



**Barlaston First School**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**



**Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith**

**Happy New Year**

Welcome back to school everyone, and a Happy New Year from all the staff and children at Barlaston First. We hope everyone had a good Christmas, and after the excitement of the end of term, it is nice to get back into the normality of school life.

**Enrichment Week**

We have had an amazing first week back in school with all the children taking part in an enrichment week. This has involved each class moving to a different classroom and teacher each day, and being taught a specific subject by that teacher. The children have LOVED their learning experiences. There has been a day of PE/ team building/ outdoor learning, a day of local history, where there studied Josiah Wedgwood and even had a chance to ask him questions! Music took place in the badger class, art in the deer and cookery in the owl classroom. All the children gathered together for an assembly at the end of each day, to share their learning and experiences. A very successful and enjoyable week for all!

**PTA Film Night Next Friday(17<sup>th</sup>)**

PTA are holding a film night next Friday starting at 6.30pm. The children have two films to choose from. There will be Toy Story Tow and The Lion King available on this night. The price is £4 per child for the evening and should they require refreshments, drinks and hotdogs will be available on the night. (hotdogs £1.50 each). Parents are encouraged to stay with their children, but if you wish to bring your child and collect them at the end of the film, that's fine. We anticipate collection time will be approximately 7.45pm. If your child is in after school club until 6pm on this day, we will supervise them until the film starts at 6.30pm.

**Clubs for the Half Term**

All clubs start next week, and run for five weeks. The last club for this half term will take place week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please book and pay on line in the usual way. You will not receive confirmation of a place, but if the system allows you to pay, then your child has been given a place.

**Nursery News**

At long last our nursery building is in place! Work will be carrying on for the next two weeks to ensure the interior and exterior are ready for the children to use. We will have an official opening soon; we will keep you posted!

**Snow Procedure**

Should we have any significant snow fall, we will follow our snow procedure, which can be found on the website, but for your convenience, we have attached it to this newsletter.

**Diary Dates**

Diary dates for this term have been attached. New dates will be added as they occur.

Best wishes  
Mrs Clarey and Team

## Spring Term 2020

Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PTA Film Night. Toy Story 2 or The Lion King
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Parents Evening 5pm-6.30pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTA School Disco
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School finishes 3.30pm for half term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School reopens after half term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of Fairtrade Fortnight
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Paralympian workshop (Gold medallist archer)
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA meeting Upper House 7pm
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Fairtrade coffee afternoon (before family worship)
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Hedgehog, Squirrels and Badgers visit to Derby Open Centre (RE themed visit)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Deer and Owl visit to Derby Open Centre (RE themed visit)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Service in church
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School finishes at 3.30pm for the Easter holidays
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed to children. Inset day for staff
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> April	School opens for children

## **Snow Procedures for Winter 2020**

### **In the event of heavy snow overnight and the closing of the school for the day**

- You will receive a text message from school. This will be as soon as the decision has been made and as early as we can before the start of the school day. This will inform you that we are closed.
- This information MIGHT be on the local radio stations, but we can never be sure.
- The closure will be published on the school website and on Staffordshire County Council website under Emergency School Closure Procedures.
- If you have downloaded the APP, you will be notified via a notification
- Should you not hear via a text or see the closure on the website, please bring your child to school as normal

### **In the event of continuous heavy snow and the closing of the school for more than one day**

- See the initial procedure above. Should we still be closed the following day, you will receive a text informing you of this. This will be sent once the decision has been made.
- It will also be on the Staffordshire County Council website and school website.

### **In the event of heavy snow and the closing of the school during the day**

- Should it snow heavily throughout the day, and poses us with a dilemma of sending the children home safely, you will receive a text asking you to come and collect your child as soon as possible.

Because of this, please ensure that we have your most up to date mobile number, thank you