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## **School Newsletter 8- 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

### **Spring Term 2016**

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable festive season. There are lots of exciting things happening in school this term- please remember to look at the key dates section of the newsletter for updates.

One of our school aims this year is based around developing children's dispositions and attitudes towards learning. We launched our learning style for the half term today which is focused upon teaching children to become more resilient to challenges and new things. There will be work going on in school based upon how the brain works in order to help children to understand how everyone can become better at things they struggle with by developing a positive mindset.

There will be a session for parents to attend later on in the term about 'Growth Mindset' approaches. Dates and times of this event will follow in the next newsletter. In the meantime remember to ask your child about this learning focus in school and the aspects they are developing both individually and as a class.



### **School Website**

The new school website has now been launched and all of the up to date information can be found there. The new address is:

[www.barlbybridge.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.barlbybridge.n-yorks.sch.uk)

It may take some time for this new site to come up on search engines. Please type the direct address into the search engine bar for now. Apologies for any inconvenience this is causing.

I have incorporated some additional features into the website including a 'Key Events' calendar section which will have all of the latest events and key dates for your diary. There is also the 'Learning Zone' section for children which links to lots of useful websites to support learning at home. Please see the attached flyer which has all of the password information you need.

The class newsletters with information about your child's learning this term will be published onto the website at the end of this week.



## Music Lessons

We would like to offer the children the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. The lessons will be delivered by County music service teachers who will come in to school weekly. There are a range of instruments to choose from including the guitar, clarinet, trumpet, trombone or saxophone. Learning to play an instrument and read music has a significant impact upon children and benefits other areas of school life. Children in KS2 can have lessons in a group with up to 8 others and choose from a range of instruments. The lessons will last 30 minutes and tuition prices per session will range from £2.75- £4.40 depending upon the group size. There will need to be a minimum of 5 children in each group. The hire is free which means it is a good way for children to trial an instrument. We are offering 8 children the opportunity to have the first five music sessions free. There will be a letter coming home today with further information about how you can register an interest.



## Parking on Thomas Street

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who observe the no parking on Thomas Street notices. Please **do not** drive down the street at drop off or pick up times. There is simply not enough turning space for cars and this is making it extremely dangerous for our children.

## Dance Festival

The children in Year 1, 2 and 3 are currently taking part in sessions run by a specialist dance coach. There will be a dance festival in February at one of the high schools. The children involved will have the opportunity to watch other schools taking part and also perform their own dance to the audience.

## Important Dates for your Diary

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	York St John student teachers start placements in Venus, Jupiter and Saturn
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Saturn and Jupiter first swimming session
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	KS1 family tea party- parents invited 2.00- 3.00pm
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Healthy Child Team in to Reception and Year 6
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 5/6 football tournament
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Saturn class assembly
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 5/6 Sports Leaders meeting 4.30- 6.00pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	'Serious Scientists' school focus learning day.
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Young Voices event at Sheffield
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	ChildLine Assembly (KS2 only)
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Mars class dodgeball tournament
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Mars class open morning at 9.00am
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Year 5/6 ChildLine workshop
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Jupiter class assembly
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	NSPCC number day
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Y5/6 Hockey Tournament
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Earth class open morning at 9.00am
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Neptune class assembly
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last swimming session for term (Jupiter and Saturn)
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Venus class open morning at 9.00am
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School closes for Easter