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Breakfast and After School Club

We have had a really positive response to the letter sent at the beginning of the term relating to uptake of later sessions in the after school club. Due to recent increased uptake, I am pleased to inform you we will be able to continue to run the later session each day until 5.30pm. This will be reviewed half termly and we will inform you if there is a need to change this in the future. Since our Wraparound care started running in September 2017, the provision has gone from strength to strength and we now have over 20 children attending the sessions every week. Numbers in both the breakfast and after school sessions continue to grow. We also had the excellent news last week that the school is eligible for funding from Magic Breakfast which will help to provide additional resources and equipment for the club and enable us to further enhance the existing provision we have in place. Through this funding, we also plan to set up breakfast stations in classrooms as children come into school to help fuel them through the morning! There are places available in both breakfast and the after school sessions. Please speak to the office if you would like further information. We can take last minute requests for places as long as the school office are informed in the day time for after school club or the day before in the case of the breakfast club. Thank you to all parents who continue to use this provision.

Lingotots

If you follow the school Facebook Page, you will have seen we are the lucky winners of a half terms worth of language lessons in school led by Lingotots Franchise. We have organised for each class to take part in one of the sessions, which will start after half term. The children voted unanimously in favour of Spanish lessons. Thank you so much to the parents who liked and shared the post; we are very grateful and excited for this opportunity!

School Events

We have a number of events coming up in the next few weeks and would be delighted if you are able to attend. On Tuesday 19th February we will be running a Healthy Lifestyles day in school. There will be a short workshop for parents at the start of the day led by the Healthy Child Team. Following this, children will have the opportunity to prepare their own healthy snack in classrooms– it would be great if we could have lots of parents and grandparents in school to help with this if you are free. We are working in collaboration with Tesco to deliver this exciting day.

It was excellent to see the digital leaders sharing their knowledge of Internet safety in assembly last week. The group delivered a number of important messages including the importance of setting privacy settings on all devices used to access the Internet. Tomorrow is National Safer Internet Day; the theme this year is 'Together for a Better Internet'. Each class will take part in specific learning on Internet safety this week. We hope through this work to inspire a conversation both in school and at home about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Each class will also prepare a small presentation to share with parents on Tuesday 12th February. Please come along at 2.20pm that day for this special sharing assembly.



Digital leaders Natalie, Rosie, Isabella, Mia, Ruby and Szymon sharing their expert E-Safety knowledge.



School Attendance

Our overall school attendance rate is 96.1% at present which places the school in line to meet the target we have set for this academic year. We do monitor attendance closely and report attendance concerns to parents if a child's rate drops below 93%. Often, if this has been due to illness, this letter is just for information as the rate will quickly rise again once your child is back in school. There are times however, when a child's attendance continues to dip and meetings will therefore need to be arranged to put support strategies in place. Children arriving late into school are monitored the same way and you will receive a letter if a high number of late sessions are recorded. Being 10 minutes late each day may seem like a small amount of time but equates to 6.5 days of lost schooling each year. We run booster and catch up sessions at the very beginning of the school day so it's extremely important the children are in school to take part in these. Thank you for continuing to support our school aim to increase our overall attendance rate.

STEM Day

On Friday 1st February Barlby Bridge hosted a fantastic STEM launch day for our learning theme this term. We were joined by Bob who led sessions for each class that challenged their Maths, science, design and team working skills. The focus of the session was to investigate how our knowledge of 3D shapes can support us in construction. Children were challenged to build a triangular based pyramid using doweling rods and elastic bands. Using this shape meant that the constructions were stable. Once constructed they were combined with another 3 to make one twice as big. By multiplying by 4 each time, the towers got bigger and bigger, doubling in size! The children thoroughly enjoyed putting their learning and skills to the test and working as teams. It is clear that we have some very skilled young engineers here at Barlby Bridge. Many thanks to Mrs Hockley for organising this launch event.



Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th February	Mars Reading Session- Parents invited to read with their child in school – 2.30- 3.05pm
Wednesday 6th February	KS1 visit to Lotherton Hall
Tuesday 12th February	Internet Safety Sharing Assembly for Parents- 2.20- 3.10pm
Friday 15th February	Earth class open morning for parents: 9.00-10.00am
Tuesday 19th February	Whole school healthy eating day- Parent open session 9.00-11.00am
Wednesday 20th February	Parent forum at 9.00am- All welcome
Thursday 21st February	Mars class open morning for parents: 9.00-10.00am
Friday 22nd February	School closes for half term
Monday 4th March	School opens
Tuesday 5th March	Jupiter Parent Reading Session- 2.30- 3.05pm (date changed)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day- Info to follow We WILL be dressing up this year
Tuesday 12th March	Saturn Reading Session– 2.30- 3.10pm (date changed)
Tuesday 19th March	Neptune Reading Session – 2.30- 3.10pm (date changed)
Thursday 21st March	Saturn class open morning for parents: 9.00-10.00am
Wednesday 27th March	Reception and Jupiter (Year 4) Parents' evening
Thursday 28th March	Parents' evening whole school
Thursday 4th April	School Fundraising Event
Friday 12th April	School closes for Easter Holiday

Homework

Children in Year 1-6 will receive homework today, following a review of our policy in school. We ask that this work is returned to school by next Monday. We run a homework club on Friday lunchtimes which all children are welcome to attend. If you need any resources to support this work at home we are happy to provide, just speak to your child's class teacher. We are in the process of reviewing our school reading scheme and plan to eventually replace the older home reading books in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.. We plan to hold an event at the end of this term, similar to the Mini Mudder last year, to raise funds towards the costs of these new books in school.