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School Family Day

On Monday 13th November we had a school family day as part of our work on anti-bullying week, using the theme all different, all equal. It is always great to work with our school family and this was no exception. We were tasked with baking a cake to be served to visitors at the end of the day. Each of us took a different role and ingredient, and we then put these together to make something amazing. When the cakes were baked we had to decorate them and dress the table ready for our guests to come and sample our work. The cake was greatly enjoyed by all! Our second task was to decorate a jigsaw puzzle piece with things that were special to us. When we had finished we looked at all the pieces and compared things that were the same on each piece and things that were different and how differences between us didn't mean that we are not equal. The jigsaw pieces were assembled from all the family groups to make a huge puzzle that is now on display in the hall.

Daily Mile

As part of our healthy schools work this year we are continuing our 'daily mile'. This is an opportunity for all children (and adults) to exercise and complete 15 minutes of exercise either running or walking around a track. To add an extra challenge children are tasked to run the world. We have bought each class a set of pedometers to use and with all the distances totalled across the school by some of our excellent mathematicians we can plot our course along the world map. We will be stopping at countries that are important to our school community along the way and learning a bit more about them. To start this off we had a special afternoon with each class attending a presentation from children in KS2 about the health and educational benefits of doing the daily mile before going outside and doing as many steps as they could in 15 minutes. Even though it was a cold day, everyone soon warmed up and worked as hard as they could to travel as far as possible, checking pedometers and comparing distances. At the end of the 15 minutes a glass of juice helped cool us down before going in and adding our totals. A big thank you to Mrs Herrington and her team of helpers for all of the organising for both events and to the children at Barlby Bridge who always turn these ideas into something truly special!

Our School Council listened to ideas from classes and decided to put on a bake and book sale to add to the non-uniform day.

We enjoyed our events and are proud to say that our events raised an impressive **£ 235** to contribute towards Children in Need's work to support communities near and far.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the children's efforts: families and friends, FOBBS and school staff. We know that adding our fundraising to the national efforts will have a positive impact for many families who are having difficult times.



Barlby Bridge Cares!





Castleford Tigers at Barlby Bridge



Wednesday the 22nd November saw Tigers at Barlby Bridge! Coaches from the Castleford Tigers came to put children in year 3 and 4 through their paces and teach them some key Rugby League skills. The children had a great time working with the clubs professional coaching staff developing key aspects of the game from working with the rugby ball to team building skills. The children sent the coach letters to say thank you for the day and he was so pleased that he rang up to pass on his thanks to them. Perhaps we may have some future Rugby League stars from Barlby Bridge School!

FoBBS Christmas Fair

Thank you for the generous donations that you kindly sent in to school last week. The Christmas fair will take place next Thursday (7th December) after school. There will be lots to see and do including a tombola, local crafts and gifts, lucky dip and cake stall. Please feel free to bring friends and family along too to make this event even bigger and better than ever! We look forward to seeing you all there!

Secret Santa

On Tuesday 5th December FoBBs will be running their hugely popular secret santa. For £2 children can purchase a present for grown-ups in their family and have this wrapped. A real Christmas surprise! FoBBs members will collect children from classes who want to take part on Tuesday morning.

Christmas Concert Tickets

It's that time of the year again and children have started their Christmas rehearsals this week. We are already full of anticipation for this year's performances! You will receive a letter soon with details about how to reserve tickets. Places are limited to 2 tickets per family for each performance due to our school hall space.

Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th December	FoBB's Secret Santa
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Fair- 3.10- 4.30pm
Friday 8th December	Good Work Invitation Assembly
Monday 11th December	Christmas Performances Dress Rehearsals
Tuesday 12th December	Mercury (Reception) Christmas Performance- 10.00am
Tuesday 12th December	KS2 (Year 3/4/5) afternoon performance -1.30-1.45pm
Tuesday 12th December	KS1 (Year 1/2) Christmas performance- 6.00pm
Wednesday 13th December	KS1 (Year 1/2) afternoon performance- 2.00pm
Wednesday 13th December	KS2 (Year 3/4/5) Christmas performance -6.00pm
Thursday 14th December	Nursery Christmas Concert Performance 10.00-10.45am
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Lunch and Party Day
Friday 22nd December	School Closes – Christmas Holiday.
Tuesday 9th January 2018	School opens for pupils

Road Safety Competition Prize Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of our road safety competition! Children were tasked with designing a shirt that could help someone be seen and keep them safe near roads. We had some fantastic entries and I know that it was a hard decision for the judges but in the end the first prizes were given in assembly to Lily-Joy and Victoria whose designs featured bright colours and key messages about being safe and seen! Thank you for all the entries!