



# Barrow Hall Community Primary School

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School Web Site: [www.barrowhall.co.uk](http://www.barrowhall.co.uk)

## Miss Corbett

Miss Corbett visited school this week with her new son, Ronnie Thomas Poole. Ronnie was born on at 7.44pm on 12<sup>th</sup> January, weighing 7lb 5oz. Miss Corbett has asked me to pass on her thanks to parents and children for all of the messages she has received.

Ronnie Thomas Poole

## Parents' Evening

This term's Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. We are now beginning the process of arranging appointment times and will send them home shortly. I wrote to parents in classes 4M and 5M earlier this week to inform them that Parents' Evening for these classes will take place the week after half term on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> March. This is because Miss McDermott and Miss Mills have successfully applied for a grant to visit Spain as part of further developing the teaching of Modern Foreign Languages at Barrow Hall.

## Athletics

On 18<sup>th</sup> January we entered a team in the Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Qualifier at the Orford Hub. Our children performed fantastically and came top of the ten schools taking part. The team have now progressed to the town finals and a chance to win a place in the regional competition. Well done to all of the children involved for performing so well and, as always, representing the school brilliantly.

## Rugby

The Penketh Rugby Festival is continuing. Our two teams have been doing very well, with 'Barrow Hall 1' winning all of their 5 matches so far and 'Barrow Hall 2' winning 2, drawing 2 and losing 1 (to Barrow Hall 1!).

## Parent Survey

Many thanks to all of you who took the time to return the recent Parent Survey. We had 358 responses which is a significant proportion (64%) of the surveys sent out and means that the results will give us a broad and representative indication of parental opinion. Mrs Brindle has been busy collating the results and we will share these shortly via the newsletter and the school website. We will also share a summary of the main findings and how we aim to respond to the results.

## The Walton Lea Partnership 'Recycled

We have been made aware of an initiative taking place in Warrington led by the Walton Lea Project. This is a charity 'providing individual learning and skills development and supported employment in social enterprises to adults with learning disabilities and learning difficulties'. The 'Recycled Bike Project' involves the charity repairing bikes for selling on. The charity, therefore, needs used bikes for the project. If anybody is interested in donating a bike, details can be obtained by email at [walton-lea@btinternet.com](mailto:walton-lea@btinternet.com) or by calling 01925 860143. Further details of the charity can be found at [www.waltonlea.org.uk](http://www.waltonlea.org.uk).

## Staff and Disabled Car Park

Parents who arrive at school via Sophia Drive will be aware that we have now installed a barrier to the Staff and Disabled Visitor Car Park. The barrier will be in use shortly and will be down at the start and end of the school day. Anyone with a 'blue badge' who drops off or collects from school will be able to request a car park pass from the school office on presentation of their badge from Tuesday 31st January. There will be a need to sign an agreement regarding the use of the pass before it can be issued. It is intended that the barrier will be up during the school day so that visitors during these times will be able to use the car park.

## School Council River of Pennies

The School Council will be holding a 'River of Pennies' on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. This is to raise money for the Foundation for Peace. The event involves children placing coins next to each other to form a 'river' which stretches through the school.