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Assessment Information

Well done to all of the children in Year 6 who were absolute stars throughout their SATS last week. The whole group worked so hard, showing determination and positively at all times. We are extremely proud of the children for the attitudes shown to this and their many other achievements at Barlby Bridge. The children in Year 2 are also in the process of completing their SATS, the results of which will be used to inform teacher assessment. To minimise any pressure, these tests are completed in small groups with the teacher. In addition, a teacher assessment is made of children in the reception class based on the Early Years Profile. The end of year reports will be sent home on Monday 8th July. Parents of children in Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 will receive a report with information relating to your child's attainment against the national expected standards. All other year groups will receive the usual report informing you of your child's attainment and effort in all subject areas and whether they are working towards, at or beyond the year group age expected standard. Children in Year 1 take a short phonics reading check in June, the results of which will also be reported. All children progress at different rates and have different strengths in relation to the various curriculum areas. The opportunity to meet your child's class teacher to discuss this report will be offered at the end of the school year. We will also report information relating to your child's attendance rate for this year and identify target areas for next year in relation to children's attainment, attitude and attendance where relevant.

Attendance News

Our current school attendance is 96.53%. This puts us above the national figure for schools last year. This is significant because it means that less and less children are losing learning because of absence from school. We hope that this figure will continue to rise through the summer term. The children love celebrating attendance each week in our praise assembly and they are all determined to win one of our two 'Mac' trophies, that are awarded weekly for the classes with the highest weekly and yearly attendance. Currently Earth lead the way from Jupiter (with all the other classes not far behind) in the race to win best attending class of the year. The class rewards at the end of each term are so popular that we have now introduced a third category for the best termly attendance and the children are eager to see who comes out on top! Class attendances are updated each week and placed at the school entrance so you can see how your child's class are getting on in the race to the top. Thank you for supporting our school aim to improve attendance this year.

Save the Date...

Parents of children in Year 1, 2 and 3 are invited to join us for the last Forest Schools session of the year on the following dates:

Mars- Wednesday 5th June

Earth- Friday 14th June

Venus- Friday 21st June



Summer Fair

The summer fair is due to take place on Wednesday 26th June. This event will start at 2.00pm and there will be various stalls, bouncy castle, ice-cream van, tombola, cake sale and raffle. The suggestion has been made to host a family picnic in school to mark the end of the year and bid farewell to our Year 6 leavers. Details of this event are still to be confirmed and more information will follow in the next newsletter. Thank you to the FoBBS and parent helpers who have given so much support to school fundraising this year. The current total is over £2500.



School Building Works

As you may be aware, two of the classrooms are being extended in the summer term. This work will start on 10th June and is expected to be completed over a six week period. During this time, the children in year 4 will be temporary relocated to the year 1 classroom and the year 6 cohort will be moved into the hall. As year 1 is the smallest cohort, the decision has been made to relocate this class temporarily. The children will be registered in the year 2 classroom and will then be taught in small groups in the library, the larger intervention room, reception classroom and in the nursery space in the afternoon. We will do everything we can to ensure the children's learning is not affected and the teachers will be leading lessons as normal. We have been informed that the usual school entrances will be open at the start and end of the day but if there is any change to this you will be informed. There will also be work carried out to the main office area in the summer holiday which will create a more secure waiting area for visitors; further improving our safeguarding measures. As this work will be completed in the holiday, there will be no impact upon the school office in school hours. I will release more information in relation to these works after the half term break as updates from North Yorkshire are received. As part of this work, we are also having new play equipment installed in the EYFS outdoor area in the current grassed space.

Mobile Phones in School

The Governors are in the process of reviewing the school mobile phone policy and have a few updates to share. All parents, volunteers and governors should only use mobile phones within the designated area within the school office area. When visiting the school site for performances and open events, parents will be informed each time as to whether the taking of photographs and videos is permitted. It is important that on these occasions, only images of your own child are taken and that this is for own use only. Footage from school events should not be shared on social media and if it is found that this policy has not been followed, you will be asked to remove this content. We also ask that photographs or media or school staff are not taken without their permission. This policy is in place to safeguard all children in school. We do recognise the significance of school events for parents and the policy on the taking of photographs at these events is being retained for this reason. Thank you for your consideration.



Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th May	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	Teacher training day
Tuesday 4th June	School opens
Wednesday 5th June	Year 5 visit to Woodmeadow Trust
WC Monday 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
Wednesday 12th June	Class Photographs
Monday 17th June	New Starters Parents Meeting- Reception 19 at 2.30pm
Tuesday 18th June	New Starters Parents Meeting- Reception 19 at 4.30pm
Wednesday 19th June	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 26th June	Summer Fair
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 5/6 Afternoon Performance at 2pm
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 5/6 Evening Performance at 6pm
Thursday 4th July	Sports Day
Friday 5th July	Nursery Sports Day
Monday 8th July	School Reports Home
Thursday 11th July	Leavers' Disco
Friday 19th July	School closes at 2pm for Summer Holidays

Parking

In a recent Wednesday news assembly, the children were sharing their views about parking and cars outside school. This was inspired by the news that air pollution has become a significant and detrimental factor in children's health with pollution from traffic responsible for 4 million children worldwide developing asthma each year. The children were unanimous in agreement that they wanted clean air to breathe and had lots of ideas about how they can improve air quality and traffic around our school. This week it is national walk to school week, and our road safety officers will be running competitions and will be out before school to monitor traffic, parking and possible pollution issues. Please remember that parking outside school at the beginning and end of each day presents many hazards to our children both in terms of safety and health. If you can, keep the car at home and walk to school!