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School
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Welcome Back



As we start the new school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our families and children. We are pleased to welcome a number of new children to our school community this term, including 25 new starters in Reception and 10 children to our Nursery class. We welcome all new children and their parents. We operate an open door policy here at Barlby Bridge, so if there are ever any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to pop in to speak to us, we are always happy to help. The children have settled back well after the summer break and all seem to be enjoying the challenges that a new term brings.

We have a number of new staff who have joined the team this term. We welcome Mr Dyer as Deputy Headteacher and Y6 class teacher. Mrs Aston, our new EYFS leader will be teaching in the Reception class and Mrs Wass is joining her in the Foundation Stage as the new Nursery teacher. We also welcome Mrs Kerr, our new admin assistant in the school office.

As we begin this new term, I would like to extend my thanks to all parents for your continued support of the school. I am usually out and about at the beginning of the school day if there is anything that I can help with.

School Uniform

The children are all looking extremely smart in their new school uniforms; thank you for supporting our uniform policy. Whilst we do allow children to wear plain black trainers, these must not have bright coloured laces, logos or bright soles. I would like to also take this opportunity to remind parents that only plain black or white T-Shirts should be worn for PE. Children are not allowed to wear logoed T-Shirts or football shirts. The full uniform policy can be found in the school Prospectus, which can be downloaded from the school website. A paper copy of this can also be requested from the school office. We will be looking out the best dressed children this week.

Homework

You should have received a homework questionnaire with today's newsletter. We are currently reviewing the homework policy and would greatly appreciate your feedback on aspects you feel are working well and areas that could be improved.

Outside School

Last term, there were a number of concerns raised by both children and parents about adults smoking outside school. Please show consideration for our children by refraining to smoke in this area.

School Money

We are pleased to announce that we are now in a position to offer the facility for parents to make payments online. Parents of children in KS2 will have received a text with a password explaining how to make these payments for dinner money online. You still have the option to bring or send in cash to the school office if you prefer. This facility will also be rolled out for school trips, school clubs, music and swimming lessons over the next few months for the whole school. The web address for the online system is: www.schoolmoney.co.uk

The autumn term school dinner menu can be downloaded from the school website. You can also request a copy from the school office.



Music Lessons

We have a number of children who have recently started guitar lessons in school. The children are taught in small groups and loan of the instruments is included in the lesson fee. There are still 5 places available for children in KS2 and we are offering the first 3 lessons as taster sessions completely free of charge. Charges after that initial period will be £3 per week. There is also support available for children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. Please see Mrs Kearns or Mrs Kerr in the office for more information.



Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl book character tomorrow in order to commemorate the author's 100th birthday.

September Fundraising

We are raising awareness of Children's Cancer this month and will be holding a fundraising event in order to raise funds for Candlelighters- the local charity that supports children and their families.



Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th September	Topic launch- dress as a Roald Dahl book character
Thursday 15th September	Swimming starts – Saturn class (Year 5)
Friday 23rd September	Reception new starters assembly
Monday 26th September	Powerdown Pete in school- electricity day
Tuesday 27th September	Full Governors- Business Meeting
Friday 30th September	Neptune (Year 6) class assembly
Monday 3rd October	Jupiter class at Selby Stem Fair
Friday 7th October	Whole school open morning (first hour of the day)
Friday 14th October	Saturn class assembly
Friday 14th October	Parents reading session- 2.30pm
Tuesday 18th October	Individual school photographs
Friday 21st October	School closes for half term

Clubs

The new clubs letter will be coming home later this week. We will do our best to accommodate as many children as possible although numbers are limited.

Key Stage One Area

The Key Stage One staff are working with the FoBBS group to redesign their outdoor area and are looking for help with this. If you are able to offer your time to help with the project, please see one of the FoBBS mums or KS1 teachers, Mrs Herrington or Miss Ellis. Further information can be found on the School Facebook page.

