



# Early Years Newsletter

October 2022



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## **Thank you!**

*Mr Peel.....A massive thank you on behalf of everyone in Early Years for all of your support during the first half term. It has been a really busy, but successful one with trips, enrichment days and much more! All of the children have settled in amazingly well and I am looking forward to working with them all again in the next half term!*

*Miss Gill..... I have had the best start to the year and it has been lovely to get to know all of the children in both Hedgehog and Dormouse class. They have all settled in so well and have made so many friends. I am looking forward to next half term and all of the fun and adventures we will have. Thank you all for your continued support.*

*Miss Leese.....It's been lovely to see the children encourage each other in activities and to continue forming new friendships. I am looking forward to the next term and our Nativity production!*

*Miss Soanes..... It's been a joy to see the children settle in so brilliantly into Dormouse and Hedgehog Class, and getting to know all the children. I am looking forward to having another lovely half term ahead!*

*Mrs Kendrick.....What a brilliant half term with an amazing group of children already looking forward to the next half term.*

## **Oasis coffee morning**

The coffee morning was a great success, the children really enjoyed it playing with their friends and family down at church. We hope all of the grown-ups who attended enjoyed it too.

We have another Oasis coffee morning planned down at church on the 15<sup>th</sup> December.



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## **Trips**

The children represented the school/ nursery brilliantly on their trips this week, they enjoyed and engaged well with all the activities on the day and lots of learning took place too!

## **Stay and play**

In the half term running up to Christmas, both classes will be holding a Christmas crafts morning to give parents and grown-ups another opportunity to come into school. Miss Gill and I will be in touch with dates and more information closer to the time.

## **Family worships**

Nursery and Reception class will now be attending family worships (on a Friday). These take place every week (unless told otherwise) and all parents/ family members are welcome. If your child will be receiving a certificate during the worship, you will receive a text message Thursday evening to let you know.

If your child is not receiving a certificate, parents and family members are still more than welcome to attend, if you would like to come, please arrive at the main reception for 2:45pm.

There will be no additional charge for a 3:30 finish for children in nursery class that are not attending ASC.

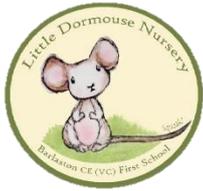
## **Reception class applications**

Parents will still need to apply for their child's place in Hedgehog class, even though they attend Little Dormouse nursery. The open date for these applications is the 1<sup>st</sup> November. More information/ applications can be found on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place>

If you have any questions about this, please speak to myself or the office.

Parents who are currently in Reception Class do not need to apply for a year 1 place.



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## **Vocation talks**

Thank you to the parents who have been in touch, or who have been into school already. The children really really enjoy these mornings and get so much from them too.

If you would like to come into speak to the children about your vocation/ career please do speak to either Miss Gill or myself.

## **Whole school opening morning**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00-12:00 we are holding a whole school/nursery opening morning for prospective parents, if you know anyone who would be interested in attending this please do pass on the date and time above.

## **PTA**

Just a reminder we have an established school PTA who meet on the first Thursday of every month from 7pm at The Upper House. All parent's/ family members are welcome to attend this meeting. More information about the PTA and upcoming events planned can be found on the school website. Parent information > Parent Teacher Association. Or if you have any questions feel free to ask myself or email [pta@barlaston.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@barlaston.staffs.sch.uk)

## **Diary dates**

Whole school events and dates can be found on the whole school newsletter sent out by the Mrs Clarey or found on the website > parent information > newsletters.

As ever if you have any questions please speak to a member of staff or you can email me on [apeel@barlaston.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:apeel@barlaston.staffs.sch.uk)

Have a lovely half term break,  
Mr Peel, Miss Gill and all the Early Years staff.