



## Barlaston First School

### Weekly Newsletter

15th January 2024



### Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith

“Enabling our whole school community to flourish and let their light shine, preparing them for their role as gentle and humble agents for change in the world we share.”

### Happy New Year

It already seems a little while ago now, but happy new year from all of us at school.

### Home Certificates

We love to hear about all of the wide range of extra-curricular interests of all of our children and all of the fantastic things that the children do and interesting places they visit. We are going to change the way that we celebrate these with the children. **From this week we will not be showing our home certificates in Family Worship.** Instead we are introducing a “Records of Achievement Day”, which we will initially hold termly.

### Records of Achievement

Records of Achievement Day will involve inviting children to bring in all of their certificates, photographs, leaflets, medals, work that they have done at home that they are particularly proud of and anything else that they want to share and celebrate, on a particular day. Every child will have a folder or album from school in which they can place all of these items. You will be invited to come in to share this time with your child in their classroom. The folders will follow the children throughout their time at Barlaston and will be built up with memories and achievements during that time, from both home and school. They will be kept in school and will be presented to the children, together with their bible, at the end of their time with us.

### Family Worship

Family Worship recommences this Friday and will now start at 2.55pm.

### Wraparound Care

Welcome to Mrs Casey who has joined us to look after our breakfast club and after school club. As the numbers increase it is very important that we know how many children we are expecting each day, for both staffing and catering purposes. Please book your child into this

provision if you know that you need it. We are looking at the pricing structure to ensure that we encourage booking.

We will shortly have a dedicated email and telephone number for the wraparound provision to allow you to contact before and after school clubs directly.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' Evenings will be held on the first week back after the February half term. Booking forms will be sent out in the week of 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Dates for the Diary**

<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>PTA Pie and Peas Night – Details to follow</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children's Mental Health Week – Details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Break for Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Return to School 8.45am</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parents Evening – Details to follow</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Parents Evening – Details to follow</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Teacher led clubs recommence</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day- Details to follow</b>
<b>Monday March 11th</b>	<b>Science Week – Details to follow</b>
<b>Monday March 11th</b>	<b>Early Years Disco – Details to follow</b>
<b>Tuesday March 12th</b>	<b>Key Stage 1 Disco – Details to follow</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	<b>Key Stage 2 Disco – Details to follow</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Squirrels and Badgers Easter Performance 2pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Squirrels and Badgers Easter Performance 6.15pm</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter Service in Church 9am</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Break for Easter</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Return to School for Summer Term 8.45am</b>

Regards,

Mr J Gordon