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## **School Newsletter 4- November 2015**

### **Thank you to Friends of BBS**

We are extremely fortunate to have such an active FOBBS team who make a real difference to the opportunities for each and every child at Barlby Bridge. Some of the money raised over the last academic year will be spent on creating new playground markings which will enhance learning for all children in school. The children receive so many opportunities and experiences which simply would not be possible without the hard work, dedication and commitment of this group. These are just some of the things that have happened in school in the last academic year as a result of the FOBBS:

- Year 6 leavers' t-shirts and end of year celebration trip
- Extra toys and equipment for our school nursery
- Kits provided for our football team
- Termly school discos
- Subsidised swimming lessons
- Playground toys and equipment
- Crackers for the children with Christmas dinner
- Summer fair (and Christmas fair this year.)

New members are welcomed warmly. Please let us know if you are able to join the group or can offer your support at the Christmas fair on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' meetings will take place after school on Wednesday. At the meeting you will be given information about how your child has settled into their class this year, their particular areas of strength and focus areas that will be targeted this year. Last year, we provided booklets which detailed the new age related expectations. Please feel free to collect a copy from the table outside the school office if you do not have one. You will be informed of your child's progress in relation to the year group age expectations which have changed significantly from the old levels system. The end of year reports last academic year reflected these changes. Please come with any questions or queries you may have so that they can be discussed further at the meetings.

### **Children in Need**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November children can come to school dressed as their favourite childhood hero in return for a small donation. The school council will be designing posters with information about this cause.



## Attendance Update

Well done to the children who received certificates for excellent attendance last half term. The class with the highest attendance rate was **Earth who had 98% overall.**

Overall attendance for the school was 95.6%. Although this has increased slightly from last year this is still below our 97% target. Please be aware that there are very few illnesses that we would ask children to be kept home from school for. If you have any queries about this, speak to a member of staff in the office who will be more than happy to help.

Please also ensure your child arrives punctually for the start of the school day. Registration is between **8.45- 8.55am** and children arriving after this time will receive a late mark. Remember every minute counts- if your child is late just 5 minutes every day this amounts to three full days learning in the year. Research shows that good rates of attendance and punctuality from an early age make a huge difference to children's attainment and progress.

## Stay and Read Session

All parents are invited to come to our Stay and Read session taking place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm. Come in to school to enjoy reading with your child.

In return for your services we will be providing drinks and biscuits!



## Remembrance Day

Children in Year 6 will be selling poppies and other items at morning playtimes this week on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Items to purchase include friendship bracelets, rulers, wristbands, reflectors, pencils and poppies. Prices range from a small donation for a poppy up to £1 for other items. Please send your child with the money if they would like to purchase an item. Children in Year 6 will attend the remembrance service held at Selby Cemetery next week



## Important Dates for your Diary:

<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Jupiter class start Forest schools today
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents' evening.
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 1 and 2 flu vaccinations
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Earth class assembly.
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 and 6 tag rugby
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 attending Remembrance Day service
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Saturn class open morning.
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Stay and Read session- 2.45- 3.10pm
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Neptune class open morning.
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Pantomime
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Christmas crafts- Nursery, Reception & KS1 3.00- 5.00pm
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Swimming finishes for the term.
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Mars class assembly.
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Christmas crafts-KS2 3.00- 5.00pm
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Jupiter class open morning.
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	FOBBS Christmas fair.

## Christmas Craft Sessions

Why not come along to the 'Festive Family Fun' sessions taking place later on this term? There will be two sessions, one for age 3-7 and the other for 7-11. You should have received a separate flyer with more information. Dates are included on the calendar.

