



## Barlaston First School

### Weekly Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021



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

#### Thank You for the Harvest Gifts!

Thank you to all whom provided harvest gifts for the children to bring to church today. We had an abundance of goods that Reverend Stewart is going to take to a food shelter.

We had a lovely service this morning. The children were as brilliant as ever, and we are really sorry that parents were unable to attend. We took some photographs that we will add to the website, so hopefully you will get an insight to the morning by viewing them.

#### Parents Evening Next Week

Thank you for returning your parents evening form promptly to secure your place next week. If you still haven't booked an appointment, but would like one, please return the slip or call in and speak to your child's teacher.

#### Village Hall Car Park

As you will be aware, there has been an ongoing issue regarding parents using the village hall car park. Below is a statement from the parish council explaining the reason you are unable to use it. I hope this clarifies any misunderstandings and answers any questions you may have.

*When parking was offered to school, this was covered under the village hall insurance. We then had to renew our business insurance, and within the new policy, the Village Insurance Company would not cover the liability for the parents using the car park to access the gate. This is not a decision the Parish Council have taken lightly. We had to consider the liability / safety risks which outweighs the usage of the gate by parents. So we had to make the tough decision and stop school parents using this facility.*

*If the parents / school wish to book the village hall during these periods, they would be covered under the policy. Though we are fully aware the cost of this to the school is extremely high.*

*I do hope this explains the reasons behind the closure and whilst we understand it is not ideal, we have obtained permission off the church to use that car park, and soon there will be a walking bus coming into motion and this will help reduce some of the issues.*

Thank you  
Emma Adams-Elsmore

#### Walking Bus Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October

We are holding a meeting on Tuesday morning in the school hall at 9.00am. This will be led by a member of the walking bus team, which is an incentive set up by the local authority. If you are interested in being a volunteer for this, or wish to find out more information, please come along to the meeting.

### Holiday Clubs

Thank you to all parents who responded to our audit on holiday clubs. It is clear that half terms are going to be in great demand, and also possibly inset days.

Our next inset day will be on January 10<sup>th</sup>. If there is enough interest, we will open the school for child care on this day. More information on holiday clubs to follow.

Best wishes

Mrs Clarey and Team

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
<u>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 9.00am</u>	<u>Walking bus meeting</u>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Parents evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	School closes for half term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	School reopens
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Day
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm Squirrel and Badger Christmas play
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00pm Dormice and Hedgehog nativity
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm Squirrel and Badger Christmas play
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school visit to New Vic Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Family Christmas craft afternoon
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas dinner and Christmas party
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle church service
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School closes for Christmas

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