

*'Learning, Growing and  
Achieving Together'*

# Barlby Bridge CP School

## Newsletter Friday 12 November 2021

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### COVID-19 Updates

I hope you all had the time to read the COVID-19 update letter issued by North Yorkshire County Council last week. Thank you for your support in managing the spread of the virus in school. This is really helping to keep case rates low. Please note that following this recent guidance, it is now expected that if a member of the household tests positive for the virus, a PCR is booked for the other children in the household. This would mean if one child does test positive, the other sibling/s (if attending school) should also be PCR tested and if an adult in the household tests positive, all children should be tested. There is no need for children who do not have symptoms to isolate during this time, however if any symptoms develop (including cold like symptoms) we would ask you to demonstrate caution and keep your child at home until the PCR test results confirm a negative result. Please note that if children do demonstrate the main symptoms of COVID-19 including a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of or change in sense of smell and/ or taste then a PCR test should be booked, and the child should remain at home until the results are received.

In school, we have reduced the number of whole school gatherings in assembly times and looked at key congestion points to ensure large mixings are reduced. We also have CO2 monitors which are being used to measure the airflow in the classrooms. We had hoped to invite parents into school more frequently for sharing assemblies and class open mornings this term but sadly, due to the guidance and an increase nationally in case rates, this has not been possible. We are hoping to hold Christmas performances for Reception and KS1 (Year 1 and 2) children and more information about this has been sent out to parents. Children in KS2 will perform Christmas songs and the format for this will be confirmed.

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### County Music Service

In assembly yesterday, the children were treated to a musical performance led by the County Music Service. The team came into school to talk about the wide range of musical instruments on offer to learn, including clarinet, cello, violin, saxophone and keyboard. We do have a few children currently learning instruments in school but if you are interested in signing your child up or would like further information, please visit [www.northyorkshireremembrance.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshireremembrance.co.uk) or contact [countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk)

At the end of the assembly, the team led a poignant reflection for Remembrance Day with a live trumpet performance of 'The Last Post' and a remembrance hymn to follow. The children in Year 2-6 who attended the assembly were all very sensible and showed great respect in marking Remembrance Day in this way.



### Remembrance Day



We would like to sincerely thank our families for the support shown to the Poppy Appeal. The Royal British Legion left two boxes of fundraising items to be sold for suggested donations and their collection tub was filled. They will be so grateful for our enthusiasm and contribution to this cause.



Building stronger families



## Staffing Changes

Sadly Mr Wood will be leaving the school in December as he has been successful in gaining a new role as the Health and Wellbeing Lead for Leeds United Foundation. Mr Wood has worked as a HLTA and sports lead at Barlby Bridge for over 5 years now and in that time provided a great commitment to the children both in the classroom and through his pastoral work, running after school and extra curricula clubs. Due to this change in staffing, we have had to slightly adapt our club offer this term but have arranged staffing to run these over a four-week period. We are seeking to recruit a new full-time replacement to start in January 2022 and hope to also be able to offer our clubs as usual from then. When Mr Wood leaves, classes will be covered by supply staff at the end of this term until the new appointment starts in January.

## Clubs

The electronic Clubs booking forms went out yesterday, with Clubs starting 15 November. We will confirm if your child has a place on Monday 15 November by 1pm by text message. If you do not hear from us then your child has not been successful in gaining a place in the club or clubs applied for. Clubs will finish the week before the final week of term, week ending Friday 10 December. Key Stage 1 clubs will finish week ending Friday 3 December due to Christmas Performances.

## Important Dates for your Diary

<b>Wednesday 17 November</b>	FOBBS new members meeting
<b>Friday 19 November</b>	Children in Need
<b>Monday 15 November</b>	Parent Governor voting ballots issued
<b>Monday 29 November</b>	Voting closes for Parent Governor vacancy
<b>Wednesday 1 December</b>	Votes counted for Parent Governor vacancy
<b>Monday 6 December</b>	KS1 Christmas Performances begin
<b>Friday 17 December</b>	School closes for Christmas Break
<b>Tuesday 4 January</b>	Staff training day
<b>Wednesday 5 January</b>	School opens
<b>Thursday 17 February</b>	School closes for Half Term
<b>Friday 18 February</b>	Staff training day
<b>Monday 28 February</b>	School opens

## Children in Need



Thank you for all the orders and donations so far to Children in Need's 2021 campaign. Merchandise is now available to pay for on the School Money system. We will be issuing children with their orders next week! After the success of the Poppy Appeal, we can't wait to see our children enjoying their Pudsey Bear items.

Friday 19 November, is our non-uniform day (or pyjama day)!

Suggested donations of £1.00 per family can be made via the School Money system, and children will take part in fundraising activities in their classrooms including mindfulness and Joe Wicks activities.

We can't wait to see our children (and staff) take part in this fun-filled day, raising money for Children in Need, and we thank you for understanding the Schools move to a 'cashless' online system via School Money. In the meantime, if you have never set up your School Money login / password, please contact the Office and we will be able to support you in doing this.



## Year 1 Trip

On Thursday, Year 1 went out on their very first school trip. They went all the way to York to the National Railway Museum, where they had lots of fun learning about Stevenson's Rocket and the Rainhill Trials. The children and adults loved seeing all of the different trains - one had wheels that were taller than Mr Dyer! It was absolutely fantastic seeing the children out, experiencing the real-life trains first hand. We hope there will be many more trips to come!

### New Parent Governor

We have two applications for the role of Parent Governor and this will now go to a ballot for voting.

On Monday 15 November we will issue a ballot for two primary guardians in each family to cast a vote. This is open for 10 School Days, until the end of Monday 29 November. Guardians can read the statement of each candidate and cast their vote in the provided envelope(s).

We will then open and count the ballots on Wednesday 1 December.

### Parking

The Police are now present at School on some pick up or drop off times and where they find continuing parking offences, these will be escalated.

**Please help us keep children safe.**



SELBY ABBEY INVITES YOU TO

## Christingle Service

A Christingle Service raising money for The Children's Society.

Collect a Christingle Tube from Selby Abbey

Sunday 4th  
Dec 4pm.



### Christmas meals

Did you know that Churches Together can provide a hot meal to someone who may struggle to receive one on Christmas Day? Selby Abbey have sent us this flyer to share with you and provide all the information.

If this service can help you in anyway, please use the contact details on the flyer, or please call or come in and speak to the Office where we can support you and deal with your queries sensitively and confidentially.



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## CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL INVITATION

Do you know someone who will struggle to get a hot meal on Christmas Day?

If so, please refer them for our free Christmas lunch to ensure that you can celebrate this special day.

Meals will need to be collected from the Stander Hall (Audus Street) or St Richard's Centre (Abbot's Road Estate) at 1:30pm. It may be possible for those with particular needs to have meals delivered.

To ensure a place please contact Karen Banks, the coordinator on the number or email address below:

Phone: 07753 826209 | Email: karen.banks2@bopenworld.com

Referrals from agencies can also be taken.

