



Christmas Newsletter

December 2023



Here we are again, at the end of another busy Autumn term and an extremely fun filled Christmas period.



As I write this newsletter, I can hear children and staff in the hall and corridor enjoying some last-minute Christmas games and activities together! There is laughter and music around the building and the sound of children enjoying their day in school. This is what we are about at Barley Fields – happy children!

Nativities and Performances

We were so pleased to be able to share Christmas performances with the parents and grandparents of children in Reception, Year 2, 4 and 6 this year. We were treated to two nativity performances; 'My First Nativity' and 'I'm Gonna Shine!'. Both were wonderful and the children showed some amazing talents. They certainly brought a tear to my eye!

Year 4 completed two performances of 'Bethlehem the Musical'. It was a lovely performance with some

funny jokes and such great comic timing. Soooooo funny!



This week our Year 6 children also performed Cinderella and Rockerfella. This was an outstanding performance certainly equal to anything seen in a professional theatre. We undoubtedly have some talented children in school and it is amazing to see their performing confidence grow as they progress through school.

Thank you to everyone who attended our performances it really makes a difference to the children. Also thank you to parents who came forward with some potential sources for our replacement lighting fund. In 2024 we are going to work with the PTA to begin to raise £20,000 towards a replacement of the lighting system in the hall which is coming to the end of its life. All extra cash left from the Christmas events in school will be added to this fund.

The Ugly Sisters were certainly the highlight of the show!



Cause Christmas



Thank you to everyone who supported the Cause Christmas Hamper campaign.



The hampers of food and gifts have been collected by the charity and have been delivered to 7 local families.

We were also able to donate a huge amount of surplus food, toiletries and gifts to Thornaby Food Bank who have asked me to pass on their thanks. They will distribute them on your behalf to families in their school community.

Christmas Lunch

On Thursday last week we held our school Christmas Lunch which was kindly provided by our talented kitchen staff.



It was wonderful to see all of our school family come together to celebrate Christmas in the traditional manner and it was a lovely festive occasion.

Thank you to all our amazing lunchtime supervisors and kitchen staff for their hard work.

Rudolph Run – Teesside Hospice



Our Rudolph run, in aid of Teesside Hospice, was yet again a runaway success.

Despite the weather we had such fun running laps around the playground and MUGA as part of the challenge. Some of the children are unbelievably fit and I was astounded at how many times they could run around the track! I think some of them must work on batteries!

In total we raised **£1739** for Teesside hospice. An absolutely astounding effort! Thank you.

PTA Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the PTA Raffle. Over 30 amazing prizes were won today and our top prizes went to:



Well done to everyone who was lucky enough to win a prize. A huge thank you to Mrs Young for her gorgeous hamper donations and gifts.

Christmas Craft Days

Our Christmas Craft days have been a huge success in school. As always, the creativity of the children and staff astounds me! I hope enjoyed their creations.

Christmas Quiz

Our children enjoyed taking part in our Christmas Quizzes today. It was wonderful to see the crazy but competitive nature of the children as staff.

Congratulations to the worthy winners:

Reception – Mrs BaxterKS1 – Mrs Davage

LKS2 – Miss Mallinson

UKS2 – Miss Barton (for the 3rd year running!)

School Return – January 2024

We will return to school on **Monday 8th January**.

Please remember that the official start to the school day is **8.45am** and children should be in school ready to begin their morning learning at this time.

Facebook, Twitter and Seesaw

Many of the amazing things we complete at Barley Fields are now shared on Facebook and Twitter. Please like and follow our accounts to see lots of examples of the things we do in school.



Can I remind parents however that our social media is for publicity only. If you have a concern, a question or a problem please contact our school directly via email or telephone and not through these pages.

Thank you!

Finally, can I say an enormous thank you to all the staff in school who collectively work extremely hard to make our school run smoothly.

The Barley Fields staff are a remarkable team who continually have our children at the heart of everything they do. I cannot be prouder of them or thank them enough! Well done everyone!

From everyone here at Barley Fields we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

See you in 2024!

Love

Mrs. Taylor xxxx

