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School
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School Building Works

We are pleased to announce that the school building works are now fully completed. The children will all move into their classrooms from tomorrow morning. Year 3 and 5 are extremely excited to be one of the lucky classes to have a 'new' room and we had an official opening in school this afternoon. Please do feel free to pop in after school this week to have a look at the completed works. As part of the extension, we have also had new play equipment installed in the EYFS area. This has really enhanced and further developed the space, and the children in early years are very much enjoying using their new role play castle, mud kitchen, planters and balance beams. The outdoor provision for early years is an area being developed this year and this is a great start to these improvements.

Governor Vacancy

Sadly, two of the longstanding governing body members, Brian Marshall and Jeff Coultish passed away in the summer. The governing body are keen to maintain the existing structure to ensure the continued effective running of the school. There are therefore currently three open vacancies on the board. These are co-opted governor vacancies and we are seeking to recruit members with particular skills including financial management, data analysis and HR experience or knowledge. These vacancies will also be advertised in the local community and it may be that you or someone you know is interested. Please pass on the word to grandparents and friends locally. Being a governor offers an excellent opportunity to find out more about the school, meet new people and parents and make a significant contribution to school development. If you are interested in one of the vacancies or would like more information, please speak to Mrs Hughes or the Vice Chair or Governors, Julie Duckett. Full training will be given and interested parties are welcome to come along with no commitment to the next meeting in November to find out more about the role.

Barlby Bridge Cares

Thank you to all parents, carers and grandparents who were able to come along to the Harvest celebrations this year and for the extremely generous food donations sent into school. One of the representatives from the Food Bank in Selby has contacted school to express their appreciation of the ongoing support received from our school. The donations make a big difference to members of our community practically and the people receiving these know that other people are thinking of them during difficult times. Last year, over 30,000 tonnes worth of donations were received and as a school, we are proud of the contribution we make to this essential community resource. Thank you again, to everyone, for your continued support.



Message from FoBBS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing on behalf of FoBBS (Friends of Barlby Bridge School.) We are a small group of parents whose aim is to raise funds each year to benefit all children attending the school. New members are always welcome. Thank you to all of the recently joined members.

Halloween colouring competition

All children will bring home a picture to colour. If they would like to enter, please return to school by Wednesday 23rd October along with 50p to enter. Prizes for the winners will be given out the Friday 25th October.

Halloween stall

Friday 25th October Fobbs will be selling Halloween cookies and buns along with toffee apples after school in the playground. Please come along and make a purchase and support our fundraising.



School Library

Now that the building work has been completed we are pleased to be able to reopen the school library for lending on Monday 14th October. This year we would like to see more children than ever using the library. All children have a library number that is used to lend books and we have a wide range of texts to suit all interests. Children will be given opportunities during the school day to visit the library. Parents of children in Mercury, Venus and Earth are welcome to accompany their children after school on Mondays and Tuesdays. Returned books can be brought back at anytime and left in the returns box.

As part of our relaunch we will be having a school competition to give our library a new name and we will also be recruiting librarians from year 4 and 5 to assist Mr Dyer with the running and future planning of this great school resource. As we are updating stock within the library and across classes, we are hoping to have a book sale of books that are surplus to the school but would be looking for a good home. Further information to follow.



Birthday Book

In addition to improving the school library this year, we also are keen to develop classroom reading areas. This will include developing book stock and encouraging the children to enjoy books by different authors. One of the teachers had the excellent idea of asking the children to donate a book to their classroom library on their birthday instead of bringing sweets. This could be a 'pre-loved' book from home or a new book. Obviously this is not compulsory but we thought it would be a lovely way to raise the profile of reading and celebrate your child's birthday by enjoying this book with the whole class.

Attendance News

We are making progress towards our 96.5% attendance target for the year with whole school attendance currently at 96.32% This is a good start to the term but we want to do better! As last year, when attendance is consistently at our target figure we will host a celebration event for the whole school. Best attending class last week was Saturn with a brilliant 100% attendance. This figure will help them to move up the leader-board in the race to be the best attending class of the year and win the first of our 3 termly prizes. Well done to our current leaders Mercury who have an excellent 98.55%. Venus and Earth classes are very close behind with 97% . Mars and Saturn have 96% with Jupiter on 95% and Neptune on 94%.

Fund Raising Thanks

Thank you so much for supporting our non-uniform day in aid of Children's Cancer Awareness. In total £139.60 was raised from donations on the day and icepop sales. This money will be donated to Candlelighters Children's Charity in memory of Thomas Cammack.

Important Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9th October	Reception and Year 6 Buddy New Starters' assembly- 9.00am
Wednesday 9th October	Parents' meeting- additional date for parents of pupils with SEND.
Friday 11th October	Earth class assembly- 9.00am
Thursday 17th October	School parent open morning (Years 1-6).
Wednesday 23rd October	Individual School Photographs
23rd and 24th October	Parents' evenings – Reception to Year 6.
Thursday 24th October	Flu Vaccinations (whole school)- letter to follow.
Friday 25th October	School closes for half term (FoBBS sale after school)
Monday 4th November	School opens.
Friday 8th November	Mars class assembly- 9.00am
Monday 11th November	Year 6 Remembrance Ceremony at Selby Cemetery
Thursday 14th November	Jupiter class assembly- 9.00am
Tuesday 19th November	School Pantomime
Friday 22nd November	Saturn class assembly- 9.00am
Friday 22nd November	Non-uniform day to fundraise for FoBBS Christmas Fair.
Thursday 28th November	School discos- KS1 3.10-4.00pm. KS2- 4.00- 5.00pm.
Tuesday 3rd December	School Christmas Fair- opens to parents from 2.30pm.
Weds 11th, Thurs 12th Dec	King's Church Christmas experienced- Venus and Earth.
Friday 20th December	School closes for Christmas.

Sports News

We have had a great start to our sporting competitions this term. The children in Key Stage 2 have enjoyed taking part in a cross county event at Selby college. In total 24 children were selected to take part in the event, with 8 in total qualifying for the area finals which will take place on Wednesday 16th October at Selby College. Well done to Lily, Jack, Emilia, Joshua, Holly-Leigh, Olivia, Mia and Bobby. We look forward to reporting on the next round of races.

Mr Wood is running his holiday club for one day only in half term on Wednesday 30th October. 9.30- 3.00pm, £10 for the day.





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