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School Newsletter 7- December 2015

BBS has Talent!

What a wonderful week of performances it has been! We've seen Santa go on strike, some energetic sheep causing a few problems for the shepherds in KS1, star performances in our Reception class and a very special first nativity for the children in Nursery. I have been privileged to watch all of the performances and was truly overwhelmed by the unfailing enthusiasm shown by all. The reading, singing and dancing were all fantastic and I have noticed some budding actors with great timing and humour!

Children develop such confidence through performing in front of an audience and it has been great to see all of their hard work pay off this week. Well done to all of the children and staff involved and thank you for being such a good audience.

As the term draws to a close, may I take this opportunity to thank all parents and members of our community for your support and commitment to the school. We wish you all a happy and restful festive period.



Christmas Fair and FoBBS

Thank you to the FoBBS group for all of the hard work and time they put into organising the Christmas fair. The event was a real success and we raised over £700 for the school. Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets this week and thank you to Greencore, the company who donated many of the raffle gifts. We have drawn the winners today and you will be informed if you were one of the lucky ones! The children have all enjoyed their school Christmas dinner today and the FoBBS provided crackers which really set the meal off with a bang.



Parent Views

Thank you to all of the parents who returned their parental views questionnaire and for the positive comments and constructive ideas for improvement. We are busy collating the results and will report these to you next term.



Attendance Celebration

I am pleased to report that our current school attendance is at 95% which has increased from just over 94% this time last year. The class with the highest attendance rate this term was Neptune who reached the 97% target. They received a special prize for their classroom. The children with above 96% attendance for the term received certificates in our special praise assembly yesterday. Well done to all our great attenders and let's keep up the good work in the New Year.

One of the Year 6 children, who had over 98% attendance, was the lucky winner of the end of term raffle. I'm pleased to say a £50 Frankie and Benny's voucher is heading their way. Well done!

Congratulations!

School Website

I am happy to report that our new school website will be going live tomorrow. The new address is:

barlbybridge@n-yorks.sch.uk

If you get chance to have a look over the Christmas holiday please let us know your feedback. We have most of the information transferred but will be continuing to work on this next term to ensure information is easily accessible to all.



Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th January	Teacher training day
Tuesday 5th January	School opens
Wednesday 6th January	Forest school starts In Venus
Thursday 7th January	York St John student teachers start placements in Venus and Jupiter
Friday 15th January	Saturn class assembly
Monday 19th January	Parent forum – 'Chance to Chat' at 2:30pm
Tuesday 20th January	'Serious Scientists' school focus learning day.
Monday 25th January	ChildLine Assembly (KS2 only)
Friday 29th January	Mars class open morning at 9.00am
Monday 1st February	Year 5/6 ChildLine workshop
Friday 5th February	Jupiter class assembly
Friday 5th February	NSPCC number day
Friday 12th February	School closes for half term
Friday 26th February	Earth class open morning at 9.00am
Friday 4th March	Neptune class assembly
Friday 18th March	Venus class open morning at 9.00am

Farewell to Mrs Lawrenson

Tomorrow will be Mrs Lawrenson's last day at Barlby Bridge as she heads onto her new role as a screening assistant in York hospital. She has shown great commitment and hard work over the past 7 years and will be greatly missed by the children and staff alike. I am pleased to say we have made a successful appointment today and Miss Nina Lent will be starting in Earth class after Christmas.