



Barlaston First School

Weekly Newsletter

14th February 2020



Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith

After School Club

As you are aware, parents need to book their child into after school club, using the online system. There are different prices depending on how long your child needs to stay at the club and can, if required, include a light tea.

Children can be booked onto the after school club as late as the night before, which many parents do. However, we are still encountering problems with parents simply assuming their child can attend the club without pre booking.

In a morning, Miss Sproson (office manager) records how many children are booked into after school club for the coming afternoon/ evening. The number of children attending are passed onto the school kitchen, where the correct number of sandwiches/ crackers etc are prepared ready for the club that night.

One afternoon this week we had 18 children booked on, and 31 turned up to attend the club. This is an issue we need to address. Firstly, many of those children require food, and we have only catered for the number of children booked on. This means a member of the after school staff has to prepare food in the kitchen, which means the ratio of adult/child supervising in the hall is compromised, and we have to ask other staff to stand in. If 18 children are booked in, and nearly double that number turn up, we need to ensure we have the correct staffing in place from the start, this is also proving difficult.

As a result of the above, from next half term (week com 24th Feb) the following will apply:

- You will have until the night before to book your child into after school club for the following day
- Should you not have booked your child in, and your child stays for after school club, regardless of how long your child stays for in the evening, you will be charged full price.

We are not intending to appear difficult over this situation, but we have to ensure the system we have set up works, and that we can meet the needs of the children using the club.

We thank you for your cooperation on this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss them with me.

Nursery News

At long last, after an incredibly long wait, the nursery children will be in their building the first day back after half term (24th Feb). This means that the Hedgehogs will be returning to their own class room on this day too. Can I thank all parents for their understanding whilst the process of planning/ building etc has taken place. Considering we expected to be moving in during the summer holidays last year, you have been very patient. Thank you.

SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY 24th FEB

Best wishes Mrs Clarey and Team

Spring Term 2020

Mon 24 th Feb	School reopens after half term
Mon 24 th Feb	Start of Fairtrade Fortnight
Wed 4 th March	Paralympian workshop (Gold medallist archer)
<u>Thurs 5th March</u>	<u>World Book Day</u>
Thurs 5 th March	PTA meeting Upper House 7pm
Fri 9 th March	Fairtrade coffee afternoon (before family worship)
<u>Thurs 12th March</u>	<u>Friendship Themed Day</u>
Tues 24 th March	Hedgehog, Squirrels and Badgers visit to Derby Open Centre (RE themed visit)
Wed 25 th March	Deer and Owl visit to Derby Open Centre (RE themed visit)
Fri 3 rd April	Easter Service in church
Fri 3 rd April	School finishes at 3.30pm for the Easter holidays
Mon 20 th April	School closed to children. Inset day for staff
Tues 21 st April	School opens for children