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## Curriculum Passports

A key part of school development planning this year is focused upon further developing our whole school curriculum with the aim of ensuring all children have the opportunity to take part in a wealth of experiences and learning at Barlby Bridge. Using our local community and everything on offer further afield too, we are developing a curriculum passport for all children which they will complete throughout their time in school. This will include a scrapbook for photos and memories that they will take away with them in Year 6. To make this unique to our school, we are focusing the passports around our school 'We Care' vision:

- C- Creativity and Care**
- A- Achievement and Aspiration**
- R- Resilience and Respect**
- E- Empathy and Equality**



For example, the 'E' experiences may include taking part in a community project to support those in need locally or completing an activity such as litter picking. We are eager to involve you in the consultation process before we finalise the document to ensure your ideas for the children are included too. There will be an online questionnaire to complete which will provide the opportunity for your feedback related to which experiences should be included in the passports. We have had some technical issues with this but are hoping it will be live after half term. We are excited to launch the passports in the spring term.

## Meet a Creature...

The children in Rockets, Mercury and Venus class had a fantastic morning meeting and handling exotic creatures last Wednesday. The children met a tortoise, two snakes, a tarantula, a giant snail, a gecko, a bearded dragon, a spiny stick insect, a silk worm and a chinchilla. They were given the opportunity to stroke or hold every animal; we also learnt some interesting facts about the animals. The children were so brave letting animals crawl on them, sit on their knees, wrap around them and some even let the tarantula sit on their heads! Even the adults were brave and tried to overcome their fears and have a go at handling some of the animals. It was a great experience for all involved and the children have been talking about it and using the experience in their learning all week.



## Attendance- 96.5% Target

Overall school attendance is currently at 96.30%. The children are hoping to hit the 96.50% before the end of term to earn their whole school attendance celebration event. Best attending classes this week are Earth and Saturn who share the trophy with 98.89% attendance. Well done to them. This means that both classes have moved up the leader board with Saturn now moving into 3rd place. Earth are 2nd behind our current leaders Mercury who have a very good 98.47%. There are 6 more weeks to go before we announce the class who are winners of the first attendance celebration prize.

## Parent to Teacher Meetings

This week, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher at the first parents' evenings of the year. This initial meeting is to discuss how your child has settled into their year group and to talk about learning targets for the year. This is a two way meeting so please come with any questions or queries you have too.



## School Family Event- Trusted Adults

Last Tuesday, our School Family groups met together again. The School Families were set up a few years ago to provide regular opportunities for all children to meet up within a small group of up to 9 children. Each group consists of a child from each of our year groups, starting from Reception. There are two leaders, each from year 5 and 6 within each family and an adult who is a member of staff from school. We have 21 groups in total, all with their very own individual name.

We meet up for a variety of reasons, completing an activity linked to one of our subjects, topic areas or perhaps a special event. This time we met up for a very special reason to support our safeguarding in school. Having a trusted adult that all children know, both at home and at school, is very important. An adult that will care, respect and listen to a child's worries is something that most children have. Unfortunately though, not all children can name or even have someone and it is for that reason we feel this activity is so important.

To ensure each and every child in our school can name at least one person, we have allocated the adult from your child's family group to become one of those trusted people. The children will get to know their school trusted adult more throughout the year as we will make sure time is taken to check in with all our school family children regularly with a good morning, a smile and a chat about their day etc.

During the session, each child made a helping hand and on each of the fingers a different trusted adult was placed: their school family adult; an adult at home; a friend; another adult they can think of either at school, home, relative, neighbour etc. and finally the NSPCC helpline number. Although it is sad that we have to contemplate the rare chance of our children needing this kind of support, it is something that our school believe is important so every child in our care feels secure in knowing there is always someone keeping a special caring eye on them.



## Important Dates for your Diary

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Summer Library Challenge celebration assembly
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Individual School Photographs
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents' evenings – Reception to Year 6.
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Flu Vaccinations (whole school).
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School closes for half term (FoBBS sale after school)
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School opens
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Autumn Warmers Food Bank Collection- Letter to Follow
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Mars class assembly- 9.00am
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 Remembrance Ceremony at Selby Cemetery
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Jupiter class assembly- 9.00am
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Pantomime
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Saturn class assembly- 9.00am
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Non-uniform day to fundraise for FoBBS Christmas Fair.
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Neptune Class Assembly
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School discos- KS1 3.10-4.00pm. KS2- 4.00- 5.00pm.
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need- Fundraising Event
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	School Christmas Fair- opens to parents from 2.30pm.
<b>WB 9.12.19- 20.12.19</b>	Christmas Performance Dates- To be confirmed this week
<b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	King's Church Christmas experienced- Venus and Earth.
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School closes for Christmas.

## FoBBS News

There is still time for your child to enter the Halloween Colouring Competition. Please bring completed entries into school by Wednesday this week along with the 50p fee. The prizes for the winning entries will be handed out on Friday. There is also a pumpkin lucky dip priced at 50p per go. After school on Friday, FoBBS will be selling Halloween cookies, buns and toffee apples. The stall will be located in the school playground. School fundraising this year will support the development of the EYFS outdoor area and also purchase further book stock in KS2. Please do support the school in raising these essential funds if you can.



## Governor Vacancies

We currently have three co-opted governor vacancies and are seeking to recruit members with particular skills including financial management, data analysis and HR experience or knowledge. If you, or someone you know is interested in one of these vacancies, please speak to Claire Hughes or Julie Duckett (Vice Chair). Being a governor offers an excellent opportunity to meet new people and make a significant contribution to school development.



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