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School
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School Development Updates

There are a number of key areas we are developing in school to further strengthen teaching and learning at BBS.

One of our main aims this year, is to improve both the children's attitudes to and competence in reading. Part of our school focus this term has been based around developing the profile of reading in school and through restructuring our teaching of reading we have ensured it is now regularly based upon whole class texts which have a strong curriculum link.

Thank you for your support with encouraging reading at home; I have had so many children coming to visit me to report their fantastic progress in the class reading ladders! The School Council launched their 'Get Caught Reading' initiative last week and are looking for bookworms to capture on camera at playtimes and lunchtimes. Our school library is fully set up as a lending area and the recently appointed librarians will be sending the first books home this week.

In addition to the focused work on reading, further developing maths remains a key priority at Barlby Bridge. We now use resources called 'Maths No Problem' which are based upon a Singapore model which focuses upon developing children's reasoning and problem solving skills. As you know, the expectations of the curriculum have risen significantly in recent years and we are focused upon closing gaps and ensuring all children are taught their year group objectives.

We had real success as a result of the Growth Mindset work conducted last year and have seen children developing more positive attitudes towards their own learning and abilities. This year, we are developing Metacognition, a term that means 'Thinking about Thinking'. Children receive a weekly lesson which is based around questioning their learning and development of new skills. This term for example Year 2 have been learning to tie their laces and Year 4 have started to learn the recorder. Children are taught to reflect upon this learning, how it makes them feel and strategies they have used. In the longer term, we want the children to apply these learning strategies to other contexts and lessons. I will keep you updated of progress in relation to these school priorities as the year progresses.

FoBBS Christmas Fair and Fashion Show

Thank you for the generous donations that you kindly sent in to school last week. The Christmas fair will take place next Thursday after school. There will be lots to see and do including a tombola, local crafts and gifts, lucky dip, cake stall and a secret room where presents for grown-ups can be purchased. Please feel free to bring friends and family along too. We look forward to seeing you all there! FoBBS still have tickets left for the fashion show at **M and Co this Thursday at 6.30pm**. Please purchase from the school office.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the term is currently 96%. Well done to Saturn, Mars and Venus who both achieved 99% last week.

We are hoping to present a large number of certificates at the end of the term for the children with attendance at 96% or above.



A message from the Salvation Army

Do you need help with providing toys for your children this Christmas? The Salvation Army recognises that many families struggle with the financial aspect of Christmas, for many different reasons. We can help you avoid going into debt by providing toys and gifts to help you through this time. The toys are all brand new, and have been donated to the Salvation Army for this purpose. We can give you several gifts to wrap for your children, and will do our best to make them suitable for your child's preferences. Please call Paula Haylett on 01757 702629, or email paula.haylett@salvationarmy.org.uk. All requests will be treated as strictly confidential.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on the School Governing Board. If you would like to be considered for this position, you can express an interest either in person or via email. Please send for the attention of Stephen Walker, Chair of Governors via the school admin address: admin@barlbybridge.n-yorks.sch.uk

Christingle Service at Selby Abbey

Thank you for the Christingle collections that have already been sent back to school. The children can take their collection box along to the Christingle Service next Sunday 4th December at 4.00pm where they will receive a special candle. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the service you can return the box to school by Wednesday this week so that we can pass on any donations to the Abbey. All children who return a collection box will receive a special Christingle candle.



Thomas Street Issues

We have reported the increasingly hazardous situation on Thomas Street in the mornings and after school and a Parking Enforcement Officer will be attending in the next week to monitor the situation. It is an offence to park on the footpath and on the yellow zigzag lines. Access to the school carpark entrance ways is required at all times.

Important Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 30th November	School family day- Celebrating Difference
Thursday 1st December	FoBBS Fashion Show at M & Co- 6.30pm
Friday 2nd December	Venus class assembly
Monday 5th December	Year 3 visiting King's Church for Christmas experience
Monday 5th December	Year 4- 6 Maths Challenge at North Duffield (small group)
Tuesday 6th December	Year 1 visiting King's Church for Christmas experience
Wednesday 7th December	Y2 + Y4 visiting King's Church for Christmas experience
Thursday 8th December	Christmas fair- 3.10- 4.15pm
Thursday 8th December	Nursery nativity- 10.00am
Friday 9th December	Mercury (Reception) nativity - 10.0am
Tuesday 13th December	KS2 (Year 3,4, 5) Christmas performance- 6.00pm
Tuesday 13th December	KS1 (Year 1/2) afternoon performance- 2.00pm
Wednesday 14th December	KS1 (Year 1/2) Christmas performance- 6.00pm
Wednesday 14th December	KS2 (Year 3/4/5) afternoon performance - 2.00pm
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Lunch and Party Day
Friday 16th December	Christmas jumper day
Friday 16th December	School closes
Wednesday 4th January 2017	School opens- Spring term 2017
Friday 13th January 2017	Neptune Class assembly

Christmas Concert Tickets

Children have started their Christmas rehearsals this week and we are already full of anticipation for this year's performances. You will receive a letter today with details about how to reserve tickets. Places are limited to 2 tickets per family for each performance due to our school hall space.