

Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
15th Nov 2019

Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith

As you will be aware, our school ethos is "Let Your Light Shine" which is taken from the book of Matthew in the New Testament. Children, staff, parents and governors are encouraged to follow this ethos and let their light shine in whatever way they can. For the children this can be demonstrated in many different ways. They can be helpful and kind to others, show good manners or be a good role model. It can be academic achievement, but it's about their whole attitude to life and school that is celebrated and recognised, certainly not just academic achievement.

We have recently changed our values that are usually studied each half term, to three values that will be studied in the three terms of a school year.

Last week we held a "Family" theme day and learning focused on how families are all different, special and unique and families that are homeless, hungry and sad. The children responded so well and showed great understanding. "Family" will be our focused Christian value for the rest of this term, with the new focus being on "Friendship" after Christmas.

Donations for Our Food Bank

Following on from our work last week, with Christmas and Winter approaching we have decided to set up a food bank, that will be shared out to different homeless charities. The food bank will be located in the main school entrance from Monday. If you would like to send your child in with some food for the homeless and hungry, please send in any of the following: canned food (tuna, ham, beans, soup), rice, pasta, cooking oil, dried fruit, cereal bars, canned vegetables or instant mash potatoes. Thank you so much for your support on this matter.

New Vic Theatre Visit

Please pay on line for your child to take part in the visit to the theatre next week. We can confirm that we are not able to use the room at the New Vic for our lunch so we will be coming back to school as normal to eat. As clarified earlier this week, the school kitchen will provide a free packed lunch for all Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Badgers on this day. If your child is in Deer or Owl, please provide them with a packed lunch on this day. Or notify the school office if you wish for them to have a packed lunch provided by school.

Christmas Plays!!

It's that time of year again! We have three different plays happening again this year. The Dormice and Hedgehogs will be presenting the traditional nativity, the Squirrels and Badgers will be presenting the nativity with a twist to it, and the Deer and Owls will be presenting the pantomime, Alice in Wonderland. Your child will be notified next week of their part in the play. Every child has a role and rehearsal will start soon. Rehearsals will take place in classrooms with the Deer class currently using the hall as their classroom, and the stage will be set up later than normal, to avoid disruption to the Deer class.

Costumes for the Plays

We have many costumes in school already for our plays, but you will be notified on Thursday of next week, as to whether we require you to provide a costume or not. Thank you in advance for your support.

NEW DATE UNDERLINED ON DIARY

Autumn Dates 2019

Tues 19 th Nov	Whole school visit to The New Vic Theatre
Fri 29 th Nov	Teacher's inset day, school closed to children
<u>Thur 5th Dec</u>	<u>Non-uniform (bring a bottle)</u>
Fri 6 th Dec	Christmas Fayre
Mon 9 th Dec	Dress Rehearsal for Plays
Mon 9 th Dec	Hedgehog and Dormouse Nativity 4pm
Tues 10 th Dec	Deer and Owl Panto 1.30pm
Tues 10 th Dec	Squirrels and Badgers Christmas Play 6.30pm
Wed 11 th Dec	Squirrels and Badgers Christmas Play 1.30pm
Wed 11 th Dec	Deer and Owl Panto 6.30pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas Party
Fri 20 th Dec	Christingle Service in Church and end of term