

**The Collaboration of Barton and Ravensworth
Church of England VC Primary Schools**

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Newsletter
Together, Stronger.



Friday 29th November 2019

Autumn Term 2019

Dear parents and carers

What a grey, murky and wet few weeks we have had! Luckily the children have all remained cheerful and their singing rehearsals for the Christingle have certainly brightened things for us all.

Crucial Crew

Our Year 6 children had a dramatic morning when they visited Carlton Lodge for this year's Crucial Crew event. The children took part in a number of presentations from various services all aimed at keeping them safe as they grow up and begin to get a little more freedom. There to share the dangers of the big wide world were the fire service, the probation service, the river authority, electricity companies and Barnardo's to name just a few. Children learnt valuable life saving techniques as well as practicing what to do if faced with an emergency – they even got to practice dialling 999. As usual the children were a pleasure and conducted themselves with respect and consideration of others.



Parent voice

Many thanks to those parents who completed the parent questionnaires circulated at parents evening. It is always good to hear the views of parents and the results were taken to a meeting with our senior leadership team over the four schools, including Mrs Whittle, Chair of Governors, and Damian Chubb CEO of Dales Academies Trust. We were delighted to see that 100% of the parents who responded said that their child is happy at school, that they feel safe, are well taught and that school is approachable when parents have a problem or concern.

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Some helpful suggestions for improvement were made and these were also considered, and where possible will be acted upon.

Christmas Bonanza

The wonderful Friends of Barton School started off our annual festive celebrations with a very successful Christmas Bonanza last Saturday. They raised a massive £360 and money is still coming in from sale of raffle tickets! A big thankyou to all the stall holders and to everyone who worked so hard to make the event a success.



Christingle

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Christingle service in Church on Sunday 15th December at 3pm. We will be making a collection for the Children's society to support their work to lighten the lives of children aged 10-18 who are living in dark situations. If they haven't already, Collection boxes will be coming home with the children tonight and we ask that you bring them to church with you on the day.

Mrs Whittle has been busy organising candles and oranges and the children will be making their Christingles at 2:30pm on Friday 13th. All helpers are welcome.

East Barnby Meeting

We will be holding a Year 5 and 6 parent meeting at 6pm On Tuesday 14th January to discuss the forthcoming trip to East Barnby. Please come along to hear about our timetable for the three days, and the activities we will be taking part in.

Pupil illness

As you will be aware, many of the schools around us have been forced to close due to Norovirus. At Barton CE school we have been reminding children about the importance of hand washing and basic hygiene and would be grateful if parents could reinforce this at home. In the interests of keeping all our children well, please could we ask all parents to be especially vigilant, and if your child does develop any stomach upset, please keep them at home until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness to prevent the illness spreading to other children. Many thanks for your support with this.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Dudman', written over a light blue rectangular background.

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Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1: Charlie Ramsay

Class 2: Poppy Banner

Class 3: Freya Shoulder

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1: Florence Hardy

Class 2: Finley Hardy

Class 3: Brogan Clark

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1: Oscar Rankin

Class 2: Lexxy Yarrow

Class 3: Ryley Quirie

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1: Maci Wool

Class 2: Isla Horsley

Class 3: Willow Connell

Flu Vaccination - As part of the national childhood immunisation programme children whose parent/carers elected the vaccination have today been vaccinated by way of **nasal influenza vaccination** in the school setting.

If we were unable to vaccinate your child when the team visited school today you may wish to attend one of the clinics - see the attached letter accompanying the newsletter.

For further details a patient information leaflet can be viewed on the following link please visit:

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.3296.pdf>

Following immunisation and if your child experiences any side effects that you are concerned about please **contact your GP** or **NHS Direct on 111**.

Please review the service by following:

<https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/patients/patient-experience/give-us-your-feedback/>

You can contact the childhood immunisation team directly on: childhood.immunisations@hdft.nhs.uk

Friends News -Friends are registered with Easyfundraising, it's a great site where you can help Friends of Barton C of E Primary School raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping!

Over 3,600 big name retailers are included, such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boden and M&S.

Every time you shop, "The Friends" receive a small donation to say 'thank you!' It's

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completely FREE for anyone to use and over £27M has been raised for causes just like us so far.

We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up, spread the word to friends, family and help us at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bartoncoeprimary/>

DON'T FORGET TO USE IT DOING ONLINE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!!!!

Richmond Christmas Market 2019 – this wonderful annual community event takes place in Richmond Market Square on Sunday 8th December. Please feel free to go along and support your local businesses and traders. In addition to live music from various groups and singers, pupils from Mrs Richmond's Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy (Mrs Richmond is the administrator at Ravensworth C E Primary School) will be on stage performing at 11.30am. They are also performing in The Georgian Theatre panto – Aladdin from 6th Dec to 12th January, The Gilling West panto - Cinderella on 31st Jan & 1st Feb and Richmond Methodist Church on Wed 4th December at 5.30pm in aid of charity - amongst the Christmas trees which should be fun!

In addition to the events taking place on the stage in Richmond Market Square on Sunday 8th December there will also be stalls, a dog show with prizes, children's treasure trail, Santa's grotto, puppet show in the market hall and much, much more. For more details please visit www.richmondtownchristmasmarket.co.uk or the Richmond Town Christmas Market facebook page.

Christmas Lunch Tuesday 17th December at Noon

Please note final date for orders and payment is Monday 2nd December



We are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers/extended family to our very popular Christmas Community Lunch which will be:-

Roast Turkey and Stuffing

Pigs in blankets

Seasonal Vegetables

Christmas Dessert

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Bookings to made via email or in person to the school office by Monday 2nd December* - bookings will be confirmed upon payment.

Initially we can only accept 1 order per family but will run a reserve list on a first come first served basis and advise you by email if you have been successful – please provide monies for reserve list - monies will be returned if you are unsuccessful.

Adult £3.50, pupil or pre-school £2.90. We look forward to seeing you

*Please note that this deadline is so that food orders and seating plans can be arranged. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Wrap around Care:

We run some fantastic wrap around care for your children and in September we will be running the following sessions – book through the school office!

Breakfast Club with Miss Maitchell (£3 per session 8am to 8:50am Monday to Friday)

Monday – Arts & Crafts

Tuesday – Construction

Wednesday – Lego

Thursday – Games

Friday - Colouring

Afterschool Club with Miss Maitchell (£5 per hour please book through the school office Monday to Thursday 3:30 – 5:30pm)

Monday – Photography

Tuesday – Craft Club

Wednesday – Film club

Thursday –Gardening Club

Staff Led Additional School Activities for Classes 1, 2 & 3 for next term

Lunchtime Lego Club – every Tuesday with Mrs Harris

Lunchtime Dance Club- every Wednesday with Miss Verity

Storytime Club – every Thursday lunchtime 12.30pm with Mrs Allan-Hooks

Lunchtime Computing Club - every Thursday with Mr Weighman

Please reserve a place by emailing the school office and advising us of your collection details or if your child is to walk home for afterschool activities.

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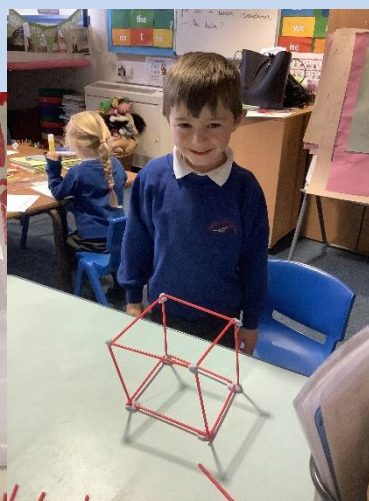
Please note that as usual at the end of a full term there will be no Staff Led Afterschool Activities.



Aldi Kit for schools

We are collecting the stickers which Aldi are offering whenever you spend £30 or more in store (sometimes you have to ask for them or you don't get them). If we collect 300 stickers, we'll receive a sports kit! Please send in any stickers that you have: either with children, to the office or to class teachers. We greatly appreciate your support in getting new resources for our school.

News From Class One:



It has been a very strange two weeks in Class 1 with lots of children being absent however, numbers are now starting to pick up and I hope everyone will be back next week feeling much better!

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In the last two weeks we have carried on with our Celebrations topic. In English the Year 1 children wrote some excellent diary entries based around our birthday party and they are now looking at the story 'The Scarecrow's Wedding', they will write some newspaper reports about the wedding, and Reception and Nursery have created their own lollipop stick scarecrows and are looking at character descriptions and the structure of stories.

Last week, Reception and Nursery loved taking part in National Nursery Rhyme week, every day we looked at a different nursery rhyme and completed lots of different activities including creating actions for down in the jungle, using plasters to put Humpty Dumpty back together, using shaving foam to create Baa Baa Black Sheep, and creating our own little Dickie Birds for the rhyme Two Little Dickie Birds. In maths Year 1 have finished 'shape' and really enjoyed investigating 3D shapes including using straws and blu tac to create 3D models. They used 3D shapes to make models and labelled the different shapes, they then investigated whether the shapes would roll, slide and stack. This week we have started on place value and are looking at representing numbers, missing numbers and counting on.

Reception and Nursery have been looking at position and direction over the last two weeks and have started looking at money, recognising coins and counting coins. They have especially enjoyed doing this through our little toy shop role play area outside.

In topic we have continued to look at Diwali and explored where Diwali originates from and investigated where we find India on a map. This week we have also looked at Thanksgiving and talked about being thankful for what we have got.

In Science we have looked at healthy eating; we created our own healthy meals and then did an investigation into the effect exercise has on our body. The children loved picking different activities to complete for a minute and then recording what happened to their body.

We have now started our rehearsals for the Nativity and the children are all very enthusiastic and are learning the songs very quickly. They can't wait for you all to see it!

News from Class Two:



Unfortunately, Class two has been affected by illness over the last two weeks, however the children that were here worked extremely hard to make up for our

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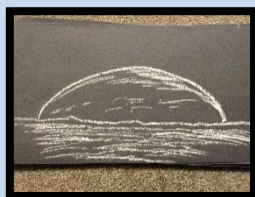
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lack of numbers. Bless them!! Luckily, this week we have had most of them return and have been able to enjoy some fun learning. We have had a student teacher Miss Grocott in with us for this term too, sadly her placement ends tomorrow but the children have really enjoyed working with her.

In English we have been learning about letter writing and the children have chosen some gifts they would like to send to children who are less fortunate at Christmas time. They also wrote letters to Santa asking him to deliver them. In Maths we have moved on to learning about multiplication and division and the children are focussing on learning their 2 times tables (year 2) and 3 times tables (year 3) please support and encourage them to practise at home. We enjoyed making lots of Christmas tree decorations and gift tags for the FOB Christmas Bonanza to help to raise money for the school. In topic we have been continuing our learning to learn about Toys from the Past - the children even had a go at building with a meccano set – we found this very fiddly and tricky but great fun. In science we have been learning about what animals need to survive, and have looked at how we keep healthy by incorporating our PE into our science lesson and monitoring the effects of exercise on the body.

As the weather is closing in, please make sure the children come to school with hat, gloves and a coat to keep them warm at lunch and breaktimes.

News from Class Three:



In Class Three, we have been loving our topic of Celebrations – the Firework Maker's Daughter is a really good book (you can tell we like it because we're already half-way through!). I can hardly believe how good our writing is getting, we wrote some descriptive pieces based around Rambashi and the Goddess of the Lake, and I couldn't stop reading - they were amazing!

In Maths, we have moved onto Geometry so we are putting our calculation skills to the test with some tricky angle and area problems. Please don't forget that if anyone is finding homework a bit tricky they can bring it to Homework Club on Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes.

In Art, we were developing our skills using chalk by re-creating the moonlit scene by the lake from our class story. They look amazing! PE is still on each Monday and Friday afternoon – so please ensure that kits are in on these days and are appropriate for the cold, wet and muddy weather that we are having outside.

Like last year, we are encouraging children to bring in donations for StoreHouse rather than sending Christmas cards so that we can help others who aren't as fortunate as us. Freya and Ruby are organising the collection bag to be in the entrance hall for Monday so that we can get collecting right away.

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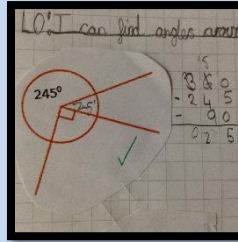
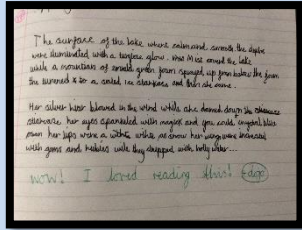
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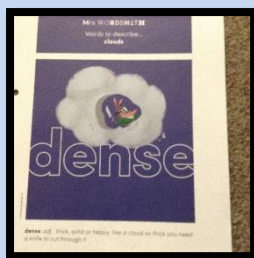
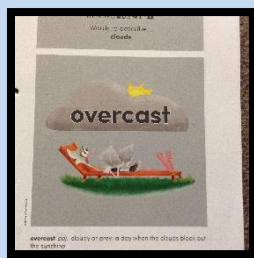
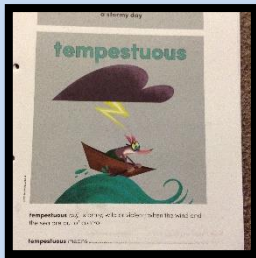
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Words of the Week:

This week we are getting technical with the ways we can describe the weather – especially useful with the rain and fog that we have been experiencing lately. Please look and listen out for children saying them or using them in their writing. The new words are: *tempestuous, suffocating, overcast* and *dense*.



Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Barton
2019	
December 2019	
10 th December	Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk – see separate letter
13 th	Christmas Jumper Day Christingle making in school 2:30pm
15 th Sunday	Nativity -Christingle 3pm in church
16 th	Class 2 Trip to Bowes Museum – separate letter to follow
17 th	Christmas Lunch noon
19 th	Christmas Party pm
20 th	School Closes for Christmas
January 2020	
6 th	Staff training day
7 th Tuesday	School re-opens to pupils for Spring
14 th	East Barnby 2020 Parent/Carer/Pupil open evening 6pm at Barton
February 2020	
12- 14 th February	East Barnby 2020 Y5/Y6