



Barlaston First School

Weekly Newsletter

3rd September 2021



Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith

Welcome Back!

A big welcome back to everybody as we start our new school year. The children look incredibly smart in their new uniform and it has been so nice to see their happy faces as they returned to class. So lovely to see!

A special welcome to Hedgehogs and Dormice as they join our school. A big welcome to you all!

Relocation of the Gate

You have probably noticed that today we have had the main gate, used by some parents and children to enter the school, relocated. It is now located just before the path near to the Hedgehog playground. This allows the children more freedom during lesson times to access the school garden and surrounding grass areas safely.

Inset Days 20th and 21st September

For those of you unfamiliar with how inset days work, I will explain! The school has five additional days throughout the school year when we can choose to carry out specific training/ activities that are a priority on our development plan. The start of term in September is a day we always have to use, but the other four are left to our discretion. We are using two of these days on 20th and 21st September to allow all staff to attend two days training on a course called "Talk for Writing". Once the two days have been covered, we will be holding a meeting for parents to discuss how we are going to implement this exciting venture in school. As a consequence, school will be closed to pupils on those two days.

Diary Dates

We have put the vast majority of our dates into the school diary for this term, and details can be found below.

Christmas Pantomime Deer and Owl

Deer and Owl class usually do a pantomime at Christmas. This year however, we have moved this event to the end of the summer term 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Mon 13 th Sept	School photos
Mon 13 th Sept	Teacher led clubs start (more info next week)

Fri 17 th Sept	Family worship starts (more info next week)
Mon 20 th Sept	Inset, school closed to pupils
Tues 21 st Sept	Inset, school closed to pupils
Fri 24 th Sept	McMillan coffee afternoon
Mon 27 th Sept	Hedgehog family lunch
Tues 28 th Sept	Squirrel family lunch
Tues 28 th Sept	Meeting for parents to discuss new approach to writing and forest schools 6.30pm
Wed 29 th Sept	Badger family lunch
Thurs 30 th Sept	Deer family lunch
Fri 1 st Oct	Owl family lunch
Fri 1 st Oct	Family theme day
Fri 15 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Mon 18 th Oct	Parents evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
Thurs 21 st Oct	Parents evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
Fri 22 nd Oct	School closes for half term
Mon 1 st Nov	School reopens
Thurs 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
Fri 12 th Nov	Children in Need
Tues 7 th Dec	1.30pm Squirrel and Badger Christmas play
Tues 7 th Dec	4.00pm Dormice and Hedgehog nativity
Wed 8 th Dec	6.30pm Squirrel and Badger Christmas play

Fri 10 th Dec	Whole school visit to New Vic Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast
Tues 14 th Dec	Family Christmas craft afternoon
Wed 15 th Dec	Christmas dinner and Christmas party
Fri 17 th Dec	Christingle church service
Fri 17 th Dec	School closes for Christmas

A very busy term ahead!

As events get closer, you will be sent additional information on the weekly newsletter.

Best wishes

Mrs Clarey and Team