



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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Dear Parents/Carers

Here is a brief newsletter to help clarify school events and activities during this busy time of year:

Elf Day

The School Council have organised an **ELF DAY** on **Friday 13 December**. This is to raise money for the Children's Wards at Derby and Burton Hospital, funding musicians to visit the children during their stay in hospital. Elf colouring competitions will be available from Monday 9 December for 50p. On the day, the School Council have asked for a £1 donation for wearing red/green (or something appropriately Christmassy). To clarify, this is a **non-uniform day**. Children will also be able to buy an Elf biscuit for 50p and have a go at the Elf Name Generator for 50p. Please pay £1 via ParentPay and bring a 50p or two to school for the biscuit or competitions. Release your inner ELF!

Christmas Performance in Church

As you will be aware, the children are performing 2 performances on **Tuesday 17 December at St James Church**. The details are as follows:

10am Anson and Bassett

11am Clinton and Jervis

Thank you to all those who have volunteered as parent helpers to walk children to/from the church. If the volunteers from Anson and Bassett could be at school by 9.20 and then return from church at about 11am, that would be very much appreciated. Volunteer parents from Clinton and Jervis are asked to be at school for 10.30 and then return from church at about 12pm. All volunteers will be sent a message to confirm this. Seats in church for the family of each child will be a maximum of 2 per family. We need to insist on this to ensure we can limit numbers to follow the church risk assessment and keep everyone safe. All children and staff will go to the church on Monday 16 December in the morning to have our final rehearsal. Children are to come to school as usual and we will walk the children to the church and then be back at school in time for normal lunchtime at school.

Paddington In Peru



Thank you to the vast majority of parents who have given consent for this trip via the Microsoft Form. The school is subsidising this trip to the tune of £1000, so we do rely on the small contribution (£5) towards the cost of the trip via ParentPay. This week there were 70 places that had not been paid and we ask that payment is made by **Monday 16 December** at the latest. We will need this payment to ensure that the



trip is viable to go ahead. This is the last day of term and is also a **non-uniform**, "Christmas Jumper" / "Wear Something Christmassy" Day. Please note that we do not expect parents to buy a special jumper. I am sure we can all be creative and wear something Christmassy. All children are asked to bring a **PACKED LUNCH** on this day, as the film will extend beyond the lunchtime.

Night Owls/Early Birds

Please note there is **NO Night Owls on Friday 20 December**.

Places for before and after school care for the Spring Term (6 January – 11 April 2025) can be booked via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk. The codes for booking will be open at **6pm on Monday 16 December** and are as follows: Night Owls – 8xzkf Early Birds – eeu5f

Choir

Apologies, but Mr Emery is unable to do choir this week, so there is no choir tomorrow, Friday 13 December.

School Rules

Generally, the children look very smart in their TRJS uniform, so thank you to parents for all your support. Here is a reminder with regard to jewellery (for reasons of health and safety):

- We discourage ear-rings; we only allow stud ear-rings (not hoops)
- We do not allow necklaces and bracelets
- HAIR - We ask that hair that is long enough is tied back for reasons of safety and to allow children to focus on their work. We have noticed that a number of girls have started to exaggerate "hair strands". This seems to be a recent trend and it has been much more noticeable of late. All we ask is that hair is tied back. If there are any hair strands, we ask that they use hair clips or tuck the strands behind the ears when working at their desk, so their hair does not distract from concentrating on their work. Thank you for your co-operation.

Wellies

Due to the very wet weather recently, the field resembles a mud bath! Therefore, children will not be allowed on the field next week. We are asking that everyone takes their wellies and outdoor shoes home on Monday 16 December. Some outdoor shoes do not seem to be waterproof. So, from the start of January 2025, we are asking that every child has a pair of wellies that are kept in school to allow them to be on the school field when needed. Thank you.

After School Clubs

These clubs had their last session this week and are NOT on during the last week of term:	These clubs are ON next week:
Woodland Warriors (Tues)	Netball (Mon)
Keyboard (Tues)	Rugby (Mon)
Choir (Fri)	Archery (Tues)
Magical Maths (Wed)	Soccerstars (Tues)

Reading Challenge

Please see the Barton Library Reading Challenge below. Why not have a go?

Dates for the Diary

Friday 13 December ELF DAY
Tuesday 17 December Concert in Church 10am (Anson and Bassett) or 11am (Clinton and Jervis)
Friday 20 December Paddington in Peru. No Night Owls or Choir that night.

Wishing all our families a good weekend.

J Emery



Barton Community Library invites you to...

Curl up with a good book this Winter
(January 1st-March 31st) and join in our
Reading Challenge!

It's simple:

- Read 6 books.
- Complete the table below
- Return it to the library before **March 31st**.



BOOK TITLE/AUTHOR:	COMMENTS:
<u>1</u>	
<u>2</u>	
<u>3</u>	
<u>4</u>	
<u>5</u>	
<u>6</u>	



NAME:

Entries received by March 31st will be entered into a Prize Draw.



ESCOOTERS & THE LAW



DO YOU KNOW THE LAW IF YOU HAVE AN E-SCOOTER?

What is the law if you have an e-scooter?

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land with the landowner's permission.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Powered Transporters, so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.

What happens if you are stopped?

We understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone.

Following controlled trials of e-scooter hire in two Staffordshire towns these have since come to an end due to the risk and legal implications.

E-scooters are subject to the rules and regulations outlined in the Road Traffic Act 1988. There have been prosecutions in Staffordshire of e-scooter riders in relation to dangerous driving and other offences resulting in their disqualification.

What is a section 59?

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows police to give road users a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance. Staffordshire Police also have the powers to seize vehicles. Please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

Report a crime to us at staffordshire.police.uk or call 101. In an emergency call 999.



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