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Welcome Back!

On behalf of the Governing Body and staff, I would like to welcome to you all, and especially to the new families and staff joining Barlows for the first time. We are looking forward to an exciting year at Barlows, providing children with an exciting array of learning opportunities. Please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office if you need to discuss any concerns. The children, staff and Senior Leadership Team returned to school eager to settle in to another busy year, to "give of their best" and build on the success of our "outstanding" school community.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Monday, 09 October**. All the children, from Nursery through to Y6 will be having individual photographs taken on that day! As usual there will be family/group photographs taken. You will receive a letter nearer the time, which details the organisation for this event.



School Uniform.

The children look fantastic in their uniforms again this year.

Thank you to parents and carers, for working with us to ensure all pupils have the correct uniform, ready for the new school term.

A gentle reminder - please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school at all times. Black pumps only can be worn for PE.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a major focus of our School Improvement Plan. Our overall attendance figure for the last academic year was **95.3%**. Please be reminded that holidays in time term remain unauthorised. Please refer to the school's Attendance Policy which outlines the importance of Attendance.



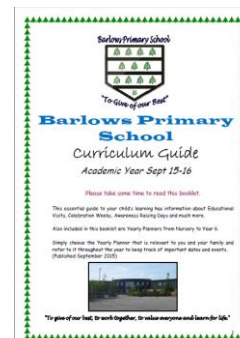
Swimming Dates

Please see the attached list of swimming dates for this academic year.

Themed Weeks

Our Curriculum Guide will be distributed at the end of next week.

Please return the Curriculum Guide and website Questionnaires to the school office by **Tuesday 26th September 2017**, in order for the information to be collated





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After School Activities

Miss Howarth has again, organised a series of meetings to discuss our After School Activities programme.

The activities start at 3:30pm and end each evening at 4:30pm or 5:00pm. Please see the attached timetable. The Clubs are free of charge, (where possible) when organised by the school staff. External agencies such as David Campbell, Alan Yates and other organisations may charge a fee per session.

Please Note: After School Activities run in blocks of 4 or 5 weeks depending on the length of the half-term and staff commitments. **The activities do not run in the first or last week of any half-term** unless you are notified on the letter offering your child a place. The dates of these weeks are detailed at the bottom of the After School Activities Time-Table which is attached to the newsletter.

Please ensure that your child is collected at the end of the club, as we cannot allow any child below Year 6 to go home on their own without your written permission. Please ensure someone arrives to collect your child on time to allow the teaching staff time to get on with planning, preparation and assessments. Thank you.

The coordinator, Miss Howarth, will be more than happy to deal with any of your questions concerning the activities on offer.

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival will be held on Thursday, 28 September.

Ms. Jona Qershori and Rev. Mike Hindley will be organising the celebration assembly.

Once again we will be collecting **cans of food** which will be collected by the North Liverpool Food bank and distributed to Liverpool families in need.

Any donations of non perishable food (tins, packets, boxes etc.) will be gratefully received.



Staffing News

I am sure you would like to join us in welcoming our three new teachers:

Mrs Stephanie Webster (Y4),
Mr Christopher Beech (Y5)
Mr John Wade (Y3).

The staff are delighted to be part of the Barlows Team.

Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning

On Friday, 29 September Miss Lisa Manchester, one of our Learning Support Assistants, will be hosting a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research.

This will provide an opportunity for the school community to join together to offer their support of this worthwhile charity which will be held in the school hall between 9.00am - 10.00am.

Year 5/6 children will be selling biscuits before school at a price of 50p.



Calling all bakers!

Any donations of cakes, home or shop bought, would be greatly appreciated for our Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning.

Donations can be delivered to the office between 3:30pm on Thursday 28 September 2017 and 9am on Friday 29 September 2017.

Thank you in advance.





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Nepal Raffle - Nepal Fundraising - Friday

This half term, we will be holding a raffle to raise funds for Nepal. Families can purchase tickets to win an authentic felt toy from Nepal.

Tickets will cost £1 for a strip and will be available from school during multicultural week (Week commencing 02 October 2017 with the draw taking place on Friday 06 October 2017).



International Schools Award

Congratulations to all the staff and pupils at Barlows Primary school for their contributions to the International School Award.

This award, led by Miss Nicole Kattou, is awarded by the British Council and celebrates the school's International work and links.

Thank you to miss Nicole Kattou for all her hard work and commitment in leading this project.



School Games Award - Gold

Congratulations to all the staff and pupils in achieving the School Games Award Gold status. This award celebrates the school's commitment to competitive sport at all levels, and the range of sporting opportunities provided for pupils at Barlows Primary School.

Thank you to Mr John Bulmer who leads the success of this award.



Open Evenings

The open evenings will be held in October. A letter will be sent to you nearer the dates so you can book a specific appointment. This year, we are trying a slightly different arrangement as follows:

Monday	16 October	Years Nursery, Rec & Year 1	2:30 - 7:00pm
Tuesday	17 October	Years Nursery, Rec & Year 1	2:30 - 5:30pm
Wednesday	18 October	Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	2:30 - 7:00pm
Thursday	19 October	Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	2:30 - 5:30pm



PLEASE NOTE: details of Pupil Progress meetings for our children with additional needs will be sent out by Ms. Sue Evans and Mrs Rachel Daye before half-term.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Our PTA is made up of friendly, energetic and committed people who enjoy working hard to provide quality fundraising events for the children, teachers and parents of Barlows. If you would like to join this dedicated team please contact Ms Lynsey Knibb (Year 6 teacher) Ms. Lisa Manchester (Teaching Assistant) or Mrs Janette Roberts via the school office.

The first meeting for this term will be at 3:35pm on **Wednesday, 04 October 2017** at Barlows Primary school. Please report to reception, where the staff will direct you to the meeting.



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Allotments

Our allotments continue to be a huge success thanks to the voluntary work carried out by Tom and Lesley Feenan alongside teachers Miss Lacey Howarth and Mrs Emma Feenan and Learning Support assistant, Mrs Tracey Hope.

The area was prepared over the summer for the new academic year. We are looking forward to seeing the wealth of produce growth throughout the year.



School Council- Children In Need

Our School council are currently organising how we will support Children in Need this year. The children are keen to do something exciting to raise awareness in school.

They have already met with Miss Feenan and Miss Williams to discuss possible ideas and we are looking forward to hearing their final choices over the next few weeks.



Stay and Play

Stay and Play sessions for Reception and Nursery will be held on the following dates:

Reception:

Friday 06 October	9:00 - 10:00
Friday 01 December	9:00 - 10:00

Morning Nursery

Friday 06 October	8:30 - 10:00
Friday 01 December	8:30 - 10:00

Afternoon Nursery

Friday 06 October	12:30 - 14:00
Friday 01 December	12:30 - 14:00

Parent App

If you haven't already downloaded the Barlows Primary School App, we urge you to do this as soon as possible.

The App is used to communicate important messages and reminders to parents and carers. This has replaced the previous text messaging service.

If you require any assistance using this free app, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, who will be more than willing to help.

Parent Pay

Please be reminded to check your Parent pay Login regularly in order to keep up with payments for After School Club, Morning Club, school meals and trips.

If you have any problems using the service, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, who will be more than happy to assist you.