Barlaston First School Newsletter

25th September 2026

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PTFA Autumn Fair – 26th September

Our PTFA Autumn Fair takes place on Saturday from 11am to 2pm. The whole event is brilliantly organised and run by a small group of parents. We are working in conjunction with the village hall this year and there are some great attractions and events lined up. Please come along to support this great event and join in the fun this Saturday.

St John's Church

Children and families are always welcome to our Sunday Services at 10.30 am.

On the First Sunday of the Month, we have an ALL TOGETHER SERVICE which is especially suitable for children.

On the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of the Month, children have their own 'Sunday School' activities in MOSAIC which runs at the same time as the Communion Service.

Oasis Café is every Thursday from 8.30-10.00am.

Everyone is welcome to join us at any time! Contact Vicar Helen for further details - Tel. 07972 523162.

Tuesday 29th September

I have been notified by St John's Church that there will be a funeral service there on the afternoon of Tuesday 29th. Although the carpark is expected to clear by 3.15pm this may cause some issues at pick up time on that day. Please take extra care when picking up. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our children safe.

Progressive After School Provision

Progressive have asked us to send out the attached flyer to help them in their recruitment locally.

Also if you are using your Tax Free Childcare Accounts we can only allocate funds to Breakfast Club in school. You can use vouchers to pay for After School Club but this must be done directly through Progressive.

Dates for the Diary

26th September – Autumn Fayre

9th October - Harvest Service in Church 8.45am

23rd October – Break for Half Term

2nd November – Inset Day school closed to children

9th November – Parents evening details to follow

11th November – Remembrance Service 10.45am at The War Memorial

13th November – Children in Need Day more details to follow

16th November – PTFA Disco for Nursery, Reception & Yr1

18th November – PTFA Disco for Yr 2,3 & 4

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Family Worships to October Half Term

I apologise for the very late cancellation of last week's family worship and the inconvenience that will have caused. **No family worship is scheduled this week**. Family worships for the remainder of this half term will take place as detailed below.

Friday 2nd October
Friday 16th October
Friday 23rd October

Harvest Service Friday 9th October

Our harvest service will take place at 9am on Friday 9th October. Please drop children off at church on the day at the usual drop off time. We will walk breakfast club down to church as usual. Grown Ups are welcome to stay.

County Council Travel Advisors

I have this week had a meeting with the County Council travel advisors who visited us last week. We discussed issues around driving and parking both on Station Road and in the Crescent and Longton Road.

We have agreed to do further work with the county council and to engage with several road safety agencies and charities, as well as civil enforcement officers. Advisors will visit our school again and we will also arrange for them and other agencies to come into school to work with us on delivering important road safety messages.

Half Term Break

We break for half term on Friday 23rd October and **return on Tuesday 3rd November.**

Regards,
Mr J Gordon

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