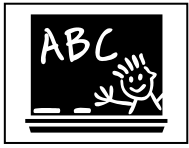


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Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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Christmas Carol Service

Huge congratulations to all of the children for their superb contributions to our Carol Service on Wednesday. We have had a number of compliments about the children's performance and how well they sung. Thank you to all who were able to join us back at school for hot chocolate and mince pies ☺

Bag2School

On Monday we had an excellent collection again with 585kg collected between all parties (544kg on previous collection). We have received a cheque for £234.00 which will be shared equally between both the Junior and Infant school.

Term date correction

Thank you to the observant parent who spotted the misprint on the newsletter last week and told us about it! We break up on Tuesday 19th December 2017.

Careers Assembly - Wednesday 10th January - 9:00 to 9:30

We are looking for parents who would be willing to come to school and talk to the children in assembly about their different careers. We can promise you a group of incredibly receptive children who have a thirst for learning and would be very grateful for your time. The format would be very simple - five clues about your job and the skills needed (so the children can try and guess).



Don't forget to book now for next term: Early Birds and Night Owls - Spring 1 2017

Electronic booking is now OPEN:

- 1) Log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk
- 2) Enter **Early Birds** code: qsmkq
- 2) Enter **Night Owls** code: wfbn2
- 3) Enter e-mail, child(ren)'s first AND surname.
- 4) Choose the sessions to suit your needs.
- 5) Receive instant e-mail confirmation.



Headlice - unfortunately we still have headlice in school. These are primarily in Y3, but also a couple of other cases in higher year groups. Hopefully the Christmas break will provide an ideal opportunity to get rid of the little visitors. Please could I strongly recommend that EVERYBODY check and treat if necessary. May I also remind parents that our school policy is that hair must be tied up at all times, if it is long enough to do so.

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Barton Bowls Club - Christmas Panto - Aladdin

On Sunday 18th December @ 2pm

Tickets £12 per child include a visit and a gift from Santa and 1 free accompanying adult.

Tickets Available from Ark Furnishings, Barton Bowls Club and Jackie Wright (mum of Emily 4S)

Termly Report to Parents

Today your child will have brought home their Termly Report to Parents and Assessment Growth Charts. Please ensure that you read the supporting information carefully as this will help you to understand the report and recent changes.

Golden Time certificates - Congratulations to 203 children out of our 243 who have kept all of their Golden Time this term. We are really proud of the excellent standard of behaviour that this demonstrates. 100% Golden Time certificates are enclosed with reports.

Attendance - If your child's attendance is below 92% then they are deemed to have 'persistent absence'. In these cases we have enclosed a copy of their register so you are able to view their absences.

Lateness - I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children should be ON THE PLAYGROUND for 8:50 each morning. We are noticing more and more children rushing in at the last minute. From January, the gate will be closed and locked when the bell rings at exactly 8:50. Anyone arriving after this time will be required to sign their children in at the office. Thank you for your anticipated support in addressing this issue.



Presents, cards and messages - Thank you so much from all of the staff, for all of the wonderful cards, presents and kind messages we have received in school over the last few days. We are incredibly grateful.

All that remains is to wish you a very happy, healthy and enjoyable Christmas break.

We look forward to seeing you safe and well on Wednesday 4th January.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe