

*'Learning, Growing and
Achieving Together'*

Barlby Bridge CP School

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Recycling Week

It has been excellent to welcome Greencore into school as part of our recycling week focus. The children have learned about reducing, reusing and recycling and the actions that they can take to make a difference to the amount of waste we use and throw away. It was great to hear their existing knowledge and how they already get involved in this at home. Greencore shared a presentation about all of the work that is in place to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover and each child has brought home a 'Protect the Planet' book. We have also been invited to send groups of children to the factory and will be linking these visits to our Science and Geography curriculum over the next year. Well done to all children who got involved in the competition and congratulations to our winning entries: Laila Hitchens; Heath Durrant; Amelia Winiecka; Liliana Wyrstek; Sophie Kirk; Ivy Parkinson; Arabella Cahill-Harris; Riley; Wilkie who receive Smyths vouchers from Greencore!

School Family Groups

We are looking forward to reintroducing our School Family Groups next week. Each child in school has been placed into a small school family, which will have between 6-8 children from across the school and one key adult. These groups enable the children to work with other classes across school and form bonds with their older and younger peers. The key adults will regularly check in with children in their own family group. Next Thursday, we will hold our first School Family morning and the children will complete a short activity and give their group a name linked to our Equality and Empathy school values. All children will also complete a safe adult activity; identifying adults in school and at home that they can talk to, if they are worried about anything in school, at home or online. Following this, the groups will meet half-termly to complete activities and curriculum events together. We will also be having a non-uniform day on Thursday to raise funds for MacMillan and Candlelighters Children's Cancer charities and more information about this is included later in the newsletter. We would be extremely grateful of homemade or bought cake donations, which will be shared with the Family Groups at the end of the session on Thursday.

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Attendance Matters



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How do we encourage good Attendance in School?

In school, we have a weekly class attendance award. The one class with the best attendance earn a half-termly reward and a trophy is displayed in their class. This is announced in assembly to lots of cheering and applause! As well as class awards, we also give individual certificates for 100% attendance and Improved attendance at the end of each term. We also give prizes at the end of the year for children who have 100% attendance or greatly improved attendance.

Who can you ask for help?

Mrs Kerr is responsible for monitoring attendance on a daily basis. If your child is absent, it is essential that you contact school in the morning. Mrs Burns is our Pastoral Support Lead. If your child is struggling with attendance we can offer support to help improve it. Mrs Burdett is responsible for monitoring attendance trends and contacting parents if attendance falls below 90%. Mrs Hughes is responsible for reviewing requests for Exceptional Leave of Absence during Term Time inline with Local Authority Guidelines.



Building stronger families



Important Dates for your Diary

Thu 29 Sept	Family Event and fundraising morning
Fri 30 Sept	Childhood Immunisation Team in School for flu immunisations
Tue 11 Oct	Curriculum Open Morning
Tue 18 Oct	Parents Evening (3:15-6pm)
Wed 19 Oct	Parents Evening (3:15-5:30pm)
Thu 20 Oct	Harvest celebration at Portholme Church
Fri 21 Oct	School Closes for Half Term
Mon 31 Oct	Deadline for Year 7 High School applications
Mon 31 Oct	School re-opens School photograph day
Fri 16 Dec	School Closes for Christmas
Tue 3 Jan	Staff Training Day
Wed 4 Jan	School reopens to pupils



No Parking

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We cannot stress enough that we **MUST** ask all Parents and Carers not to bring cars down Thomas Street. Parking restrictions that are in place on Thomas Street, are there to ensure the safety of the children who attend Barlby Bridge Community Primary School.

We are sure that you would agree that their safety is paramount and that they are vulnerable near cars and roads due to their age and we have support from local Policing to escalate these concerns if they persist.

We understand that our location off Barlby Road is not ideal, but there is absolutely nothing that can be done to alter this. We appreciate that many parents / guardians may need to use vehicles to bring children to school, but we ask that you do not drive down Thomas Street. Instead, cars can be parked at the Olympia hotel carpark.

Thank you.

Pierced ears

Since the Summer Holidays, we have had an increasing number of children with ear piercings in school.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind our families about the section of the Uniform Policy relating to earrings and jewellery, below, but also to say that if a child has pierced ears, then earrings **must not be worn** for school on PE days, especially if your child is unable to remove and reinsert their earrings by themselves. Injuries from earrings to either the child themselves, or another child, can be serious. If your child's piercing has been in place for less than the suggested 6-8 week healing process, they can bring white micropore paper tape to school to apply over their earrings but it would be helpful if they were shown how to do this themselves at home. The office keeps a small amount of micropore paper tape for emergencies, but this is not always available.

Uniform Policy

Jewellery

No jewellery, except a watch and small earring studs, are allowed in school. It is a health and safety hazard on the playground and in PE lessons and can cause distress to the child if such jewellery is mislaid. If jewellery, other than a watch and earring studs are worn, the pupil will be asked to remove it and hand it to the teacher. It will be returned to the parent/carer at the end of the school day. This includes charitable wristbands, unless consent has been given by the school.



We are running fundraising morning in school on Thursday 29 September, to support two important charities: MacMillan Cancer Support; and Candlelighters. We would like the children to bring in a contribution of bought or homemade cakes to share with their class family groups.

As it is September, we will also be funding raising for Children's Cancer Awareness and children can come in non-uniform with a yellow or gold item of clothing or accessory (if they have one.)

Please ensure that any cakes sent into school **do not contain any nuts**, in line with our nut free school policy. Parents of children with allergies will be consulted separately.

We will be collecting donations, and proceeds will be split between Candlelighters, a children's cancer charity in Memory of Thomas Cammack and MacMillan Cancer Support in memory of Mrs Duffield.

Please remember that we're a cashless school and that all non-uniform donations must be paid online via the School Money system, with a suggested donation of £1 per child or family. In the meantime, if you've never set up your School Money login / password, please contact the Office and we'll be able to support you in doing this.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SESSION

SELBY LIBRARY
MONDAY OCTOBER 24TH 2022
2-3:30PM

Information around healthy diet, healthy snacks and portion size.

This group will be for parents with children aged 9 months to 6 years, with lots of healthy lifestyle advice for your family. Including how to create healthy habits and tips for fussy eaters.

Information on oral health for children.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST VIA THE EMAIL:
hdft.northyorkshire0-6nutrition@nhs.net

Snacks!

Did you know that children are welcome to bring a healthy snack into school for first breaktime?

This usually applies to children in Years 3 to 6, as children in Reception and Years 1 and 2, are provided with a snack via government funded fruit and vegetable schemes. When children leave Year 2 and go into Year 3, they have been used to having a piece of fruit like an apple or pear, delivered to school by this scheme. The scheme means that the snack offer varies from week to week but includes things like carrots; small boxes of raisins; etc.

Healthy Lunchboxes

We are proud to hold the Healthy Schools Silver Award and as part of the focus this year we are continuing to look at mealtime provision for pupils, which includes our hot meal offer, jacket potatoes and sandwiches, and promotion of healthy packed lunches for children. A healthy and varied meal at lunchtime has a real impact on children's concentration levels in the afternoon.

We ask that packed lunch boxes might include:

- Sandwich/wrap or healthy savoury option such as pasta.
- Chopped fruit / vegetables.
- Dairy item such as yoghurt.
- Rice cakes / low salt savoury crackers.
- Raisins or dried fruit.
- Small carton of fruit juice or water.

Chocolate bars, sweets and fizzy drinks should not be brought into school. When preparing your child's lunchbox, please also remember that we are a Nut Free School. This includes Nutella / nut spreads which must not be brought in.

Snack Safety

It's fantastic that many children bring grapes to school as a healthy snack. However, these should always be cut up as they can present a choking hazard, even for older children.