

Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
1st February 2019



Visit to Kenya 22nd-28th Jan

We had an amazing visit to Nairobi last week. It was very exhausting! We had so many mixed emotions because the children were so, so happy, but had nothing. We taught all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with some classes having 90 children in them! We will be carrying out fund raising events in the coming months, which will be linked with the church. One of the highlight of the visit was linking up with our school here at Barlaston. Our children sang a song and the children from Soweto Academy sang a song back, an amazing experience. It was so lovely to see the children's faces as they were using the paper, pencils, felt pens etc that you donated for our Harvest appeal. They were very excited when we said we were leaving the resources there for them. Thank you so much for your kind donations, they meant the world to them.

Cheese and Wine Kenyan Evening

Many parents have been asking to see photographs of our recent visit to Soweto Academy in Kenya. We have been showing photographs to the children all week, and look forward to sharing them with you. The level of poverty will astound you. We are holding a cheese and wine social evening in the near future, which we will take place in the school hall, but we will also invite the village / church community to this event. More information to follow.

Parents Evenings

Next week you will receive a booking slip for our forthcoming parents evening. Please note the amendment to the newsletter diary regarding this event. Our parents evenings are on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th for all classes. Please ensure you return the slip to secure an appointment.

Safer Internet Day

We are holding our Safer Internet Day next Tuesday. The theme for this year is "Together for a better Internet." The children will be taking part in internet safety activities throughout the day.

After School Clubs

You will receive a letter soon regarding after school clubs for the following half term. Please book a place for your child, and pay in the usual way to secure a place.

Half Term Dates

Just to remind you that we break up for half term on Friday 15th February at 3.30pm. School reopens on Monday 25th February.

Best wishes Mrs Clarey and Team

Dates in Place for Spring Term 2019

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