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**School**  
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It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school following the summer break. They have all returned with fantastic behaviour and attitudes, which have been noticed and commented on by the adults in school. It has also been excellent to see them return to school looking so smart in their uniforms and school shoes, thank you for observing our uniform policy. We also welcomed our new Reception starters to Mercury class on Tuesday and they are already settling in well. It has been great to have some new faces in other classes too; a huge welcome to all of the new starters to school this year.

The school building works are progressing well and it will not be too long before we have our two extended classrooms in KS2 back in use. The completion date is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We thank you for your understanding at this time whilst things are disrupted in school. The children have coped well with some of the changes that we have had to make to the physical learning spaces during this time. You may have had chance to visit the school office and see the positive alterations that have been made to the main entranceway; we are very pleased with the difference this has made in school and the improved safety and security levels. Thank you for observing the letter regarding drop off and adults not entering the school building, it made the start of the day run more smoothly for the children today and will further ensure the safety of all in school.

The school value for this half term is 'Respect' and it was fantastic to see the children's awareness of how they could show this value to both their peers and adults in school in the launch assembly last week. As usual, children demonstrating the value for the half term may be nominated to receive a special award in assembly; we will also continue to award Act of Kindness tokens for children going the extra mile to demonstrate the other school values. We look forward to a busy year ahead, one of our key developments will be focused upon further enhancing our curriculum and we cannot wait to involve you in this journey as the new term gets underway.

## School Sports

At the end of last year, we were delighted to achieve the Gold School Games Award. This followed a significant focus last year on increasing pupils' participation in sporting and competitive events. We are eager to continue with the same rigour this year and plan to increase the number of physically active after school clubs and introduce more games activities at play and lunchtimes too. In addition, we are eager to introduce house teams in school to allow for more inter-competitive events and to give children an increased sense of sporting identity. Later on this term, children will all be placed into one of four coloured houses and receive a PE T-shirt that they will keep for the year. More information about this will follow soon. It is important that children's PE kit consists of either black or navy shorts and white t-shirt, plain black pumps or black/ white trainers. Children can also bring a pair of navy or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings for colder weather. A reminder please that logoed t-shirts and football shirts are not to be worn for PE. Children bringing these clothing items will be provided with an alternative kit to wear.



## Mr Coultish

You may have heard the news that Jeff Coultish, our school governor sadly passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> August. Jeff was an extremely committed governor and had served with an amazing amount of dedication for nearly 30 years. He was a regular visitor to school and helped out at many events including sports day. We have decided to open the new entranceway in Jeff's memory and a special plaque will be placed there. More information about this to follow.



## Attendance- 95.6% Target!

Last year our whole school attendance rate reached our target of 96%. This is thanks to the hard work that so many of our parents and children had given, to ensure good attendance in school. At Barlby Bridge we are constantly striving to better our achievements, so this year we have a target of 96.5%. This would mean that even less learning time is lost for individual children than last year. We will continue to celebrate class and school attendance each week in our praise assemblies and there is already a determination from all classes to win the termly and yearly prizes. In addition, we acknowledge our bronze, silver and gold attendees with certificates, badges and a prize raffle at the end of each term. We will keep you updated with our progress through our newsletters and school Facebook page. Together we can achieve that 96.5%!

It is important to remember that children identified as persistent absentees (attendance below 90%) or late arrivals (after 8.55 am) will continue to be closely monitored. If your child falls into this category you will be contacted to discuss our next steps to ensure a better attendance rate for your child and how we can help to deliver an improvement. Poor attendance greatly effects children's achievement in school and future life chances and late arrivals, if repeated regularly, can soon add up to hours of learning lost. As stated in our attendance policy, absence can only be authorised by school staff and false information relating to absence may be reported to the Prevention Attendance Officer. This is seen as a form of truancy. You may be asked for evidence such as doctor's appointments or notes when your child has a high absence rate, and this could result in referral to another agency. Thank you for observing our attendance policy.



## Parking

The parking situation on Thomas Street is becoming increasingly dangerous and I know the majority of parents share these frustrations. Last week, there was a call made to school from an extremely upset resident who was unable to move their car due to a parent parking so close to their vehicle. It is an offence to block the pavement and to park on the yellow zigzags outside school, but this continues to happen on a daily basis. Please consider the safety of the children at Barlby Bridge and do not bring your vehicle into Thomas Street. I realise it is difficult given the location of the school and limited parking but this situation is compromising the health and safety of our children. We thank you for your future consideration in improving this situation this year.

## Important Dates for your Diary

<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Selby High Parent Open Evening
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	New starters' and Year 6 buddy assembly (date changed)
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Brayton High Open Day
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Venus class assembly
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents' meeting- additional date for parents of pupils with SEND
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Earth class assembly
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School parent open morning (Year 1-6)
<b>Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents' evenings
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Flu Vaccinations (whole school)- letter to follow
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Mars class assembly
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Jupiter class assembly
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Saturn class assembly
<b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	King's Church Christmas experienced- Venus and Earth
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School closes for Christmas
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School opens for Spring term
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Advance warning – school closes for half term on Thursday
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Teacher training day
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School opens

## Earrings in School

For health and safety reasons, children who have pierced ears must remove earrings for PE. We are not able to tape over earrings so it is important that children who are unable to remove their own earrings have them taken out for PE days. The class newsletters published this week will have information on the PE days for each year group. Children wearing earrings will not be able to take part in PE, so it is essential that this guidance is followed. Many thanks.



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