

*'Learning, Growing and
Achieving Together'*

Barlby Bridge CP School

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Summer Term 2022

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school this week and hope you were all able to have a restful Easter break. This is set to be another busy term and we are pleased to reinstate whole school cooperative projects and opportunities for children to work collaboratively with their peers in other classes. There are several events planned including an 'All Stars Cricket' workshop for children in KS1 and KS2 this half term and a special Jubilee Event taking place on Thursday 26th May. As part of this day, parents and carers will be invited to come into school to work alongside the children in an art and craft activity. More details about this will follow in the next few weeks. For our Jubilee celebrations, there will be a special street party celebration and the children will all be working hard to create a shared piece of artwork to be displayed on our front fence on Barlby Road.

On Tuesday's assembly, we launched our 'Resilience' themed school value for the term. The children thought about times they have shown resilience and how demonstrating a growth mindset can help them when faced with challenges. This half term, staff will be awarding a resilience certificate and a weekly badge in the Praise Wall assembly for children seen demonstrating this value by staff or their peers. As the Year 6 embark on their SATS tests starting on Monday 9th May, we think of the resilience the children have shown in their school work this year. A SATS information letter will be sent out to Year 6 parents and carers next week and this will explain the test procedures in a little more detail.

We look forward to the term ahead and will continue to post regular updates on the work of the school on our twitter feed <https://mobile.twitter.com/barlbybridge> and school Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1527056707323596/about/>. Please follow us or request to be added to the Facebook school group if you're interested in seeing these updates and posts.

The calendar events section of the website has been updated and key dates added for this term. The school meals menu for the Summer term has been added to the website but if you need a paper copy these can be requested via the school office. Just a reminder that this coming Monday, 2nd May, is Spring Bank Holiday with School being closed to pupils and staff. We wish all our children and families a lovely extended weekend.

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Bank Holidays this year

A few parents have been asking about the additional bank holiday and how this is calculated in terms of school days for the children. When the Jubilee bank holiday was agreed, North Yorkshire asked School Governing Bodies to consult again on the training day calendar. Originally, our term was due to end on Tuesday 26th July, however due to this additional holiday, the end of term has now been brought forward by a day meaning school officially closes a day earlier on Monday 25th July. The INSET days agreed were therefore September 6th, January 4th, February 18th and an additional agreed day which took place last Monday 18th April following the Easter break. The final training day will take place on Monday 25th July as the last designated teacher training day this year. Children are not expected to attend that day and school closes for summer on Friday 22nd July at the earlier time of 2pm. I hope that this makes sense but if you do have any further queries, please see Ms Scholes in the office or Mrs Hughes who will be happy to explain.

Book Fair!

We are really excited to welcome back the Book Fair, which arrives in school on **Wednesday 18 May until Monday 23 May**. Keep a look out for more information over the coming weeks!



School House Competition

As you will be aware, last academic year, Barlby Bridge launched our 4 new school houses. These were named after the stained-glass windows in Selby Abbey; Michael, Washington, Benedict and Germaine. All children and staff were allocated to a specific house and have been provided with a sports T-shirt in the responding colour.

Children can earn house points (red tokens) for many different reasons, among them, demonstrating positive learning behaviours, awareness and application of school values and sporting skills and success in school sporting competitions. When they have been earned, children put their tokens into the corresponding house boxes. These are counted each half term and the house with the highest points totals on the totaliser each term wins an opportunity to take part in a special, extra activity session led by Mrs Sykes. The winning house at the end of the year will be awarded with the Jeff Coultish Memorial Trophy and each child will receive a commemorative winner's badge.

At the end of this term, children will take part in a health, wellbeing and fitness week including sports day, and this year they will compete in their school house teams with points awarded for their finishing positions.

At the end of last term, points were counted by children in Saturn, and less than 100 points separate all 4 houses. The scores were as follows:

- 1st- Michael (Green)- 552
- 2nd -Washington (Grey)- 544
- 3rd- Germain (Blue)- 473
- 4th- Benedict (Purple)- 451

We will be counting the points earned at the end of this half term and we will update you with the standings in that newsletter!

WALK WITH US!

Between the 16th and 20th May Barlby Bridge will be taking part in the five-day walking challenge! This is an annual celebration of the walk to school and the perfect activity to celebrate National Walking Month this May - Through taking part in this challenge, children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Last year, a record number of over 350,000 pupils across the UK took part! This year's challenge is #PowerUp. Each day will see a level unlocked and a new mission to complete, through which our children will discover the incredible benefits of walking for individuals, communities and the planet. Pupils will be encouraged to travel sustainably to school every day of the week, earning stickers as they go along, with a special reward up for grabs at the end of the week!

The #PowerUp challenge will take pupils through five, video game-inspired levels. In the process they'll learn about the social, road safety, health and environmental benefits of walking, encouraging sustainable travel habits for life.

Are we ready to:

- TEAM UP?**
- DEFEAT DANGER?**
- BOOST HEALTH?**
- SAVE THE PLANET?**
- LEAD THE WAY?**

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 2 May	Spring Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 May	Jupiter Assembly
Thursday 12 May	Parent ICT workshops
Wednesday 18 May	Book Fair arrives in School
Thursday 19 May	Saturn Assembly
Monday 23 May	End of Book Fair
Thursday 26 May	Neptune Assembly
Thursday 26 May	Cricket workshops
Friday 27 May	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 6 June	School reopens
Monday 20 June	Class Photographs
Thursday 30 June	Summer Fair

Selby Music Centre

Selby Music Centre would like to invite children who have started to learn a musical instrument to our Saturday morning sessions at Selby High School. We are offering you a FREE term of music sessions and we plan to hold a performance in Selby Abbey in July. Our junior groups meet 9.30-10.45 and they are a great way to build musical confidence and make new friends. We offer a strings group for violin, viola and cello, a guitar group and a junior band for woodwind, brass and keyboards. Places are subject to availability.

There may also be opportunities for new starters to begin learning an instrument. Please let us know which instrument you would like to try and we will let you know if a place becomes available.

Please contact Helen Moulds to express an interest.
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We look forward to hearing from you!

