



Barrow Hall Community Primary School

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July 2017

July is, as always, a busy time in school. Amongst the key events are:

Transition Week takes place during the week of 3-7th July. I will write to parents towards the end of next week about teachers/classes for next year.

Parents' Evening takes place on 19th/20th July. Appointments will be sent home shortly.

End of year pupil reports will be sent home on the Friday before Parents' Evening (14th July).

The Y6 **Leavers' Disco** takes place on 24th July (information has already been sent to parents).

The **Leavers' Assembly** takes place on the morning of 25th July.

Candle Making and Den Building at Burwardsley

Burwardsley

Our Y2 children have visited Burwardsley Outdoor Centre this week (one class is there overnight tonight). I have been fortunate enough to visit and spend some time with some of the groups and see how much they have enjoyed their visit and how well they have behaved. I would also like to thank all of the staff who volunteered to attend this visit (and all the residentials we have at Barrow Hall) to ensure the children have these experiences.

School Fields

Last week, a meeting was held to review the progress of the school grounds. Unfortunately, a significant number of key problems were identified. This means that there are further works to take place to the fields before they are safe for our children to use and, as a result, will not be available for the school to use in September as originally planned. As these areas are not considered safe for use, I would like to remind parents that children should stay off these areas before and after school.

Be Happy and Sing Club

Before half term, the Be Happy and Sing Club entered a competition at Parr Hall. As always, our children behaved and sang beautifully. They were even confident enough to change their plans on the night and add a song (including a solo from Harry Morris!). Their skill and effort were recognised as they won the competition! Well done to all involved and more thanks to Mrs Hornby, Mrs O'Neill and Miss Connah for leading this club all year. I should also mention Ellie Greatbanks, an ex Barrow Hall pupil who has come straight from high school throughout the year to help the teachers with the club. She is an excellent role model for our children.

Stockley Farm

Children from Reception visited Stockley Farm last week - a very excited group of children arrived at school on the day of the trip! I have received a number of good reports about the behaviour of the children on the visit and would like to thank all of the children, parent helpers and staff for managing the visit.

School Council Fundraiser

The School Council will be holding their final fundraiser of the year on Friday 21st July. This is a non uniform day to raise funds for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. The School Council would like to encourage children to follow the theme of 'Wear your Stripes' which is the charity for the Hospital. The 'fee' for wearing non-uniform is £1 which will be passed to Alder Hey.

'Open the Book' Group Assembly

The 'Open the Book' group from St Mary's Church have been in school this week to lead special assemblies. We are hoping these will become part of the school assembly programme.

Scooter Training

Y2 and Y3 children took part in Scooter Training on 13th June. This is a new initiative which the school was fortunate to be a part of. Lesley Patterson from WBC School Travel Service and the local PCSOs supported the event. We are hoping this is something we will be able to offer again in the future.

Cycling to School

The school is really pleased with the number of children (and parents) who are taking the opportunity to cycle to school. The vast majority of our children wear cycle helmets and cycle safely to/from school. However, I have had some reports of a small minority of pupils not wearing helmets and/or cycling carelessly, even recklessly, to/from school. The school Governing Body wishes to promote safe cycling to school. In order to support this, children who do not wear helmets to/from school and/or are cycling unsafely will not be allowed to store their bike on school premises. Whilst we are aware that it is a parental responsibility to ensure children travel to/from school safely, we are sure parents will understand our position on this issue.

Sports Day

We have known for a while that the fields would not be available for our planned Sports Days. We have explored options for holding the Sports Days elsewhere or on the hard standing areas of the school. Unfortunately, we have not been able to find an option which was safe and appropriate. Therefore, we have reluctantly cancelled Sports Day this year. As we know the fields won't be available in September, the option to delay until the new term (for all except Y6) is also not an option. We are, however, planning a shortened version for Year 6 which will take place on the Visitor car park on 14th July at 10.00am. Parents/Carers are able to come and watch. However, the visitor car park need to be cleared by 9.15am. Please note that, due to the surface in the area,