



BEHAVIOUR NEWSLETTER



December 2023

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE Respect and Responsibility

Over recent years, since the pandemic and resulting school closures, we have noticed a steady decline in the behaviour of some of our pupils. This is a national trend as outlined in the OFSTED annual report " Since the pandemic, pupils and teachers are seeing more disruptive behaviour in school. This is affecting both their experience of school and their ability to learn or teach. This is especially true of persistent low-level disruption in class, such as pupils refusing to do as they are told, talking back to teachers"

Whilst it is reassuring that we are not alone in what we are observing at Barlby Community Primary School with regards to behaviour, we are not willing to allow this trend to continue. Over the last term, staff have been working hard to start the journey that will make a positive difference for our pupils.

All staff at school have been involved in reviewing the behaviour of our pupils as it is now, the behaviour standard we would like it to return to and the journey we need to go on to help the children achieve this standard.

We strongly believe Barlby Community Primary School is a place to learn and grow. As such, running alongside the academic teaching, we will teach the children about appropriate behaviours acceptable in school as well as wider behaviours they will need in various situations in life. Each day, we will teach dedicated lessons to the whole school around behaviour expectations. Examples of the weekly behaviour focus' include; honesty, punctuality, manners, resilience, including everyone, dignity, personal space, and learning from mistakes. We will focus all these expectations around **Respect and Responsibility**. We have, over the term, reviewed our current behaviour policy (this can be found on the school website) and prepared to make the changes outlined in this newsletter. Please take the time to talk to your children about the changes (detailed overleaf), the consequences that will need to be faced for wrong choices and the rewards they will be given for making the right choices.

We aim to celebrate the success of the many children in school that continuously behave impeccably through the introduction of Golden Time each Friday.

Any questions, concerns or comments can be made to Mrs Baker, class teachers, the pastoral team or leadership team at Open Evening on Monday 18th December 3.30-4.30pm, when you are invited to come and view your child's Assertive Mentoring (white folder).

Kind Regards,
Jillian Baker
Headteacher

From Monday 8th January there will be a whole school briefing each Monday morning led by Mrs Baker or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. At the briefings the children will be told the behaviour focus of the week and reminded of past behaviours we have focused on.

In each class there will be a traffic light system with the children's names on. The children will start at Green for every session. Wrong choices and poor attitude to learning will see them move to Orange and then to Red if behaviour does not improve.

If a child is moved to Orange on the Traffic Light System they will miss all or part of a break time. During this time, they will talk to an adult about their choices, complete missed work or complete other written exercises.

If a child's behaviour is considered Orange whilst eating, they will be moved within the hall to a table away from their peers. Outside the child will be given time out from play for 10 minutes.

Parents will be informed.

If a child is moved to Red on the Traffic Light System the leadership team will be requested to come and support behaviour and 5 minutes of Golden Time will be deducted. Parents will be informed.

Each week the children will start with 40 minutes Golden Time that will take place each Friday afternoon. Children will lose Golden Time in 5-minute chunks if wrong choices are made and they have been moved to 'Red' on their class behaviour chart or for behaviours that are not acceptable during break / lunch times.

Golden Time will be activities of the class' choice. This will be agreed with their class teacher each Monday.

Tuesday - Friday morning the children will spend 30 minutes each day learning about the behaviour focus for that week. This may be a role play activity, discussion, game, paper exercise etc

Children that are struggling with the same behaviours consistently will be offered THRIVE intervention or Pastoral Support. This will be in agreement with parents.

During each week children will still be rewarded stamps for behaviour, attitude to learning, manners, effort and attitude. These stamps build up to Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. Worker of the week will be awarded to each class and attendance awards will continue.

General Newsletter – December 2023

ParentPay

Please log on to your child's ParentPay account and pay all outstanding debts before the Christmas break

Christmas Lunch Day

Wednesday 13th
December for children
who have pre-ordered.

Open Evening Monday 18th December 3.30-4.30pm.

Please pop into school to have a look at your child's Assertive Mentoring File (White Folder) and celebrate the amazing progress they have made this term. Class teachers will be available for a quick chat.

PARKING

Please park safely when dropping off and collecting children from school. On some days, the bus has been unable to get through because of the cars.

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you for all your kind donations.

We raised a total of £160.71



Christmas Parties

On Christmas Party day the children may attend school in their party clothes. Please consider the temperature as the children will still be playing out. Please ensure your child has a jumper or cardigan to wear over their party outfit and a warm coat.

Nursery - Thursday 21st December 1-3pm . All Nursery children welcome

Reception - Friday 22nd December

Year 1 - Friday 22nd December

Year 2 - Friday 22nd December

KS2 - Wednesday 20th December

Extension

We are very excited to share that when we return after the Christams break the building work will have started on our site. Please be careful around the school and keep an eye on our text message service for updates on how to enter and exit each day safely, as the building develops. We expect this work to be fully complete by September 2024.

We have spaces in the school Nursey. Please contact the school office for details if interested.

If your child is due to start school in September 2024, the deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.

I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Pickard all the best as she embarks on a new career from January. Mrs Pickard will be greatly missed at Barlby and we are very grateful for all the support she has shown towards the children past and present.

DATES FOR DIARY

13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
18 th December 2.30pm	Carols in the yard
18 th December 3.30-4.30pm	Open Evening
19 th December 10am	Year 1 production 10am
19 th December 2pm	EYFS production 2pm
20 th December	KS2 Christmas Party (during school hours)
20 th December 6pm	Year 2 concert at the church
22 nd December	KS1 Christmas Party (during school hours)
22 nd December	EYFS Christmas Party (during school hours)
8 th January 2024	Back to School
15 th January 2024	Clubs resume

Please also see school website for calendar dates



Governors

Philip Boyes	Chair of Governors/Health & Safety
Geoff Stockill	Vice Chair/LA Governor
Sarah Owen	Staff Governor
Beverley Dowdy	Co-opted Governor/Safeguarding Governor
Solar Richmond	Co-opted Governor
Joanna Millican	Parent Governor
Peter Jones	Parent Governor
Laura Clark	Co-opted Governor
Caroline Karbani	Parent Governor
Ian McKenzie	Parent Governor
Stephen Flatman	Co-opted Governor
Geoff McConnell	Parent Governor
AJ Durling	Co-opted Governor

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2023/2024

	SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL OPENS
Christmas Holidays	Fri 22 nd Dec 2023	Mon 8 th Jan 2024
February Half Term	Fri 9 th Feb 2024	Mon 19 th Feb 2024
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	

TRAINING DAYS 2023/2024 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2024
FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2024
MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024

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