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School
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Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all of our families and children for what is set to be a very busy term at Barlby Bridge. The children have brought positively and enthusiasm with them into school today and all seemed pleased to be reunited with their classmates. They are all looking smart in their school uniforms; thank you for observing the uniform code.

Before the Easter break, a number of children were coming to school in footwear that did not follow this code. May I remind all parents that only plain black shoes or black trainers may be worn for school. Children are not allowed to wear trainers with white/ coloured soles or logos. This rule is followed consistently and children not wearing appropriate school shoes will be provided with pumps to wear inside school.

If you would like to purchase logoed uniform, this can now be ordered online at Tesco and you can Click and Collect. The link can be found through the school website under parents – uniform or search Barlby Bridge School Uniform Tesco. School receives a 5% donation for every item purchased through the site. Children can continue to wear plain red uniform items and do not need logoed uniform.

Message from the Governors

The governing body wish to extend their congratulations to Mrs Hughes who is expecting her first child. At the last board meeting, it was proposed that Mr Dyer, the Deputy Headteacher will become the Acting Headteacher during Mrs Hughes' absence in order to ensure continuity for the children and the school community. Mr Dyer will be fully supported in this role by the Governing body and will be subject to an interview process in order clarify the expectations of this position. Mrs Hughes' baby is due in August so it is anticipated that Mr Dyer will take on the acting position in September following the summer break.

Book Publication

We are extremely proud of Emily Cammack in Year 6 who has co-written a book with children's author Penny Hartdale. The book, written in memory of Thomas, is aimed at helping other children cope with the difficulty of losing a relative, friend or pet. Emily attended a launch event at the weekend and we can't wait to have a published copy in school. Extracts of the article from the Yorkshire Post can be found at the back of the newsletter.

Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to our 15 nominees who shared their work with the school and parents during assembly time on the last Friday of the term. Achievements included excellent dance composition, redrafting written work and all round positive attitudes to learning at Barlby Bridge. Well done to: Neptune- *Benjamin, Morgan S and Morgan B*, Saturn- *Gabriele and Faith*, Jupiter- *Sam and Bianka*, Mars- *Cameron and Lewis*, Earth- *Summer and Jack*, Venus- *Emilia and Ella-Grace*, Mercury- *Diana, Adam and Poppy*.



Wraparound Care

Thank you to all of the parents who attended and shared views at the consultation meetings last month. The governors will discuss the need for future provision at the full meeting in May, basing a decision upon current interest levels. If you have not yet completed an interest form, these can be collected from the school office.

Lunchbox Reminder

Children should not be given fizzy drinks in lunchboxes or bring glass bottles into school. Plain water should be provided in classroom water bottles and children can bring a carton of juice for lunch. We have a number of pupils with severe nut allergies and ask you to consider the contents of lunchboxes and if possible avoid obvious items such as peanut butter, nut cereal bars etc which pose a risk. We appreciate your consideration in regard to this.



NYCC Road Safety Information

Many children now miss out on the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills by walking to school with their parents. They fail to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk walking around their local community. Whilst you may have no alternative but to drive your child to school, you can still develop these positive road habits by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey.

Parents/ carers must not park:

- Where there are restrictions- single yellow lines, double yellow lines and school keep clear zig zag. These restrictions are deliberately placed to allow safe crossing of the road by pedestrians
- On the pavement even if only half on. Children are taught that the pavement is a safe place to be. It also makes it difficult for those with buggies to get past.
- Across dropped kerbs on people's drives.
- Within 10m of a junction in any direction. This allows drivers visibility to see approaching traffic.
- Double park or let children out into the road.

We extend our thanks to the majority of parents who observe the recommendation of not bringing vehicles into Thomas Street at drop off or collection times.

Important Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 26th April	Year 4 (Jupiter) Spanish morning at Selby High School
Throughout May	Year 2 SATS tests
Friday 5th May	Good Work Assembly- 9.00am
Week Beginning Monday 8th May	SATS Week- Year 6
Friday 12th May	Mercury Class Assembly- 9.00am
Friday 19th May	Good Work Assembly- 9.00am
Friday 26th May	School closes for half term
Monday 5th June	School opens
Friday 9th June	Saturn Class Assembly- 9.00am
Week Beginning Monday 12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Friday 16th June	Jupiter Class Assembly- 9.00am
Monday 19th June	Mars Class Assembly- 9.00am
Friday 30th June	Good Work Assembly- 9.00am
Friday 7th July	Earth Class Assembly- 9.00am
Friday 14th July	Venus Class Assembly- 9.00am
Thursday 20th July	Whole school Attendance Celebration Assembly
Friday 21st July	Neptune Class Leavers' Assembly- 9.00am
Friday 21st July	School closes for summer term

Spring Term Attendance

Well done to Connor and Lily-Joy in Venus class who were our first and second place attendance raffle winners for the spring term. Both children had 100% attendance this year so far. Our overall school rate is 96% and it is important we continue to work hard to ensure this improves further for the remainder of the year. The class with the highest attendance for the spring term was Venus with an overall 97% rate. If your child's attendance is below 92% you will receive an information letter which indicates their attendance is being monitored and a meeting may be arranged if the rate declines further.

When her brother died she pledged to write a book to help other children. Now aged 11, Emily's dream has come true



Emily Cammack with brother Thomas (right) who died aged four and young brother Jack

On Saturday the courageous youngster saw her dream of becoming an author come true after she helped Penny Hartdale write her fifth children's book. "Gentleman Sam is intended to help children cope with loss and Emily's remarkable insights, empathy and honesty have helped shape this book, which has indeed proved to be the most challenging to date," explains Penny, who also runs Hart Farm in the Yorkshire Dales which was set up in 2011 to help children cope with life's challenges such as bereavement, disability and illness through interaction with animals.

The book, which is being launched at Manorlands Hospice will be dedicated to the memory of Emily's brother Thomas who died five years ago this week after a year-long battle with the aggressive childhood cancer neuroblastoma.

Penny met Emily when she visited Hart Farm with family and friends the Hudsons who'd also had a son called Thomas who suffered neuroblastoma and died two days after Thomas. "We became good friends while both boys were undergoing their treatment," says mum Toni.

Hello, I'm Emily. Sadly, I lost my 4-year-old brother to a rare type of cancer called Neuroblastoma in 2012. When my brother (Thomas) died because of Neuroblastoma we went to a hospice called Martin House. As truth be told, our friends (the Hudson's) were there with their Thomas prior to us. Thomas Hudson was also fighting Neuroblastoma but he was still alive. Our Thomas lost his life on the 18th of April 2012 and Thomas Hudson lost his life on the 20th of April 2012. The Thomas's in the hospital were known as the two Thomas's; they were fighting Neuroblastoma along side each other.

Since she was seven Emily Cammack wanted to be an author and now, a book she helped write is being published. Catherine Scott reports.

"She's made of tough stuff, that Emily" A mother's quote about her remarkable eleven-year old daughter, who tragically lost her younger brother, Thomas, to cancer when she was just six and he was four. Bookworm Emily, from Selby, wanted to help other children cope with the difficulty of losing a relative, friend or a pet and so when she got the chance to help write a book inspired by her experience she jumped at the chance.

The real Gentleman Sam was a black Labrador dog who spent the last five months of his life at Hart Farm where he won the hearts of many people. "Sam was sorely missed by so many people and for this reason, we decided to use his wonderful story to help children (and maybe some adults) to cope with losing someone special, be it a favourite animal or person," explains Penny. "I have had the special and wonderful experience of writing this book with the help and insights of a remarkable, compassionate and articulate young girl who has experienced first-hand the heart wrenching loss when her younger brother Thomas finally lost his battle with cancer. "Emily has been an inspiration and critical friend and this book would not be what it is without her considerable contributions and insights."



Emily eloquently wrote down her thoughts in a letter to Penny.