



Barley Fields
Primary School

Newsletter

**10th October
2024**

What a busy term it has been so far! Time has flown by, and it is hard to believe that we are now in October and just two weeks away from half term!

Mrs Taylor

Mrs Taylor continues to make a good recovery from surgery. Many thanks to all parents and carers who have enquired about Mrs Taylor- your good wishes have been passed onto her and she has asked me to express her gratitude for all the kind words and concern for her welfare. I am sure that Mrs Taylor will be back at work very soon.

Monsters and Mayhem Disco

On Monday 21st October and Tuesday 22nd October, we will be holding our annual Halloween disco. We are going cashless this year, so we will not be asking children to bring in money for tickets. Instead, we



are asking parents and carers to use the QR code or follow the link to purchase tickets.



pta-events.co.uk/barleyfields/

Details of the discos are as follows:

- KS1 (Y1 and Y2) 21st October 4.30-5.30pm
- LKS2(Y3 and Y4) 22nd October 4.30-5.30pm
- UKS2 (Y5 and Y6) 22nd October 5.45-6.45pm

Children should enter the disco via the main school entrance and should be collected from their usual classroom doors (Please see the letter sent via Marvellous Me for further details).

Harvest Hampers



A huge thank you, once again, to the wonderful Mrs Young for her kind donation of a selection of hand-made Harvest hampers. Mrs Young is tireless in her support for our school, and she gives so generously. This year, we have decided to donate these hampers to support families in Ukraine who continue to face such adversity and hardship because of the ongoing conflict in the region.

Supporting Families in Ukraine

John Hoyle (the husband of our school business manager, Mrs Hoyle) and Andy McColgan (the husband of Mrs McColgan from KS1) are



British Army veterans who are remarkable in their support of the people of Ukraine. Since the Russian invasion of 2022, John and Andy have travelled to Ukraine an



incredible sixteen times to take medical supplies, food packages, bottled water, clothing and other essential items to assist families who are suffering the consequences of a brutal conflict. On the 27th of October 2024, John and Andy will travel to Ukraine for the final time with a last van load of essential items (including our Harvest hampers). As the harsh Ukrainian winter approaches, hardship and suffering in the region will naturally increase. John and Andy would kindly welcome all donations to support this last visit to the region. They are looking for any of the following items:

- Winter standard coats
- Medical supplies
- Sanitary items for women
- Food – tinned or dried
- Torches
- Old mobile phones
- Small Christmas gifts for children.



I know that times are hard for everyone at the present time, so please do not feel in any way obliged to offer donations to this particular cause. If you can donate anything, no matter how small, please send any items into the main school office so that they can be collected by John and Andy before their last visit to the region.

Harvest Festival

We had a lovely time celebrating Harvest Festival in school last week. Thank you for all



received by the volunteers at the Foodbank.



your amazing and very generous donations for Thornaby Foodbank. They were collected on Thursday 9th October and were very gratefully

School Council Elections

Earlier in the term, we had our school council election to elect our new school council members from Reception to Year 6.

Well done to all those who were duly elected to represent their year groups. The elections were taken very seriously by the children and the election process itself was a great opportunity to teach our children how our democratic system works and about the importance of democracy to fundamental British values.



Year 6 Pupil Governors

In addition to our school council elections, we have also held elections this week for the prestigious role of Year 6 pupil governors. Six children from Year 6 will be elected to take on the important role of pupil governor and they will act as ambassadors for our school. The standard of

manifestos produced by all those who have put themselves forward for this role is truly incredible. Those who have been elected will be officially announced in Friday's celebration assembly and they will get to replace their school tie with a red and silver tie to show that they are our new Year 6 pupil governors.

Just a reminder - Diary Dates – Autumn 2024

17.10.24 Y6 Campfire Ghost Stories Night – 5.00-6.00pm (weather dependent)

21.10.24 KS1 Halloween Disco 4.30-5.30pm

22.10.24 LKS2 Halloween Disco 4.30-5.30pm

22.10.24 UKS2 Halloween Disco 5.45-6.45pm

23.10.24 Reception phonics workshop for parents – 3.30 pm-4.30pm

24.10.24 Y6 visit to Yorkshire Air Museum -Miss Lumsden's class half of Miss Fairclough's class

25.10.24 Y6 visit to Yorkshire Air Museum -Miss Barton's class and half of Miss Fairclough's class

25.10.23 Break Up for Half Term

4.11.24 PD Day – School closed to children

5.11.24 All children return to school

11.11.24 & 13.11.24 Parent Consultations

18.11.24 – Y5 visit to Teesmouth -Mrs Forster's class

19.11.24 – Y5 visit to Teesmouth -Mrs Wyr's class

20.11.24 – Y5 visit to Teesmouth -Miss Temple's class.

20.11.24 – PTA Christmas fayre – 3.30pm – 6.30pm



28.11.24 – Conyers' School show for Y3 and Y5- 10.00am

02.12.24 – Christmas Jumper Day and Reindeer Run.

04.12.24- Reception Nativity performance – Mrs Allen's class – 9.30am-10.30am

04.12.24 -Reception Nativity performance – Mrs Ripley's class – 2.00pm -3.00pm

05.12.24 – Reception Nativity performance -Mrs Flores-Dominguez's class – 9.30 am-10.30 am

10.12.24 – Year 4 Christmas performance – 5.00pm-6.30pm

11.12.24 – Year 4 Christmas performance -9.30 am- 11.00am

12.12.24 – Year 2 Christmas performance 5.00pm-6.00pm

13.12.24 – Year 2 Christmas performance – 9.30am -10.30am

16.12.24 – School Christmas Lunch Day

17.12.24 – Year 6 Christmas performance – 5.00-6.30pm

18.12.24 – Year 6 Christmas performance – 9.30am-11.00am

19.12.24 – Year 1 to panto at Billingham Forum

20.12.24 – Break up for Christmas

06.01.25 – Children return to school

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mr Shildrick

Deputy Head Teacher