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School
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We welcome our children and families back to school this term and hope you all had a wonderful summer. The school diary is already filling up with events and special days and you will see the dates for the term have already been put in the planner at the end of this letter.

We have been so impressed by the positive start that the children have made. Their behaviour around school, in the dinner hall and outside areas has been excellent and the children were all praised for this last week. They have all come back to school looking extremely smart in their uniforms too; thank you for observing our uniform policy.

The new topic 'Be Brave' will be launched next week and I know that staff have been busy planning to ensure it is an exciting and thought-provoking start to the school year. With mental health in children at an all-time high with as many as 10% of children aged between 5-16 thought to be affected, we believe as a school it is crucial that we support our children to develop the tools to talk about and recognise their feelings and emotions from the earliest stages. This topic will be based around a book entitled 'The wolf and the baby dragon' which each class will use as a starting point for discussion; this will also be linked to other areas of learning. Being brave is all part of our new school focus upon developing academic resilience; removing the barriers where possible to enable children to achieve their potential every day in school. We will hold a parents' event related to this topic later in the term with suggestions about ways that this can also be developed at home too.

We thank you for your continued support of the school and for helping us to deliver our aim at Barlby Bridge to ensure our children become resilient and life-long learners. We look forward to working with you all over the next academic year.

Key Stage One

Now that the children in Venus and Earth have settled into their classes, we ask that from next week they come into school on their own without parents. This is all part of our focus to encourage children to become independent learners. As always, teachers are available for quick questions at the start of the day and longer meetings can always be arranged.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance rate fell last year; this is disappointing given all of the hard work that so many of our parents and children have given to ensuring good attendance in school. The number of children identified as persistent absentees (attendance below 90%) has risen too and if your child fell into this category you will be contacted next week to discuss our next steps to ensuring a better attendance rate for your child. Poor attendance greatly affects children's achievement in school and future life chances. As stated in our attendance policy, absence can only be authorised by school staff and false information relating to absence may be reported to the Prevention Attendance Officer. This is seen as a form of truancy. You may be asked for evidence such as doctor's appointments or notes when your child has a high absence rate, and this could result in referral to another agency.

Before and After School Club

We still have places in our before and after school club if you would like to sign your child up for a place. The before school breakfast session starts at 8.00am and is charged at £3.00 per day. The afternoon sessions run from 3.10-4.30 pm, charged at £5.00 per session and there is a later session that runs from 3.10-5.30pm at a cost of £8.00 per session.

We are eager to continue to provide before and after school care for your children and appreciate you considering using this facility.

School Laptops



I would like to extend a huge thank you to our parents and families who have helped with school fundraising and to the FoBBs for their outstanding work again last year. As a result of your hard work, we have a brand new, sparkling set of 20 laptops in school, ready to support the children in their learning this year. Without your support, we would be unable to offer these extra facilities for the children and we are so grateful to you all for your help with this. FoBBS are always looking for new members, if you would like to join the group, please come along to the next meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Edward Trayer Author Visit

Inspiring young writers at Barlby Bridge.

“Awesome.”

The children have thoroughly enjoyed working with the award winning author. Edward answered questions about how he writes his books and what it is like being an author. He gave the children tips about their own writing and read stories.



We are excited to say that our children will be working with Edward throughout the year. Edward will be reading children's writing and giving tips via email and video conferencing.

“It was so cool being able to talk to a real author.”

“ I'm going to write a story at the weekend.”

Important Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 17th September | Robin Wood parent information meeting- 3.30-4.30 |
| Wednesday 26th September | French Themed Day |
| Friday 28th September | New Starters and Year 6 Buddies Assembly |
| Wednesday 3rd October | Harvest Celebration at Selby Abbey 10am |
| Thursday 4th October | Venus Class Assembly |
| Friday 12th October | Earth Class Assembly |
| Thursday 18th October | Whole School Open Morning |
| Wednesday 24th October | School Photographs |
| Wednesday 24th October | Parent Evening |
| Friday 26th October | Mars Class Assembly |
| Friday 26th October | School closes for Half Term |
| Monday 5th November | School Opens |
| Monday 12th November | Year 5 and 6 visit to Robin Wood |
| Friday 16th November | Jupiter Class Assembly |
| Thursday 22nd November | School Pantomime |
| Friday 23rd November | Saturn Class Assembly |
| Friday 30th November | Neptune Class Assembly |
| Thursday 6th December | Good Work Assembly |
| WB Monday 17th December | Christmas Performances- Dates to be confirmed |
| Friday 21st December | School Closes for Christmas |
| Monday 7th January | Teacher Training Day |
| Tuesday 7th January | School Opens for Spring Term |