



## Barlston First School

### Weekly Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> May 2019



#### Health and Safety Procedures in School

We have many health and safety policies and procedures in school, for example, fire drills happen each term, grounds are checked daily .....

One of the procedures that we are testing next week is called a lock down procedure. We will be testing the effectiveness of our lockdown policy, which is in place should there ever be a situation where we need to secure all children in the school building/ their classroom. Such a scenario may be a swarm of bees or a vicious dog on the playground, or there is an intruder on site. The children will be made aware that this is only a test to see if our plans work well, and that it is not a real situation. This procedure will be tested on Tuesday. I just wanted to make you aware should your child inform you of such events taking place. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school for clarification.

#### After School Club Starting After Half Term

You will have received information this week regarding school taking over the running of the after school club, currently run by Meaford. As mentioned in the letter, all prices etc will remain the same, as will the times etc. A couple of parents have asked about using child care vouchers to pay, and how this will work. You will still be able to use child care vouchers, and we are currently setting this up with the finance department within the authority. This is taking longer than anticipated, but it will be in place for when we take over after half term. Our reasons behind taking over the running of this is not because we are unhappy with Meaford's provision, far from it! It is simply because our budget is so reduced this year, that we need to bring in more revenue, and this is one of the few ways we can generate more income. Our intention was to start running the club from September, but Meaford would like us to take over after half term, hence the need to put things in place quicker than intended! Thank you for your understanding on this matter. Again, any questions, please call in and speak to us.

#### Dancers Performed at the Gatehouse Theatre

Last night our dancers performed on stage at The Gatehouse Theatre in Stafford. They were amazing, oozed confidence and really enjoyed the experience. Well done to all the dancers and a big thank you to Miss Eardley and Mrs Jackson for teaching them the amazing dance.

#### Year 4s to Standon Bowers

Next week our year 4 pupils are spending three days/ two nights at Standon Bowers Outdoor Residential Centre. We hope you all have a wonderful time, and that the sun shines!

Best wishes Mrs Clarey and Team

### Dates for Summer Term 2019

Wed 15th-Fri 17th May	Year 4 to Standon Bowers
Thurs 4th July	Sports Day 1.30pm
Fri 5th July	Reports go home
Mon 8th July	Drop in parents evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
Thurs 11th July	Reserve day for sports day
Fri 12th July Disco	(free for year 4 leavers)
Thurs 18th July	Year 3 and Year 4 concert (year 4 leavers concert)
Fri 19th July	End of year service/ leavers service in church 9.00am