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Magic Moments at BBS

Our curriculum entitlement passports are in their final stages now. The children will be consulting on the ideas this week and the Governors Standards and Pupils committee are meeting tomorrow night to review the work completed so far. We would like to invite you to contribute to the passports too before they are finalised and have an online questionnaire to complete, please access by clicking the following link:

<http://www.koboca.co.uk/bbs-magic-moments-passports-parents/?q=BCZB5Q63>

We will use your responses to adapt the passports before they are finalised in the next few weeks. In addition, there is a parent forum meeting next Tuesday morning at 9.00am. At the meeting, you will have the opportunity to have a look at the completed passport and share any other ideas you would like including in the finished documents. The passports will then be professionally printed for each child, meaning we can implement them as part of our curriculum offer from January 2020. Many thanks.



Spelling Shed

Your child should now have come home with a personal log in for spelling shed. We had many positive comments about this platform at parents' evening from the classes who had already started using the resource. Spelling Shed is an online spelling platform that uses games to develop spelling skills, linked to the taught sequence in school. The children play as bees and collect points to grow their bee through different stages. Children's scores are added to the teachers' hub and this allows us to monitor how your child has done with the set work. It is already very popular, with children working hard to build their scores. It can be used on any online platform; tablets, computers and mobiles and played at any time. Type in <https://play.edshed.com> and then fill in the individual username and password that has been issued to your child. This will then give them access to the spelling games. Should you have any issues logging in or any questions then please see your child's teacher. We hope to see as many of our children as possible building their bees and their spelling knowledge in the process!

Year 5 and 6 Educational Visit

The children in Saturn and Neptune had an excellent day out of school last week, firstly visiting the York Mosque and then taking part in activities at 'The Web' adventure park. We are proud to say that during visits to both venues, our children were praised for their excellent manners and good behaviour.

During the visit to the mosque the Imam explained about the building and living daily life as a Muslim. The children were interested to learn that every mosque faces towards Mekkah so everyone praying is facing the same way. The Imam at the mosque was particularly impressed with the questions the children asked. Year Six pupils have written thank you letters in appreciation. **The Web**

"Before we went I was nervous..."

The children rose to the challenge of high rope activities, wearing a harness for safety and negotiating obstacles suspended above the ground. It was very challenging and lots of encouragement was given. Everyone chose their own level of challenge and the smiles of achievement were great to see. Some even had an extra turn.

"I would recommend The Web Adventure Park because it helps you believe in your-self and boosts your self-confidence up and helps you face your fears." **Lucca and Emelia- Year 5.**



A big thank you to everyone who made donations of 'Winter Warmers' for Selby Food Bank. These are very much appreciated. Donations are welcome at any time and we will be continuing with our themed collections, organised by our School Council.



Acceptable Behaviour of Adults

There have been several playground incidents that have been brought to my attention, occurring at drop off and collection times. At Barlby Bridge, we believe strongly that all members of the school community have a right to be treated with respect and that the school environment should be a welcoming place for everyone. The governors have put in place an acceptable behaviour of adults policy to ensure that no member of staff, parents or children are the victims of abusive behaviour or open to threats from other adults on the school premises. The policy states that 'Physical attacks and threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language verbal or written, to staff, governors, parents and carers, children and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and will result in withdrawal of the right to be on school premises.' I am sorry to have to bring this to the attention of all parents and carers in the newsletter, as I know the vast majority of adults operate in the school premises with great respect towards each other and the school staff. However, these concerns raised recently relate to unacceptable behaviour from adults and I feel it is important to stress the schools' position in responding seriously to these concerns and the actions that will be taken by the school. The full policy can be downloaded from the website by clicking the following link :<https://barlbybridge.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Acceptable-behaviour-of-adults-policy-1.pdf>

FoBBS News

I would like to say huge thank you for your support for the Halloween events run in school. We raised a wonderful £135.75. **Forthcoming Events in school this term:**

Thursday 23rd November : Non uniform day

Children can come to school in non uniform for the day. We ask for a donation of a £1 per family or you can donate a prize for our bottle or chocolate tombola stall for the Christmas fair.

Thursday 28th November : school Disco. The school pre-Christmas disco will be held in the school hall. Tickets will be sold on the morning of the disco in classrooms as usual. Children can wear fancy dress or festive clothes whilst at the disco. Letter to follow.

Tuesday 3rd December: Christmas Fair. The school's annual Christmas fair will be held in the school hall. Doors for parents only will open at 2:30, school children welcome after school. There will be a variety of festive stalls and refreshments available. We will have a special visitor for the children to visit in his grotto!

FoBBS have decided we will not be run the Secret Santa this year as there are a lot of enough fundraising events taking place and we are aware Christmas is an expensive time for all. There may instead be a small Secret Santa stall at the Christmas Fair. More information to follow.

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th November	Year 6 Remembrance Ceremony at Selby Cemetery
Tuesday 12 November	KS1 visit to National Railway Museum
Thursday 14th November	Jupiter class assembly- 9.00am
Friday 15th November	Children in Needs- Fundraising Sports Event
Tuesday 19th November	Parent Forum at 9.00am- Curriculum Passports
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	Neptune Class Assembly
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.
Tuesday 10th December	KS1 Afternoon Performance- 2pm in school hall
Tuesday 10th December	Year 3 and 4 Carol Concern at 3.45pm in school hall
Wednesday 11th December	Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert at 2.15pm in school hall
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Evening Performance- 6pm in school hall
Thursday 12th December	Reception Nativity at 9am in school hall
Friday 13th December	Nursery Nativity at 9am in school hall
Weds 11th, Thurs 12th Dec	King's Church Christmas experienced- Venus and Earth.
Friday 20th December	School closes for Christmas.
Tuesday 7th January 2020	School opens for Spring Term

Attendance News

Our whole school attendance currently stands at 96.28%. Although above 96% we are still short of our 96.5% target. Attendance champions this week are Mars with an impressive 99.58%. This has propelled them into 2nd place in our competition for this term with 97.54% overall. Classes in Key Stage 2 take up two of the top three places with Saturn moving into 3rd place with 97.15%. Well done to Earth class who are currently leading the way with 97.82% but it is a very close race!



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