



Barrow Hall Community Primary School

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School Web Site: www.barrowhall.co.uk

Miss Sumner

Today is Miss Sumner's last day at Barrow Hall before taking up her new position at Oakwood Avenue Primary School in January. Miss Sumner has worked at Barrow Hall for nine years since she first qualified as a teacher. I am sure parents will want to join me in passing thanks for all her hard work for the children of Barrow Hall and in wishing her the best of luck for the future. Mrs Dilorenzo has been working alongside Miss Sumner over recent weeks and will take over the teaching of 3S in January.

Parent Governor Elections

Many thanks to all of you who voted in the recent Parent Governor Elections. The count took place on Monday and the successful candidate was David Hughes. I would like to thank Amanda Avery, Katrina Gleave and Kelly Woodward for standing for election. Across the country, many schools are having difficulty recruiting governors to their Boards. We are fortunate at Barrow Hall to have a parental group who wish to be involved in and contribute to school life.

Consultation to convert to Academy

As covered in previous correspondence, the school is currently in a period of consultation regarding a proposal to convert to academy status as part of the Omega Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Details are available on the home page of the school website. The consultation ends on 20th January 2017.

Football

The Penketh Football Tournament has concluded since the last newsletter. Barrow Hall entered two teams who finished second and fourth in the competition, with **Ellis Eves** and **Sam Miller** being chosen as the two 'players of the tournament' from our teams. Mr Sutton has spoken to me about how impressed he was with the conduct and the standard of our teams. Well done to all involved.

Healthy Snacks

Parents of children will be aware that children are allowed to bring in snacks for break times. However, as part of our responsibility to promote healthy lifestyles, we request that children avoid chocolate/sweets and crisps at this time.

Parr Hall

The Parr Hall performances took place last week. I would like to thank all of the school community for supporting this event. It is clear from the amount of correspondence that the school has had that the audiences were (rightly!) very impressed with the skill and confidence of our children to perform so well in such an environment.



Earrings

I would like to remind parents that, in line with the school's agreed uniform policy, earrings are not allowed in school. We are aware that Christmas is sometimes the time when children have ears pierced, with earrings needing to remain in for a period well beyond the Christmas break. We would request that, should parents be considering having their child's ears pierced, this takes place at the start of the summer holidays so that they may be removed by the time term restarts. Thank you for your cooperation with this issue.

Foundation Stage Nativity

Foundation Stage children have performed their nativity (twice!) this week for large audiences in the school hall. It is lovely to see these children developing the self confidence that will help them perform at the Parr Hall in future years!

Jumpers for Jensen

Today has been Christmas Jumper Day in school. The School Council chose 'Jumpers for Jensen' as the charity for this event. It has been a very 'bright' day in school! The Chair of the School Council, Oliver Bate, has asked me to pass on his huge thanks to everyone for joining in with this event. The School Council's other chosen charity is Alder Hey Children's Hospital and they will be arranging further events in the spring and summer terms.

Facebook Page

The address of our new Facebook page is : [facebook.com/barrowhallprimary](https://www.facebook.com/barrowhallprimary)

I and H Brown

We have had a visit from I and H Brown, contractors working on the site alongside Sophia Drive, to speak to our children about their work and about safety around their site. As well as discussing their work and answering questions about the construction process from our children, their key aim was to raise awareness that, although the site may look like an exciting place, it can also be a dangerous place. I and H Brown are constructing the roads on the site. This work is expected to be completed in March.

Workers from I and H Brown speaking to Class 1B

And finally.....

As always, the build up to Christmas in school has been busy but it has (as always) been a lovely time to be in school. Parties, performances, Christmas dinner and visits from Santa amongst other things have taken place, but children have also continued to work well in lessons and produce some wonderful work (for example, on Tuesday, I read some wonderful snowflake poetry that was being written in 5M). The children are to be congratulated for their continued hard work during this time, as well as for their continued excellent behaviour.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, the staff and pupils, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. School reopens to children on Wednesday 4th January at the usual times. We look forward to seeing you all in January 2017.

It has been a busy time in Foundation Stage!



Merry Christmas!