



## Barlaston First School

### Weekly Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### 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. On the back of this newsletter are dates for this term that are already in place. As ever, new dates will be added as and when available.

### After School Clubs

Due to this only being a short half term, and some staff members being in Kenya for a week, we will not be running any after school clubs for this half term. Clubs will start week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> February, and will run until Easter. A letter to book places on the available clubs will be sent out before the half term break, so there will be plenty of time for you to secure a place for your child.

### Visit to Kenya 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan -28<sup>th</sup> Jan

As you will be aware, on the above dates, Mrs Broome, Mrs Price and I will be visiting a school in the slums of Nairobi called Soweto Academy. Whilst we are there, we will be teaching different age groups and delivering the stationery that you kindly donated at Harvest time last year. The children will have produced some art work that we will be taking over to the school. Likewise, whilst over there, the children at the Academy will produce some art work that we will bring back to display in our school. During this time, Miss Eardley will be in full time teaching in the Squirrel class, and Mr Atkins, an excellent teacher will be teaching the Owl class. Mrs Broome will be planning the work for Mr Atkins to deliver for the week. We look forward to sharing pictures and videos with our children once we are back.

### School Closure for Snow

No snow is forecast for the next few weeks, but I will be sending you our school snow procedure on the back of the newsletter next week.

### Earrings and PE Lessons

Could we please remind parents that children are not allowed to participate in a PE lesson whilst wearing any form of earring/s. Staff are not able to remove earrings or put them back in after a PE lesson. Please ensure that you have removed your child's earring/s before the start of the school day, when PE is taking place for your child's class. If you are unsure of PE days, please call in and speak to your child's class teacher to clarify. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Please note dates overleaf for this term. As ever, as new dates are added, they will be underlined and in bold so they are easily identifiable.

Best wishes Mrs Clarey and Team

**Dates in Place for Spring Term 2019**

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| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | E Safety Day  |
| Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Parents Evening for all classes 5.00pm-6.30pm                       |
| Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Parents Evening for Squirrel class 5.00pm-6.30pm                    |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | School finishes 3.30pm for half term                                |
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | School reopens after half term                                      |
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Start of Fairtrade Fortnight  |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March  | Fairtrade assembly coffee afternoon                                 |
| Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Service in church (NB this is a provisional date at present) |
| Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April | School finishes at 3.30pm for the Easter holidays                   |