



MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

A huge thank you to the school community for your continued support and patience whilst the build and alterations continue. We appreciate the frustrations you are experiencing with limited access to the school site, limited parking and the narrow gate and pathway, but we are doing our very best to manage the situation. It has been suggested to us, that the one way system be reintroduced (from COVID), but unfortunately there is no access around the back of the school, due to works in that area both underway and further works planned. We have also received a complaint about the puddle at the gate, again this is not something we can change. The pavement is the responsibility of North Yorkshire Highways and the issue has been highlighted to them. The works should be fully completed by September 2024 and we hope that you will understand that they are much needed to ensure we can continue to offer the highest level of education to your children.

The new behaviour policy introduced in January is working well, and we have seen an improvement in the general behaviour around school. The children have had a weekly focus on manners, honesty, respect, resilience, responsibility, compassion and rights of others to learn. The children that have made the right choices have enjoyed a whole range of activities during Golden time, including den building, learning to ride bikes and scooters, baking and clay skills to name a few. Thank you for your continued support with behaviour.

With this half term being so short we are holding parents evening just after the Easter break on Tuesday 16th April and Thursday 18th April, we look forward to seeing all of you on one of these two evenings.

As always, we are operating an open door policy, your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact.

Kind Regards
Mrs Baker
Head Teacher



FRIDAY 15th MARCH 2024

Children to come to school wearing as many items
of **red** as possible!
Family donations welcome.

TRAINING
DAY -
MONDAY 11th
MARCH 2024

DATES FOR DIARY

Thursday 7th March 2024
Friday 15th March 2024
Monday 11th March 2024
Tuesday 16th April 2024
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Thursday 18th April 2024
Thursday 18th April 2024
Monday 13th May 2024
Friday 24th May 2024
Monday 26th June 2024

World Book Day
Red Nose Day
Training day – children not in school
Parents Evening 3.30-5pm
Book fair
Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Book fair
Year 6 SATS week
Sports Day
Reception new starters 2024 parents meeting

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024

Children to come to school
wearing their pyjamas!

If you have a child who
would like to start in our
Nurse's office in the near future,
please contact our school
office for an application
form.

Thursday, February 8th, 2024

Bridging the generation gap

Staff at Abbey Lea Care Home in Barlby have reflected back on what continues to be a "wonderful" intergenerational project with Barlby Community Primary School.

Barlby schoolteachers connected with the care home in 2023, and have since visited the site with pupils once a week to read, draw pictures and spend quality time with residents.

Along with sharing Christmas cards with Abbey Lea's residents, the kind-hearted children at Barlby Primary decided to raise funds to purchase three 'Hug Dolls' to help soothe those in need last year.

The weighted dolls are specially designed to help bring comfort, connection and meaning to the lives of people in the advanced stages of dementia, and come with a music player, programmed to play the person's favourite music, along with a simulated beating heart.

A representative for the school, Emma Coulson, said: "I had stumbled across the dolls online one day and thought they looked interesting."

"As one of our targets on our pupils wellbeing action plan is to develop links in our local community and develop the role of the pupil wellbeing ambassadors, I thought it would be a good idea to do some fundraising and buy the care home one of these."

"We were so pleased to be able to buy Abbey Lea three in the end!"

Abbey Lea Care Home's registered group manager, Natalie White added that the residents really enjoy interacting with children of all ages, including visits from local two-year-old Harley



and his mum.

She said: "When Harley, a little boy who visits the care home with his mum, comes to see residents, he engages really well and often entertains them by playing football and drawing pictures."

Harley's mum, Emma Carter added: "I am so proud of Harley for being so kind, caring and thoughtful."



"He is really enjoying the company of the residents at Abbey Lea."

LEFT: The Hug Dolls help bring comfort to those at Abbey Lea Care Home. (08-02-217 SU)

RIGHT: Harley, 2, has visited residents one a number of occasions with his proud mum, Emma. (08-02-220 SU)



02 Feb

Dear all at Abbey Lea Care Home,
With Compliments

I just wanted to write to congratulate you on your fantastic project with Barlby Community Primary School. Your efforts to connect the local school with residents is a fantastic way to foster bonds between different generations in our local area, so thank-you so much for all your hard work!

With best wishes, Keir Major MP

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON, SW1A 0AA

The pupil wellbeing ambassadors delivered the three hug dolls to Abbey Lea care home in December and we are thrilled to hear that the residents have been absolutely loving using them. A massive thank you to all who donated to our non-uniform day back in November, without your support we wouldn't have been able to do this, they really have brought a lot of joy to the residents at Abbey Lea. We have even been mentioned in the Selby Times and also in a letter from the local MP!

Minor First Aid Reporting

We are implementing a new system to inform parents / carers of any minor first aid treatment your child has received at school following an accident.

These accidents are generally from trips and falls and result in a cold compress being given or a plaster applied.

From Monday 4th March you will receive a text message stating ' Your child ****name**** has received minor first aid treatment at school today.'

This text will be sent out after lunchtime break.

This text will not replace the usual Head Bump text messages and letters you receive. These will continue as normal.

For serious accidents we will contact parents / carers by telephone immediately.

We hope you agree this new system will improve school to home communication in this area.

If you have any questions regarding this new system please send an email to admin@barlby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2023/2024

	SCHOOL CLOSSES	SCHOOL OPENS
Easter Holidays	Fri 22 nd Mar 2024	Mon 8 th Apr 2024
May Day Bank Holiday	Mon 6 th May 2024	
May Half Term	Fri 24 th May 2024	Mon 3 rd June 2024
Summer Holidays	Fri 19 th July 2024	Wed 4 th September 2024
October Half Term	Fri 25 th Oct 2024	Mon 4 th Nov 2024
Christmas Holidays	Fri 20 th Dec 2024	Mon 6 th January 2025

TRAINING DAYS 2024 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2024
FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2024
MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024
MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2024
TUESSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2024
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024

Please note that our training days are different to the standard North Yorkshire County Council advertised dates

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