



Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
19th January 2018



Quiz Night in School Tonight

The PTA are hosting a quiz night tonight starting at 7.30pm. This event is for adults only please. Teams can contain between 4-6 players at a cost of £2 per head. Please bring your own drinks; refreshments will be sold on the night. We would love you to come along and support our new event; we look forward to seeing you there if you can make it.

"Where My Wellies Take Me" Theme Afternoons

The children have a fabulous couple of afternoons/ mornings wearing their wellies and taking part in outdoor learning. There were so many lovely activities taking place, based on the stories/ illustrations/ poems in a book by children's author, Michael Morpurgo called "Where my Wellies Take Me." In Hedgehog class they went for a walk around the village wearing their wellies. They visited the church and the green, as well as taking photographs of the old school house. In squirrels they walked around the school grounds in their wellies and went bird spotting. They also made bird feeders and placed them in the school grounds, as well as hunting for different habitats where there may be evidence of animals living. In Badger class they read a poem in the book called "A Small Dragon" and then they went out onto the school grounds on a dragon hunt, and made dragon nests, again wearing their wellies! The Deer class went on a walk around the grounds using the Ipads to take photographs. They cut the photographs into the shape of animals and added some writing to the display. In Owl class the outdoor learning was based around maths. They carried out welly whanging and measured the distances the wellies were thrown. They then measure the perimeter of the playground and field, maths all around!!

All Weather Football Pitch!!

When our school budget comes into school every year, some of the money that we receive is called "ring fenced". This means that we can only spend the money on a specific subject or project. Each year, schools are given a sports grant to spend at their discretion on anything/ item relating to sports. It could be on sports equipment, or staff training etc. This year and next year we are putting the funding together to fund an all-weather football pitch, which will be situated on our playing field. There are many benefits for spending the money this way. One being that football can be a part of playtime and lunchtime activities, but slightly away from the rest of the children, so this will be safer, it frees up some more space on the playground, it will enable football club/ a sports club to run all year round, and finally, we can hire the pitch out an evenings/ weekend and bring some additional revenue into school. This project will start on Mon 5th Feb!

Best wishes Mrs Clarey and staff

Spring Term 2018

Fri 19 th Jan	PTA Quiz
<u>Mon 5th Feb</u>	<u>Work starts out all weather football pitch</u>
Tues 6 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Mon 12 th Feb	Parents Evening for all classes 5.00pm-6.30pm
Tues 13 th Feb	Parents Evening for all classes except Squirrels 5.00pm-6.30pm
Thurs 15 th Feb	Parents Evening for Squirrel class 5.00pm-6.30pm
Fri 16 th Feb	School finishes 3.30pm for half term
Mon 26 th Feb	School reopens after half term
Mon 26 th Feb	Start of Fairtrade Fortnight
Fri 2 nd March	World Book Day
Fri 9 th March	Fairtrade coffee morning
Thurs 29 th March	Easter Service in church (NB this is a provisional date at present)
Thurs 29 th March	School finishes at 3.30pm for the Easter holidays