



Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
8th February 2019



Parents' Evenings

You should have received a booking slip for our forthcoming parents evenings next week. If you have not received a letter, please contact the school office, or if you have not yet returned your slip, please do so as there are still time slots available.

New Approach to Marking

We have adopted a new approach to marking that will be evident in your child's books on parents' evening. This is a new initiative, so will only be seen in recent pieces of work. You may see a number against a piece of work 1, 2 or 3. This coding indicates:

- 1 The child found this difficult and needs more help
- 2 The child coped with the learning, but needs to do some more
- 3 The child coped well and the learning needs to be moved on

Alongside the numbers you may see the letters I, V or S This coding indicate:

- I The child has completed the task independently
- V The child has been given verbal support throughout the lesson
- S The child has been supported throughout the lesson

The teacher will complete a marking sheet for each activity carried out by the class. This will include recording children who has struggled, excelled, common errors, indicate where additional group support is needed, identify work to show as good examples etc. We are finding this approach works really well as it is more rigorous in identifying common errors and where focused feedback is needed. It gives us greater clarity on how a child has understood the learning, and informs the next steps for the teaching. We will keep you up to date on the development of this approach, but so far, we are really seeing the benefits of this approach.

After School Clubs for Next Half Term

Look out next week for a letter informing you of the clubs available after the half term holiday. Please book in the usual way to secure a place.

Parking on the Village Hall Car Park

I am fully aware that as the school has grown, parking facilities hasn't! Many parents park on the village hall car park, as the village hall committee have given the school permission to allow this. However, if you park on the village hall car park, you will be aware of some garages on the car park that belong to residents nearby. One parent has reported that she was verbally abused by a lady, who owns one of the garages yesterday. She had parked in front of her garage and the lady was clearly unhappy. This incident occurred when no children were present, but I urge you to try, if possible not to park in front of the garages. I know parking is difficult, but should anything like that happen again, please inform me, and I can speak to the resident concerned.

Best wishes Mrs Clarey and Team

NEW DATE IN BOLD

Dates in Place for Spring Term 2019

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
<u>Thurs 7th March</u>	<u>World Book Day - Dress as your favourite book character</u>
Fri 8 th March	Fairtrade assembly coffee afternoon
Fri 12 th April	Easter Service in church (NB this is a provisional date at present)
Fri 12 th April	School finishes at 3.30pm for the Easter holidays