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Christmas at BBS

Thank you so much for your support at the Christmas Fair last week. The total so far raised from stalls and Santa tickets is £475 and this is set to rise with raffle ticket sales in the forthcoming week. If you have not purchased tickets yet and would like to, they will be on sale at all of the performances this week. Thank you also to the parents who bought and sold pre-loved clothes at the second hand stall. Your donations were much appreciated. One of the stall holders commented on the wonderful manners and friendliness of the children who were browsing; excellent feedback to hear!

This week is set to be a busy one with our Christmas performances, starting with KS1's performance of 'Born in a Barn', Year 3 and 4's choir concert tomorrow and concluding with Reception and Nursery classes Nativities at the end of the week. All dates and times of the performances are published on the reverse of the newsletter. The children have been working extremely hard on their acting and singing; I am sure you will be treated to wonderfully enthusiastic performances. We are supporting Save the Children charity on Friday and children can come in their own clothes wearing a Christmas jumper or festive outfit. Suggested voluntary donation is 50p per child.



Sporting News

On Monday 18th November Year 1 travelled the short distance to Selby College to take part in the Year 1 Multi Skills event where they joined other Year 1 children from some of our neighbouring schools. The children did wonderfully well taking part in a mix of activities that tested a range of essential sporting skills. Events included jumping, running, throwing and dribbling; the children were tested throughout the afternoon. They all had a great time and were complemented on their good behaviour. We are very proud of their efforts.

House Teams

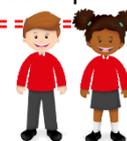


In the New Year we will be launching our new Barlby Bridge House system, where the children will be allocated a specific team. These will be colour coded and children will have a variety of opportunities to earn points for their team. One aspect of this will be through sporting competition so we are using some of our sports premium allowance to purchase specific coloured PE T-shirts for the children to wear during PE sessions and for intra-school competitions. The PE Shirts have been ordered and are currently being embroidered and will be allocated after Christmas with the children being assigned to their team.

A Visitor from Selby Food Bank

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Nigel Curry who came to speak to us all about the work of Selby Food Bank. The children listened attentively while Mr Curry explained how the Trussell Foundation began Food Banks around the country and the ways that Selby and District Food Bank helps people in our area.

Mr Curry answered the children's questions about how many people receive help and how much food is distributed. He was happy to hear about our Christmas Treats collections planned for 10th and 11th December and thanked the school community for its continued support and kindness.



Good Work Commemorations



Our final good work assembly of the term took place on Thursday 5th December. Children had been nominated by class teachers for a range of excellent work across the curriculum. It was lovely to see how proud the children were of their achievements as they showcased their work in maths, RE, history, writing and art; demonstrating the progression in curriculum skills and knowledge as they progress through the school. As a very special ending we were treated to a performance from the school choir who sang 'I am the World' and 'Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer'. It has been excellent to see their commitment to attending the choir every week this term.

Well done to Lola, Patrick, Ashley, Thomas, Katie, Scarlet, Samuel, Evelyn, Conner, Mabel, Megan, Lily-Mae, Lucca, Emelia, Riley and Rosie who all received a special gold Headteachers certificate and badge and to all the other children who were certificate winners this term!

Health and Safety Updates

Following our termly review of health and safety arrangements there are a few changes on which to update you. The first relates to the Year 5 and 6 children who have permission to walk home alone. Rather than being dismissed through the playground doors the children will now leave school via the nursery exit door. This is to ensure their safety as they leave the school site. The main gates to the school will be opening slightly later just after 8.35am. This is following Health and Safety advice relating to pupil supervision before school. Please remember the play equipment should not be used before or after school by either school or pre-school children.

Parking



I know the vast majority of parents share the schools' frustrations relating to the parking situation. **Thomas Street** is an access only resident's road and **should NOT be used** by parents during drop off and collection times. This is to **protect** all of the children on their walk to school. Despite numerous information warnings, a few parents continue to use this road dangerously which is putting the children at real risk of harm. **Blocking pavements, parking on the zigzag lines and blocking the school entrances are all traffic offenses** and we ask parents to consider an alternative parking place or journey option to school. The **pollution** caused by waiting cars outside every day is also a real concern for our children and something they regularly talk about in assembly. We are in a difficult position with the lack of parking outside school but do need to work collectively to improve this situation. The Chair of Governors has recently written to the Town Councillor again for support in moving things forward and any parental feedback or ideas on how to move things forward will be discussed at the next forum meeting in January.

Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th December	KS1 Afternoon Performance- 2pm in school hall
Tuesday 10th December	Year 3 and 4 Carol Concern at 3.30pm 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 experience- Venus and Earth
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18th December	School Christmas Party Day
Thursday 19th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 20th December	School closes for Christmas.
Monday 6th January	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7th January 2020	School opens for Spring Term

Staffing News

You may have heard the news that Mrs Kearns is retiring in the New Year. We will be very sad to see Mrs Kearns leave the school; she has done an excellent job coordinating the school office for over 9 years now and will be missed by staff and pupils alike. We are in the process of recruiting a new Office Manager and will update parents as the recruitment procedures are completed in the next few weeks. Mrs Kearns' last week will be in January, allowing for a handover with the newly recruited member of the office team.

Christmas Parties and Lunch

Next week, we have a number of festive celebrations taking place in school. All classes will have their Christmas party next Wednesday. Children can come to school dressed in Christmas party clothes for this event. On Thursday, the whole school will celebrate together with our annual Christmas dinner. The children are seated in low rows together and will be served their dinner to the table by the school staff. This is a long-standing Barlby Bridge tradition enjoyed by children and staff each year. Thank you to the kitchen staff who are already working hard prepping for the biggest dinner of the year!





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