



Barrow Hall Community Primary School

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School Web Site: www.barrowhall.co.uk

Parent Governor Elections

There is currently a Parent Governor vacancy on our school's Board of Governors. Information on this role and the election process, together with a nomination form are being sent home with children today. This information will be published on the school website.

Multi Academy Trust

The Governing Body are also sending a letter to parents today with details of a proposal for Barrow Hall to become part of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). This is, clearly, a very significant step for Barrow Hall and a formal consultation process will take place during this process. However, in the meantime, governors are keen to hear from parents regarding this. Please see the letter for details.

Reception Nativity

Christmas will soon be here. Details about the Parr Hall performances (Y1-6) have already been sent home. Children in reception will be performing their own show for parents - **"The Bossy King"** - on **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December at 2pm** in the school Hall. In order to manage the number of people in the school hall, we will again be inviting parents to separate performances as follows: **Two parents/carers of the children in Mr Howe's class and two parents/carers of the girls in Miss Fernyhough's class to watch on Tuesday 13th December.**

Two parents/carers of the children in Mrs Lawton's class and the two parents/carers of the boys in Miss Fernyhough's class to watch on Wednesday 14th December.

More details about reserving places will be sent home shortly.

Construction work next to Sophia Drive

Parents will be aware that works to develop the area opposite the main entrance to the school have now begun. The initial works are to establish the road into the development. Obviously, there is potential for Sophia Drive to become even more congested at the start/end of the school day. However, I am pleased to report that the main contractors have committed to using Sophia Drive only for cars accessing their site, with 'heavy' vehicles accessing via the roundabout at the junction of Whittle Avenue and Lingley Green Avenue. The contractors have also created their own car park for workers.

Meeting for Prospective Parents

We will be holding an event for parents of children who will be starting school in September 2017 on Thursday 17th November. The school building will be open after school for visitors to look round. There will be a presentation from the Senior Leadership Team in the school hall, starting at 5pm. Please note that this presentation is for parents and we request that children are not in the hall for this. After the presentation, school will remain open for visitors to look round.

School Playground

Parents will be aware that the playground at our new school building is....well...a little bare. We have been held up developing the areas due to incomplete/faulty works on the areas. This is still a long way from resolved. The School Council have now devised a plan for how we can make some better use of all of the hard standing round the school building, together with ideas about what equipment is needed at this stage of their plan (the full plan will take 2-3 years to complete). We are aiming for some of the changes to be implemented in the next two weeks. I would like to thank all of the children for their patience and good behaviour on the playground so far this term.

Car Park

The School Council playground plan includes using the parent car park as additional playground area. We also plan to use this area for some PE lessons. This means that that car park will be locked between 9.30am and 3pm each day.

Friends of Barrow hall Christmas Bingo

Friends of Barrow Hall are now busy planning a Christmas Bingo event which is taking place on **Friday 2nd December**. As with previous Bingo events, we will be holding a non uniform day the week before (Friday 25th November) and asking for items to be brought in to be used as prizes for the bingo. A separate letter with information about this will be sent home next week.

Colomendy

Our Year 5 children have visited Colomendy this week. We received many updates from the centre to let us know that the children were having a great (if wet!) time.

And finally.....

Following Harvey Dunbabin's recent experience of leading out Warrington Wolves at the Grand Final, Tyler Mills from Y3 was one of the mascots at the recent England Rugby League game against Scotland.

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