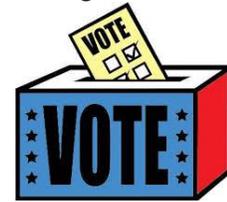


Pupils in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will be focusing on the topic 'Life in Britain through the ages' this half-term. Key Stage 1 will be looking at the history of our school and life in Britain when Barlow Hall Primary School opened. Lower Key Stage 2 are going to be learning about Victorian Britain and Upper Key Stage 2 are learning about life in Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain. All of the children are very enthusiastic to start their new topic.



WEAR A MASK. PROTECT OTHERS.

Masks must be worn by all parents and visitors entering the school building.



Academy Council Elections

Thank you to our nominees for agreeing to stand in our election for two new academy councillors. As you will be aware from your ballot papers, the parents standing are Janine Ben-Ali, Reception class parent, Jennifer Skelland and Matthew Williams, Year 1 parents and Helen Glyde Nursery and Year 2 parent.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all good luck and to remind parents that the ballot papers need to be returned to school by 12 pm on Monday 9th November in time for the count which will take place at 1 pm that day. Each parent has 2 votes, each on a separate ballot paper and should place both of their ballot papers into the blank envelope and seal it. That envelope should then be placed in the printed envelope, which should have your child's name and class details completed. Nominees have been invited to attend the count if they so wish and the results will be published in next week's newsletter.

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.

Parents Evening



We will be holding a virtual Parents meeting on Wednesday 25th November using School Cloud software. Staff are currently familiarising themselves with the app and more information will follow soon.

Christmas Dinner for Packed lunch children.



Christmas dinner Day this year will be Wednesday 16th December. We will once again be offering children who normally have a packed lunch, the option to have a Christmas dinner along with those who normally have a school meal.

The dinner will be free to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and cost £2.30 for those in Nursery, and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Children who normally have a packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas dinner will need to order and pay for their meal by Monday 7th December.

Forms will go out next week and the exact change should be put in an envelope with the child's name and class teacher on the front.

Children who normally have a school meal will not need to order their meal or pay any extra for it.

Milk Spring Term



Milk letters will go out, via School-Cal, to all parents of children who will be 5 or over in the Spring Term. Milk costs for the term, which covers until we break up for Easter, are:

Children aged 5 before 4th January 2021 - £8

Reception class children aged 5 in January 2021 - £7

Reception class children aged 5 in February 2021 - £5

Reception children aged 5 in March 2021 - £4

Children who will still be under 5 by the end of March will receive free milk for the whole term.

If you would like your child to have milk payment can be made by SIMSPay or by putting the exact change in an envelope with your child's name and class teacher written on it.

Please note: in line with our safety procedures, cash will not be accepted unless it is in an envelope and change will not be given.

PE Kit Reminder



Children should come into school wearing their PE kits on the days their class does PE. This consists of a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts, leggings or track suit bottoms and, in this colder weather, their school jumper. Black pumps or trainers should also be worn. (Nursery class do not get changed for PE). Currently class PE days are as follows:

Reception Class – Friday

Year 1 and 2 – Monday and Friday

Year 3 and 4 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 5AM and 6SP Thursday and Friday

Year 5/6EH – Friday only

Term Dates



2020

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

After School Club



Open

After School Club and Breakfast club will continue to run as normal during this current lockdown and the Little Sports after school activities will also continue, as will Art Club. We are able to keep the clubs open because children will remain in their pod groups during extra-curricular clubs and activities. All risks are managed in line with Government guidance.

If you wish to your child to attend either breakfast or after school clubs please contact the school office at

admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk
Bookings must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Breakfast Club costs £3 per session and After School Club £5. If you do not need your child to attend any of your pre-booked sessions during lockdown please ensure that you cancel your booking.

To book your child onto any of the Little Sports Coaching sessions please go to:

<https://www.littlesportscoaching.co.uk/book/>